

Congress steps up 'Telangana Shakti Abhiyan' in Karimnagar Calls for 50% reservation for women; enrolment drive intensified.



Karimnagar April 30 (Correspondent) : The District Congress Committee (DCC) has intensified its 'Telangana Shakti Abhiyan' in Karimnagar, aimed at enhancing women's representation in politics.

DCC president Anjan Kumar said the campaign seeks to secure 50% reservation for women, noting that democracy would remain incomplete without their equal participation. The party, he said, was committed to enabling women to assume decision-making roles rather than being confined to the status of voters.

He urged women and youth across the municipal corporation limits to enrol in the campaign in large numbers, particularly those interested in public life and social engagement. Coordinators have been appointed to facilitate registrations, he added.

Mr. Kumar called for participation from every division and locality, stating that strengthening women's leadership at the grassroots level would be a key organisational priority in the coming months.

Grand Kalyana Mahotsavam of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy held at Nampally Participated in the event MLA. Adi

Vemulawada, April 30 (Indian Chronicle): The annual Kalyana Mahotsavam of Lord Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy was celebrated with religious fervour and grandeur at Nampally Gutta in Vemulawada town on the occasion of Vaishakha Shuddha Chaturdashi. Hundreds of devotees thronged the temple from early morning, creating a spiritually vibrant atmosphere across the hill shrine. The temple was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements and illuminated with electric lights, adding to the festive spirit. Amid Vedic chants by priests and devotional chants by devotees, the celestial wedding ceremony of the presiding deity was conducted as per tradition. State Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Aadi Srinivas participated in the as the chief guest. On behalf of the State government, he offered silk clothes (pattu vastrams) to the deity. Temple Executive Officer Ramadevi



formally welcomed the MLA and presented the traditional offerings as per temple customs. Following the rituals, priests completed the Kalyanam ceremony amidst chanting of sacred hymns. Devotees eagerly witnessed the ritual and later had darshan of the deity. After the temple priests honoured the MLA with 'sesha vastrams' and presented laddu prasadam, offering their blessings. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Srinivas said the government was giving priority to the development of spiritual centres and assured that Nampally Gutta would be further developed with better facilities for devotees. He appreciated the temple Employee and staff for making elaborate arrangements to ensure a hassle-free experience for devotees.

Education Dept. week to be celebrated as a 'grand festival'

Yogita Rana calls for village-level events, push for enrolment in government schools.

Karimnagar April 30 (Correspondent) : Education Department Principal Secretary Yogita Rana has directed officials to organise the upcoming Education Department Week celebrations from May 11 to 18 on a grand scale across the State, as part of the 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi programme.

Addressing District Collectors, Additional Collectors and District Education Officers (DEOs) through a video conference from Hyderabad on Thursday, Ms. Rana stressed the need for meticulous planning and effective execution of day-wise activities during the week-long programme.

She called for conducting events extensively in every village and emphasised the importance of ensuring wider participation. Officials were instructed to implement the Badi Bata initiative to boost en-



rolment in government schools and to take proactive steps to attract students in large numbers.

Highlighting infrastructure, Ms. Rana underscored the need to prioritise basic facilities in government schools and ensure visible improvements. She noted that the Education Department Week is a prestigious initiative of the government and called for coordinated efforts among all stakeholders for its successful conduct.

From Karimnagar, Additional Collector Ashwini Tanaji Wakade and Education Department officials participated in the video conference. Coordinators Milkoori Srinivas, Ashok Reddy, Srinivas and Umarani were among those present.



Telangana to issue new media accreditation cards from May 1“Validity of existing cards ends April 30; district committees directed to complete process

“Indian Chronicle, Kagaznagar, April 30: The Telangana government has directed all District Collectors to convene District Media Accreditation Committee (DMAC) meetings and complete the issuance of new accreditation cards to eligible journalists between May 1 and May 10, 2026. “According to an official communication from the Information and Public Relations (I&PR) Department, the validity of accreditation cards issued for the period 2022–2024 will expire on April 30, 2026. “The decision follows a review meeting held on April 28, 2026, under the chairmanship of the Minister for I&PR, during which instructions were issued to ensure that the accreditation process is completed within the stipulated timeline. “District authorities have been asked to convene DMAC meetings on or before April 30 and ensure that all eligible journalists receive their accreditation cards without delay. “The Special Commissioner of the I&PR Department has also instructed officials to furnish compliance reports after completing the process. District Public Relations Officers (DPROs) have been directed to take immediate steps to facilitate the process and ensure coordination at all levels.

