

Grand Gorintaku Celebrations Held Under the Leadership of Bhatraju Women

“Khammam, August 8 – Indian Chronicle” “Grand Gorintaku celebrations were organized under the leadership of Bhatraju women at Shabarees Brindavan Resorts in Gopalapuram, Khammam. The programme was organized under the leadership of Thokachichu Padma, Executive President of the Women’s Wing of the Telangana State Bhatraju Association. A large number of district women’s office-bearers and Bhatraju women relatives participated in the celebrations.” “Speaking on the occasion, Thokachichu Padma said that, as per the directions of the state committee, Bhatraju women from across the district are brought together on a common platform every year on Ekadashi during the Ashada month to celebrate Gorintaku with joy and enthusiasm. She said the main objective of the celebrations was to strengthen friendship and unity among women and pass on traditional customs and cultural values to future generations.” “As part of the programme, Vighneswara Puja, Gowri Puja, Goddess Saraswati Puja and Sathya Sai Puja were performed, followed by Sai Harathi. Later, turmeric, kumkum, sandalwood paste, flowers and bangles were distributed to the women. The participants applied Gorintaku (henna) and celebrated the occasion in a traditional manner. Women enthusiastically participated in the celebrations, enjoying songs



and traditional games.” “District Women’s Secretary Rallabandi Nirmala, Treasurer Sarikonda Vijayalakshmi, Joint Secretary

Kurapati Sumalatha, Executive Committee Members Kurapati Nagamani, Kurapati Chandravathi, Kurapati Haripriya, Thangella Subbalakshmi,

Sarikonda Sridevi, and others participated in the programme along with approximately 200 women.

Work with Dedication to Strengthen the Party Those who work hard will receive due recognition in the party: Naguluri Sai Baba



“ Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, August 08 : “District Treasurer Naguluri Sai Baba called upon party workers to work with dedication for strengthening the Congress party. On Saturday, he felicitated and congratulated the newly appointed members of the DCC SC Cell at the Congress party office in Chilkalguda.” “Speaking on the occasion, Sai Baba said that those who work hard and remain committed to the party would be given due recognition and appropriate positions. He urged party workers to take the welfare and development programmes being implemented by the government to the people on a wider scale.” “He also called for efforts to further strengthen the SC Cell at the grassroots level and strengthen the Congress party. Along with taking the party’s ideology to the people, he said efforts would be made to address the problems of weaker sections and marginalised communities.” “The newly appointed DCC General Secretaries Gunti Manohar Babu and Koduru Govardhan, DCC Vice-Chairman Yarra Venkatesh, Chakrapani and others were appointed to the SC Cell, it was stated.” “Congress leaders and party workers participated in the programme and congratulated the newly appointed members.

Contaminated Water Supply Reported in Vinayak Nagar

Residents urge officials to ensure clean drinking water after 10 days of complaints

“Malkajgiri, August 8: Residents of Vinayak Nagar, under Moula Ali Circle, have alleged that contaminated water has been supplied through taps for the past 10 days. According to locals, the water supplied on alternate days by the Water Board is reportedly contaminated, raising concerns about health risks among residents. They urged the concerned authorities to immediately inspect the water supply network, identify the cause of contamination and ensure the supply of safe drinking water. Residents appealed to officials to take prompt action to prevent further inconvenience and protect public health.



Invitation to Akarapu Arun Patel for Ashada Bonalu Celebrations

“UPPAL, AUGUST 8 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): Residents of various colonies in the Venkat Reddy Nagar Division have specially invited Uppal Constituency Youth Congress President Akarapu Arun Patel to attend the Thottela procession and Phalahara Bandla procession to be held with devotion and traditional fervour as part of the Ashada Bonalu celebrations. “On the occasion, Bonalu festival organisers and residents from Venkat Reddy Nagar, Ram Reddy Nagar, Navarnguda, Kamakshipuram, Srinagar Colony, Satyanagar, Ravinder Reddy Nagar, Balakrishna Nagar Phase-I, Phase-II and Phase-III, Bharat Nagar, Gandhinagar, Indira Nagar and other colonies met Akarapu Arun Patel and extended an invitation to participate in the celebrations and seek the blessings of the Goddess. “The organisers said that the Ashada Bonalu festivities are a symbol of Telangana’s rich culture and traditions. They appealed to devotees to participate in large numbers and seek the blessings of the Goddess. “The organisers also said that elaborate arrangements are being made across the colonies to conduct the Bonalu celebrations in a grand manner.