Former Medchal–Malkajgiri District Youth Congress President Kandi Shravan Reddy Attends Engagement Function

“UPPAL , APRIL 30(INDIAN CHRONICAL):“Former Medchal–Malkajgiri



District Youth Congress President Kandi Shravan Kumar Reddy attended the engagement of Priyanka and Dinesh, the sister and brother-in-law of Habsiguda Division Youth Congress leader Vinod Nayak. “On this occasion, he conveyed his blessings and best wishes to Priyanka and Dinesh. “Division General Secretary Dharma Nayak, Youth Congress President Vasu Nayak, Secretary Suman Nayak, along with Shiva, Shabbir, Ganesh, Ramesh Nayak, Shankar Nayak, Chinnu, and others, also participated in the event.

Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah to participate in Giri Pradakshina today in Yadagirigutta

“(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle...April 30):- Today, Friday at 5:30 am, Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah will participate in Giri Pradakshina in Yadagirigutta on the occasion of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy's birth star Swathi. He requested all the devotees to participate in this Giri Pradakshina and become worthy of the grace of the Lord.



Congress Government Has Betrayed Farmers -- Former BRS MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar Massive Farmers’ Conference to be Held in Warangal on May 6

“Hanumakonda, April 30 (Indian Chronicle) : Former BRS MLA and ex-Government Whip Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar strongly criticized the Congress government, alleging that it has completely betrayed farmers. “Speaking at a meeting held at the party office in Hanumakonda on Thursday, he recalled that while in opposition, the Congress Party had organized a massive public meeting in Warangal under the “Rythu Declaration,” led by Revanth Reddy and Rahul Gandhi. He said that even after two and a half years, not a single promise made at that time has been fulfilled. “He alleged that the Congress government cheated the public by issuing 420 promises and six guarantees before the elections. He further stated that all sections of society have been neglected, especially farmers. He announced that a farmers’ conference will be held in Warangal on May 6 to expose what he called the “deception of Congress” before the public. “MLC Takkehellapally Ravinder Rao recalled that the Congress held a farmers’ meeting in 2022 and made several promises including loan waivers. He said that while around ₹50,000 crore was required for farm loan waivers in the state, only ₹20,000 crore was implemented, and even that lacked clarity. He alleged that loan waiver implementation has not even crossed 30 percent. He also criticized the lack of crop bonuses, failure to implement Rythu Bharosa promises, shortage of urea, and electricity issues. He said that procurement of maize and paddy is not being carried out properly in the Warangal region. He added that a massive conference with 10,000 farmers from the erstwhile Warangal district will be organized. He also alleged that denial of permission for the meeting reflects government pressure. “Former MLA Nannapuneni Narendra stated that the BRS will continue its struggle against the non-implementation of the Congress’s Rythu Declaration, six guarantees, and 420 promises. He said the farmers’ conference will be held on private land at Hunter Road, Hanumakonda. He announced plans for a major farmers’ meeting in 2027 and a large public meeting in 2028. He added that Congress leaders present during the declaration, including Minister Seethakka, must take responsibility for implementing the promises. “Former Minister Tatikonda Rajaiah expressed concern that 813 farmers have died by suicide in the last two and a half years. He said that Rythu Bharosa and tenant farmer assurances have not been implemented. He alleged that crop procurement, gunny bags supply, and minimum support price systems have completely failed. He stated that during KCR’s rule, farmers were treated like kings, whereas now they are facing severe difficulties. “Ellavula Lalitha Yadav also criticized the Congress government for failing to implement even a single promise. She said that during the KCR regime, irrigation, electricity, and fertilizers were provided efficiently. She added that farmer platforms and committees were established to empower farmers. “Several leaders including KUDA former chairman Marri Yadav Reddy, Bharat Kumar Reddy, ex-corporators Chintala Yadagiri, Udathala Sarangapani, Jorika Ramesh, Nayimoddin, Edla Venu, Puli Rajinikanth, Salvaji Ravinder Rao, Venkaiah, Panuganti Sridhar, Mutyala Raju, Sumit Joseph, Ghaus Khan, Ismail, and Bandi Rajinikumari were present at the meeting.



Stay Alert to Prevent Fire Accidents D.Vishweshwar(CI-Geesugonda)

Geesugonda, April 30 (Indian Chronicle): In view of the rising temperatures and the increased risk of fire accidents in agricultural fields and residential areas, Geesugonda CI D. Vishweshwar has urged the public to remain vigilant. He stated that this advisory was issued by the police department in response to the recent incidents of fire accidents reported in the region. "He cautioned farmers against burning dry grass, hay, and waste in agricultural fields and advised them not to set fire to crop residues without proper control. Agricultural activities near electric wires and transformers should be carried out with utmost care. He also warned workers in the fields not to discard cigarette or beedi remains carelessly. "Residents were advised to keep water sources or basic fire-fighting equipment readily available. In households, people should frequently check for gas cylinder leakages and replace damaged electrical wiring immediately. Overloading electrical appliances should be avoided, and children must be prevented from handling matchboxes and lighters. Buckets of water and fire control equipment should be kept ready at home as a precaution. "He further advised the public not to store flammable materials such as petrol and chemicals inside vehicles during hot weather. In the event of a fire accident, people should immediately inform the Fire Service by dialing 101 or contact the police through Dial 100. "CI D. Vishweshwar appealed to villagers to cooperate with one another at the community level to prevent fire accidents and to follow necessary precautions to safeguard lives and property, on behalf of the police department.



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Leaders Call for Efforts Towards Dalit Welfare Prabhakar and Narsing Rao Felicitate Dalit Ratna Awardees

“Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, April 30: “Former Uppal MLA N.V.S.S. Prabhakar and BJP Medchal Urban District Vice President Mallela Narsing Rao emphasized that leaders must work dedicatedly for the rights and upliftment of Dalits. "On this occasion, Dalit Ratna awardees Santosh Kumar and Korapaka Anji, residents of Nacharam in Uppal constituency, were felicitated and honored with shawls by N.V.S.S. Prabhakar and Mallela Narsing Rao. "Speaking at the event, they expressed pride that Dalit Ratna awards were received by individuals from Uppal constituency. They appreciated the awardees for their continuous commitment to social service and for working among the people while upholding the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. They further encouraged them to continue their service with greater dedication. "They also wished that the awardees achieve more awards and recognition in the future and rise to greater heights at the national level. "The event was attended by BJP leaders including Nacharam Division President Kummagalla Naveen, official spokesperson Gopal, Prakash, Sai, Uday, Venkatesh, Gopi, Manjula Vani, and Medchal MRPS District President Pranay, among others.



Traffic SI Retirement Ceremony Traffic CI Bellam Satyanarayana

“Khammam, April 30 Indian Chronicle: “A heartfelt farewell was organized for Traffic Sub-Inspector Venkateswara Rao on the occasion of his retirement after rendering long years of disciplined and dedicated service in the police department. Colleagues and police officials gathered in the presence of CI Bellam Satyanarayana to extend their warm wishes. "Speaking on the occasion, officials praised Venkateswara Rao for his sincere service across various postings and for earning appreciation from higher authorities. They highlighted that he carried out his duties without bias or conflict and always treated public service as his foremost responsibility. "Colleagues conveyed emotional farewell messages, noting



that his retirement marks the beginning of a new and exciting phase of life. They wished him happiness, good health, and fulfillment in the years ahead. They acknowledged his contribution in making the town a safer place and expressed gratitude for his unwavering commitment. "Several speakers shared personal experiences, describing him as a supportive colleague and a dependable friend who always stood by his team, even in challenging situations. They said his presence would be deeply missed in the department. "Participants in the program included Traffic CI Bellam Satyanarayana, Traffic RI Appala Naidu, SIs Ravikumar, Ramu, Ameer Ali, and Sagar, along with other staff members.

Grand Welcome to Khammam District Collector Sri T.S. Diwakar, IAS by TGO Executive Body

“Khammam April 30 Indian Chronicle: “The Telangana Gazetted Officers (TGO) Association, Khammam district unit, extended a grand welcome to the newly appointed District Collector, Sri T.S. Diwakar, IAS. The reception was led by District President Kongara Venkateswara Rao and General Secretary Modugu Veladri. "On this occasion, the association assured the Collector of their full support in taking Khammam district to the forefront in the state. They also emphasized that TGO would continue to play a proactive role in addressing the issues



faced by government employees. "The members recalled with gratitude the special arrangements made for darshan of Sammakka and Sarakka during the TGO state executive meeting held in Mulugu district, especially during the jatara period. "Prominent attendees at the event included State Executive Member Kondapalli Sesh Prasad, House Building Society Secretary Dr. P. Vijay Kumar, District Executive Members Kanaparathi Venkateswara Rao, B. Harish, D. Balaji, Tajuddin, M. Satish, B. Sharada, Tribal Welfare Deputy Director Nari Vijayalakshmi, B. Kishore Babu, Statistical Officers Srikant, Pote Penjara Ramaiah, Pawan Kumar, Dr. Venumadhav, DCH Dr. Rajasekhar Goud, CPO Srinivasa Rao, DSO Chandan Kumar, DPO Rambabu, and several others.

Public Welfare is the Government's Top Priority

“Khammam, April 30 Indian Chronicle:” State Warehousing Corporation



Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao participated in the Praja Darbar program held at the Khammam District Congress Party office. “On this occasion, Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao, along with DCC President Nuthi Satyanarayana Goud and former DCC President Puvvalla Durgaprasad, received petitions from the public.” Speaking at the event, Rayala Nageswara Rao assured that every application submitted by the people would be addressed. He stated that the Praja Darbar program is being organized to resolve the issues faced by the public. He further added that the petitions received would be discussed with the concerned officials and solutions would be provided soon. “He urged people to make good use of the Praja Darbar program to get their problems resolved.” [8:32 PM, 4/30/2026] +91 96187 88997: End

Cooling Water Camp Inaugurated by State Warehousing Corporation Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao

“Khammam, April 30, Indian Chronicle:” “In view of the intense summer heat, a cooling water camp was set up at the Khammam District Transport Department office for the convenience of visitors. The facility was inaugurated by State Warehousing Corporation Chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao. “The camp was organized under the leadership of Telangana Regional Transport Authority Member Gajjelli Venkanna. District Congress Committee (DCC) President Nuthi Satyanarayana and former DCC President Puvvalla Durgaprasad also participated in the inauguration. “Several leaders and party members attended the event, including OBC Cell District President Puchakayala Veerabhadram, Mahila Congress President Dobbala Soujanya, Youth Congress President Vejandla Sai Kumar, SC Cell President Boddu Bondaiah, along with Balaji Naik, Moodumuntala Gangaraju, Anil, and others.



Telangana Government Neglecting Farmers: BJP Kisan Morcha Leader Chava Kiran

“Khammam Nelakondapalli, April 30 Indian Chronicle:” “Chava Kiran, a State Executive Member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Kisan Morcha, alleged that the Telangana government is neglecting farmers. “Speaking at a Kisan Morcha mandal committee meeting held at the mandal headquarters on Thursday, he criticized the government for merely inaugurating paddy and maize procurement cen-



ters as a formality and then failing to manage them effectively. He stated that farmers are facing severe hardships due to numerous issues at these centers. “Kiran expressed concern that even the grain sacks collected are not being properly transported, calling it shameful. He urged party members to organize grassroots-level movements to address farmers’ issues. He also mentioned that efforts will be made to strengthen the Kisan Morcha by forming committees at the village level. “Later, he was felicitated by the mandal committee on the occasion of his appointment as a State Executive Member. “The event was attended by BJP mandal president Pagarti Sudhakar, Bhuvanasi Durgarao, mandal general secretaries Malleboyina Govindarao and Baja Ramakrishna, Kisan Morcha mandal president Putta Satyanarayana, Surepalli Gnanaratnam, Gella Chakrapani, Konda Harshavardhan, Katta Apparao, Kandaraboyina Gopi, Thupakula Satish, Thangilla Satish, and others.

Everyone Must Participate in Building a Plastic-Free Society

“Khammam, Nelakondapalli, April 30 Indian Chronicle:” “Santur Area Sales Officer Joshua emphasized that everyone should actively participate in building a plastic-free society. On Thursday, as part of a plastic eradication initiative, a cloth bag distribution program was organized by Santur Company at the Nelakondapalli



Gram Panchayat office. “The program involved distributing reusable cloth bags door-to-door to encourage people to reduce plastic usage. Earlier, Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Sheelam Venkatalakshmi addressed the gathering. “Speaking on the occasion, Joshua said that the excessive use of plastic in society has increased significantly and poses a serious threat to future generations. He urged people to take responsibility and actively participate in reducing plastic usage to ensure a healthier future. “Village elders also spoke during the event, stressing that

efforts to eliminate plastic should begin at the grassroots level and that everyone in the community must contribute. “The event was attended by Santur Manager, distributor Maturi Subrahmanyam, Deputy Sarpanch Mahesh, Secretary Sampath, and governing body members Chintamalla Sindhu, Kurakula Prameela, Thota Vasu, Sodepongu Eswari, Kuchipudi Sridevi, Repakula Rambayamma, Vangaveeti Pavan Kumar, Samarla Koteswara Rao, Rayapudi Rohith, Kasani Venkatamma, Kodirekka Vinod, Manne Supraja, along with village elders Rama Rao, KV Reddy, Suryya, Venkatesh, Prashanth, Sandeep, and Gram Panchayat staff. “ [8:40 PM, 4/30/2026] +91 96187 88997: End

Collector and DEO Congratulate Triveni Students for Top Scores in SSC 2026 Results

“Khammam, April 30 Indian Chronicle:” Students of Triveni School who achieved outstanding results in the SSC 2026 examinations were congratulated



by Khammam District Collector T.S. Divakar and District Educational Officer (DEO) Chaitanya Jain. On April 30, the students, along with the school principal, met the Collector and DEO at the Collectorate and the District Education Office. “On this occasion, the officials appreciated the students for their excellent performance. The school principal explained that the remarkable results were achieved due to the dedicated efforts of both students and teachers. “Among the top performers, Harichandana and Harshavardhan secured the highest marks with 586 out of 600. Devi Venkat Sai scored 585 marks, while Akhil and Rohan Sai secured 583 marks. Shyam Sree and Rishitha scored 582 marks, and Sai Deekshith and Rohith Krishna achieved 581 marks, all securing top positions. “The school also reported that 18 students

scored above 570 marks, 37 students scored above 560, 52 students scored above 550, and 159 students scored above 500 marks. Overall, 70% of the students scored more than 500 marks. “Triveni School Director Dr. Gollapudi Veerendra Chowdary expressed happiness over the students’ achievements, stating that the success was the result of the continuous efforts of dedicated teachers and hardworking students. “Principal Rajendra Prasad stated that achieving top grades in SSC is not just an end in itself but also lays a strong foundation for national-level competitive exams such as IIT, NEET, JSO, NTSE, and Olympiads, ensuring a bright future for students. “The event was attended by Triveni Krishna Veni Educational Institutions Director Yarlagadda Venkateswara Rao, CRO Katragadda Murali Krishna, Vice Principals Swapna and Mustafa, Campus In-charge Charles, Transport In-charge Sandeep, and teaching staff.

Tight Arrangements for NEET Exam on May 3: Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy 2,762 Students to Appear at 7 Examination Centres Entry Gates to Close at 1:30 PM; No Entry Thereafter

Review Meeting Held with Officials on NEET Exam Conduct

“Khammam, April 30 Indian Chronicle:” Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy has directed officials to make foolproof arrangements for the smooth conduct of the NEET-UG entrance examination, scheduled to be held on May 3 for admissions into medical colleges. “The Additional Collector, along with Assistant Commissioner of Police Sambharaju, reviewed the preparedness with concerned officials at the



Collectorate. “Speaking on the occasion, P. Srinivasa Reddy stated that a total of 2,762 students will appear for the NEET-UG exam across 7 centres in Khammam district. He confirmed that all necessary facilities have been arranged for the candidates. “He instructed officials to thoroughly inspect all examination centres a day in advance and ensure strict measures to prevent any malpractice. A CCTV monitoring cell will be set up to continuously over-see the examination

process. “Candidates will be allowed entry into exam centres only between 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM. The gates will be closed at 1:30 PM sharp, and no candidate will be allowed entry after that. Students must complete document verification (ID check) by 1:40 PM and take their seats in the examination hall. “The NEET exam will be conducted from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. “Students are advised not to carry prohibited items such as smartwatches or wear any jewellery. Full-sleeve shirts are not allowed. Each candidate must bring two passport-size photographs, one postcard-size photograph, and a valid ID proof. “The meeting was attended by NEET District Nodal Officer Narendra Kumar, District Intermediate Officer Ravi Babu, exam centre superintendents, and other officials.

10,000 Indiramma Houses to Be Made Ready for Housewarming: District Collector T.S. Divakar



“Khammam, April 30 Indian Chronicle:” District Collector T.S. Divakar has directed officials to speed up the construction of Indiramma houses in the district and make the completed units ready for housewarming ceremonies at the earliest. “On Thursday, the Collector, along with Additional Collector P. Srija, reviewed the progress of the housing program with officials at the Pragathi Meeting Hall in the Collectorate. “Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that under the Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika initiative, a target has been set to make 10,000 houses ready for housewarming. He instructed officials to extend all necessary support to beneficiaries and ensure the timely achievement of targets. “He stated that 9,199 houses have reached the slab stage, while finishing works have been completed for 2,018 houses.

In the first phase, a total of 16,497 houses were sanctioned in the district. Out of these, 2,520 houses have been completed and housewarming ceremonies have already been conducted, while the remaining are at various stages of



construction. “The Collector emphasized that field-level officials must work proactively, ensure daily progress in construction activities, and closely monitor the works through regular reviews. “He noted that the Indiramma housing scheme is a prestigious initiative of the government and stressed that construction should be completed within the 99-day action plan. “Special officers of all mandals and constituencies were instructed to focus particularly on houses at the slab stage and ensure their speedy completion. “Housing PD Bhukya Srinivas, housing engineers, AEs, and other officials participated in the review meeting.

Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy visited IG Colony in Cherlapally Spoke with concerned officials for resolution of issues

“UPPAL, KISHORE APRIL 30 (INDIAN CHRONICAL): Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy visited IG Colony under the Cherlapally Division on Thursday to



inspect the issues being faced by the residents. “The people living in the colony informed him about serious problems such as roof leakages, drainage issues, and cracks in the building slabs. The MLA had already brought these issues to the notice of the government during the recent Assembly budget sessions. “Considering the severity of the problems, MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy, along with the concerned officials, personally visited IG Colony and inspected the situation on the spot. He interacted with the residents, listened to their grievances, and instructed the officials to take immediate steps for resolving the issues. “The MLA assured the residents that necessary measures would be taken to improve the basic infrastructure in the colony and that efforts would be made to provide a permanent solution so that the people do not face any inconvenience. “Officials from the concerned departments, colony association members, and residents also participated in the programme.

Sheikh Waseem Appointed as Khammam District Secretary of the Right to Information Protection Act

“Mahabubabad, April 30 (Indian Chronicle) : Sheikh Waseem has been appointed as the Khammam District Secretary under the Right to Information Protection Act, 2005. The appointment letter was formally handed over on Thursday by the United Warangal District President Ameer Khan and Telangana State Organising Secretary Chattaboyina Vidyasagar. “Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Waseem expressed his gratitude to the Telangana State Committee and the district presidents for entrusting him with the responsibility. He stated that the Right to Information (RTI) Act has empowered every citizen to obtain necessary information from government offices. “He described the RTI Act, 2005 as one of the most significant legislations in India that grants citizens the right to question the government. The Act plays a crucial role in promoting transparency and accountable governance in a democratic system, he added. “Explaining the objectives of the Act, he said it aims to provide citizens



with clear awareness about government functioning. It enables people to understand how government institutions operate and how public funds are utilized. Any ordinary citizen can submit a simple application to the concerned office, pay the prescribed fee, and obtain the required information, he noted. “He further stated that the Act is applicable from the village level to the Central Government level and urged the public to make effective use of the Right to Information Act.

Works on Munneru River Projects Must Be Accelerated: District Collector T.S. Divakar

“Khammam, April 30 Indian Chronicle: “District Collector T.S. Divakar has directed officials to expedite the ongoing development works on the Munneru River in Khammam and ensure their completion within the stipulated timeframe. He emphasized the importance of completing land acquisition required for these projects without delay. “On Thursday, the Collector conducted an extensive field visit in Khammam town. He carried out surprise inspections of the Munneru River retaining wall construction, the cable bridge (suspension bridge) works, and the layout development works being taken up for the rehabilitation of displaced families. He also inspected Rajiv Gruhakalpa, Ranganayak Gutta, and Prakash Nagar check dams on the Munneru River, and issued several instructions to the concerned officials. “Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the retaining wall construction must strictly follow the designs prepared by expert committees



and should be completed on time with quality standards. He instructed officials to hold discussions with farmers regarding the development of lands acquired under the Nagarjuna Sagar Project, to be allotted to the displaced families affected by the retaining wall construction. “He stressed that the retaining wall should be built comprehensively on both sides of the river in a planned manner, ensuring there are no gaps. The works from the bypass road to the cable bridge must be completed on both the left and right sides without leaving even small unfinished portions. He directed that the works be carried out on a war footing. “The Collector also instructed that land acquisition for the retaining wall project be treated as a priority. He

said that the layout development works for providing alternative lands to displaced families must be completed quickly. The layout should include a main road, internal roads, and connectivity infrastructure such as an overbridge to ensure easy access to the city. He added that providing special amenities in the venture would enhance land value and promote overall development in surrounding areas. “He noted that the cable bridge construction over the Munneru River in Khammam is progressing rapidly and should be completed within the deadline to make it available for public use. He directed officials to ensure that no one suffers losses due to the construction of the suspension bridge. “Municipal Commissioner Abhishek Agastya, R&B SE Yakub, Irrigation DE Ramesh Reddy, Mission Bhagiratha officials Vani and Pushpalatha, RDO Srinivas, Khammam Urban and Rural Tahsildars Jayachander and Vinayender Reddy, TNOS President Srinivas, and other officials accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

MobiKwik Group secures RBI approval for NBFC application

Hyderabad. “One MobiKwik Systems Ltd. (MobiKwik) (NSE: MOBIKWIK / BSE: 544305), today announced that the Group’s application for a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), marking a significant milestone in the Group’s journey to deepen its financial services offerings. “The NBFC license will enable the launch of a new lending division - MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited (MFSP, a wholly owned subsidiary), which will help expand its regulated lending capabilities, design innovative credit products, and serve a broader base of consumers and merchants with greater efficiency and control. This development aligns with the Group’s long-term vision of building a full-stack fintech platform that delivers accessible, responsible, and tech-led financial products. “The NBFC will build on the Group’s inherent strengths of having a 186 Mn+ customer base, a trusted brand name, as well as strong tech infrastructure, risk underwriting and collection capabilities. MFSP, the group’s in-house NBFC is envisaged to enable launch of new credit products with faster go-to-market (GTM) offering both secured and unsecured to consumers and MSMEs in underserved geographies. The NBFC’s operations will commence upon receipt of Certificate of Registration (COR) from RBI on the fulfilment of certain conditions. “Commenting on the development, Upasana Taku, Executive Director, Co-founder & CFO, MobiKwik said “The NBFC application approval is a pivotal step in MobiKwik Group’s evolution into a scaled financial services platform. We are especially happy that the application has been approved in under four months, which is an endorsement of the credibility of the Group, and are grateful to the RBI for reposing its faith in us. This gives us the regulatory framework to deepen our credit offerings while maintaining strong governance and risk discipline. We will continue to responsibly serve the credit needs of Bharat and build products that genuinely improve financial inclusion”

Four offenders jailed in separate drunk driving cases

One gets 14 days in jail; three others awarded week-long imprisonment.

Karimnagar April 30 (Correspondent) : Four persons convicted in separate



cases of driving under the influence of alcohol were sentenced to short-term imprisonment by a local court here on Thursday.

While one offender was awarded 14 days in jail, the remaining three were sentenced to seven days each after being found guilty during routine police checks.

The police said the accused were apprehended during ongoing drunk-and-drive enforcement drives and produced before the court, where the offences were established. Those sentenced to seven days' imprisonment were Mamidi Kamal (25) of Pudur, Syed Majeed (30) of Ramagundam, and Gunja Sagar (20) of Kasulapalli in Peddapalli district. Bommakanti Praveen Kumar (40) of Vallampahad was awarded 14 days' imprisonment.

The police shifted the convicts to jail following the court orders.

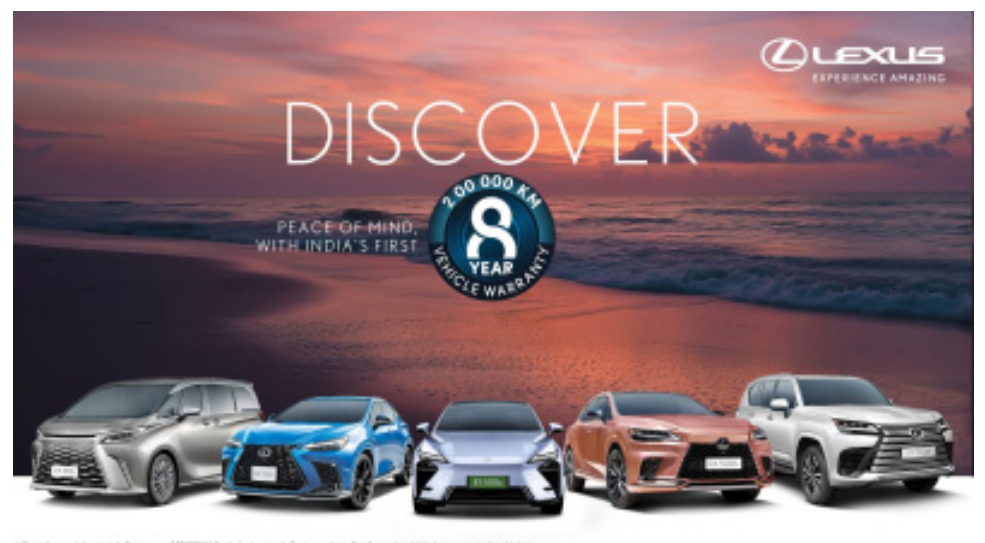
Officials reiterated that driving under the influence poses a serious risk to public safety and said enforcement drives would continue, with strict action against violators.

Kiku Sharda Brings the Rap Swag to 'House of Masti' for Shin chan ka YAY Dhamaal on Sony YAY!

Hyderabad Kiku Sharda, rap, and Shin chan ka YAY Dhamaal come together to dial up the masti like never before! As Shin chan celebrates a whopping 20 years of madness, mischief, and nonstop laughter in India, Sony YAY! is turning the spotlight on this milestone with its high-energy campaign, House of Masti. "Leading the charge is the ever-entertaining Kiku Sharda, stepping into a never-seen-before rapper avatar. Dropping beats, busting moves, and matching steps with kids, Kiku brings a quirky, catchy, and completely unmissable vibe to the campaign. "With his signature comic timing and infectious energy, he adds a fresh dose of swag and silliness, perfectly echoing Shin chan's iconic naughty charm. From playful rhymes to full-blown dance madness, this is Kiku like audiences have never seen before. "Blending rap, rhythm, and riotous fun, House of Masti captures everything fans love about Shin chan, unfiltered humour, unexpected chaos, and laugh-out-loud moments. "Catch Shin chan ka YAY Dhamaal only on Sony YAY!, as Shin chan's 20-year journey in India gets its most fun, filmy, and funky tribute yet!" About Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (formerly known as Sony Pictures Networks India): "Sony Pictures Networks India is the consumer-facing identity of Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sony Group Corporation, Japan. "The Company has several channels including Sony Entertainment Television (SET and SET HD), one of India's leading Hindi general entertainment television channels; Sony SAB and Sony SAB HD the family-oriented Hindi comedy entertainment channels; Sony MAX, India's premium Hindi movies and special events channel; Sony MAX 2, another Hindi movie channel showcasing great India Cinema; Sony MAX HD, a high definition Hindi movie channel airing premium quality ????????"

Lexus India redefines ownership experience with an unparalleled 8-Year /200,000 km warranty

Hyderabad Lexus India announced an enhancement to its vehicle warranty, to 8 years/200,000 km** for all new vehicles sold from 1st April 2026. With this update, Lexus India is the first luxury automotive manufacturer in the country to offer such coverage, further reinforcing the strength and prestige of the Lexus brand. "Since its debut in India in 2017, Lexus has embraced the philosophy of Omotenashi, placing thoughtful care and attention at every stage of the ownership journey. Rooted in the brand's commitment to quality and reliability, this update reflects Lexus India's continued focus on delivering a seamless ownership experience, giving guests greater confidence throughout their journey with Lexus. "Commenting on the announcement, Hikaru Ikeuchi, President of Lexus India, said, "At Lexus, every decision we make is rooted in delivering the best



possible experience to our guests. Extending our vehicle warranty is a direct reflection of the confidence we have in every vehicle we bring to India. We want our guests to enjoy their Lexus with complete peace of mind, knowing that we stand firmly behind our products throughout their ownership journey. This enhancement also reinforces our commitment to continuous improvement, exceeding guests' expectations and setting new benchmarks in the Indian luxury automotive market. "The enhanced vehicle warranty of 8 years/200,000 km** applies across all Lexus models in India. This guest-centric enhancement comes at no additional cost, offering absolute peace of mind and reinforcing the reliability of the product. In addition, guests will have access to tailored plans covering finance, Lexus luxury care options, insurance, and roadside assistance—further elevating the overall ownership experience for Lexus customers across the country. "Terms and conditions apply. Contact Lexus Dealer or Refer Warranty Manual for details provided along with the new vehicle.



Childhood favourites are back: Now watch Swat Kats, Justice League & more on Tata Play Cartoon Network Forever

“Hyderabad”“Tata Play is bringing back the golden era of animation with the expansion of its Cartoon Network Forever service, reviving the shows that defined after-school hours, weekend marathons, and endless playground conversations. Starting this April with Batman: The Animated Series, the platform sets the tone for a nostalgia-filled ride into the world of DC and beyond.”“What makes this especially exciting is not just the return of these shows, but the emotions they carry. The thrill of watching Justice League assemble, the adrenaline rush of Swat Kats taking to the skies, or the coming-of-age journeys in Young Justice, these weren’t just cartoons, they were moments, habits, and shared memories across households.”“Through summer 2026, Tata Play continues to build on this nostalgia, bringing back a lineup that blends superhero action with timeless comfort viewing. Shows like Tom & Jerry, Scooby-Doo, and Codename: Kids Next Door add a layer of light-hearted familiarity, making it as much about reliving simpler times as it is about rediscovering great storytelling.”“With ad-free viewing available 24x7 in both Hindi and English, and seamless access across Tata Play’s DTH service and Tata Play Mobile App, these classics fit easily into today’s on-the-go lifestyles, whether it’s a quick episode between meetings or a late-night nostalgia binge.



PhonePe Reaches 50 Million Registered Merchants Across India

“Hyderabad”“PhonePe, today announced it has surpassed 50 million lifetime registered merchants as of 28th April, 2026 on its platform, a milestone that underscores its role in the ongoing digitization of India’s economy. With a merchant network covering more than 98% of the country’s postal codes, this achievement reflects PhonePe’s expansion from payment acceptance solutions to a broader suite of merchant solutions required by businesses to compete in an evolving digital economy.”“The company attributed this milestone to its sustained, multi-

year effort to simplify digital entry points for small-scale businesses. Starting with the deployment of QR codes, PhonePe

focused on eliminating the high costs associated with adoption of digital payments. The PhonePe Business app made it seamless for merchants to manage their payments and operations and over time helped them opt in for other business solutions such as loans, SmartSpeakers and POS devices. Over the years, this approach, supported by a feet-on-street sales network & channel-partner agents and a focus on local language support allowed the platform to scale into the heart of Bharat. This consistent expansion has enabled millions of small shopkeepers and kirana stores to move away from cash-only operations and enter the formal digital economy.”“Commenting on the milestone, Yuvraj Singh Shekhawat, Chief Business Officer, Merchant Business, PhonePe said, “Reaching 50 million

merchants is a significant milestone in our effort to make financial services more accessible to merchants across India. For many of our partners, the journey began with a simple QR code, but that relationship has since matured. Today, digital payments serve as a gateway to a wider range of formal services, including credit. We remain committed to building the necessary infrastructure to ensure that we can achieve financial inclusion for the smallest of merchants and they can participate in the nation’s digital growth.”



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