Maldives' Tobacco Tax Reset Highlights Need for Balanced Taxation and Stronger Action Against Illicit Trade, Say Experts

““Hyderabad: ““The Maldives' decision to reduce cigarette import duty by 50% after a surge in illicit tobacco trade has renewed debate over how governments can balance tobacco taxation with effective enforcement. Public health and policy experts say the development reinforces an important insight for India: tobacco taxation delivers the best outcomes when supported by strong enforcement, robust supply-chain monitoring and sustained action against illicit trade. ““The Maldives joins a number of countries that have encountered similar challenges. Bhutan eventually relaxed its long-standing tobacco restrictions after widespread smuggling undermined the effectiveness of the ban, while Australia-despite having among the world's highest tobacco taxes-continues to combat a large illicit tobacco market linked to organised crime and substantial excise revenue losses. “For India, one of the world's largest tobacco markets, the experience reinforces the importance of ensuring that taxation policies are accompanied by effective enforcement. Experts note that illicit tobacco products evade taxes, circumvent mandatory packaging and health-warning regulations, and are often sold at significantly lower prices than legal products, weakening both public health efforts and tax compliance. “Dr Nandini Sharma, Ex Dean and Director Professor, Community Medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, “International evidence consistently shows that tobacco taxation remains one of the most effective public health measures to reduce consumption. However, taxation is most effective when accompanied by strong enforcement, supply-chain monitoring and coordinated action against illicit trade. A comprehensive policy framework should ensure that public health objectives are achieved without creating opportunities for illegal markets to expand.”

Dr. Koturi Manavatharay Rai Invites CM Revanth Reddy to His Niece’s Wedding



“Tarnaka, August 08 (Indian Chornical): “Dr. Koturi Manavatharay Rai on Saturday evening personally met Telangana Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills and invited him to the wedding of his niece. “The wedding of Nandini, daughter of Yadagiri Ramakrishna, Chief Technical Officer of the Telangana Legislative Assembly, and Madhuri, with Raviteja Goud, son of Aithagoni Sambayya and Mangala, is scheduled to be held on August 16 at 11:55 AM at Venkatadri Township, Korremula Road, Narapally, Hyderabad. “On the occasion, Dr. Koturi Manavatharay Rai presented the wedding invitation to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and extended a personal invitation to attend and bless the newlyweds. “The Chief Minister received the invitation and conveyed his best wishes to the couple.

Maintain Cleanliness in Surrounding Areas: Sarpanch Boyina Venu

“Khammam, Nelakondapalli, August 8 – Indian Chronicle” Rayaigudem Sarpanch Boyina Venu urged people to keep their surroundings clean and maintain proper sanitation to prevent seasonal diseases. “On Saturday, he inspected



sanitation works being carried out in Rayaigudem village of Nelakondapalli Mandal. He also arranged for repairs to drinking water supply motors to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the villagers. “Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Venu advised people to remain alert and take necessary precautions to prevent seasonal diseases. He said the Gram Panchayat administration was making continuous efforts to meet the drinking water needs of the people. “He stated that, with the initiative of Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, efforts were being made to develop Rayaigudem as a model Gram Panchayat. “The Sarpanch directed the Panchayat officials and members to create widespread awareness about various government welfare schemes and visit every household to explain the details and benefits of the schemes. “He said the Panchayat administration was working with full commitment to transform the village into one of the best Gram Panchayats. He appealed to people to cooperate in the development of the village, rising above political differences. “Panchayat governing body members and others participated in the programme.

Grand Devotional Idol and Picture Immersion Ceremony Held in Boduppal

“BODUPPAL, August 8 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): A special programme was organised in Boduppal under the aegis of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation as part of the Bonalu Survey-10 initiative, with Boduppal Deputy Commissioner and BJP leaders participating in the programme. “As part of the initiative, pictures and idols of deities were collected separately instead of allowing them to be mixed with regular waste. They were then respectfully handled and immersed/disposed of in accordance with traditional practices. The programme aimed to promote



environmental protection while respecting the religious sentiments and spiritual beliefs of the people. “The organisers appealed to the public not to discard deity pictures and idols in drains, lakes, or along roadsides, and instead hand them over to municipal staff for proper disposal. They also urged people to celebrate festivals in an eco-friendly manner while protecting the cleanliness of rivers, lakes and surrounding areas. “Boduppal Deputy Commissioner Shailaja, along with BJP leaders Samala Pavan Reddy, Rasala Narsing Rao, Bushi Sandhya Reddy, Talari Ravi Yadav, Adimoolam Karunakar, Banukuntha Venugopal, Dasari Mahesh Yadav and Dharmapuri Aravind, as well as municipal staff and local residents, participated in the programme. “The leaders appealed to the public, saying, “Along with devotion, everyone must also take responsibility and cooperate in protecting the environment.”

Congress SC Cell Gets New Division Presidents in Secunderabad



“Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, August 08: “The Congress party has appointed new presidents for its SC Cell in eight divisions of the Secunderabad Assembly constituency as part of efforts to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. “The appointments were made under the leadership of Adam Santhosh Kumar, contested MLA and Secunderabad Assembly constituency in-charge. Congress SC Cell Chairman Dasari Shyam Sunder and DCC President Deepak John attended the programme and congratulated the newly elected office-bearers. “Chintala Rajender (Bablu) was elected as the Assembly President. “The newly appointed division presidents are Konkathi Ashish for Sitaphalmandi, Gazula Jai Kumar for Chilkalguda, Chandramohan Kadari for Boudhanagar, Chintala Naresh for Tarnaka, Shamala Ramani for Mettuguda, Yashwanth Kumar (Yesu Kumar) for Addagutta, D. Rajendra Prasad for Lalapet and G. Anil Kumar for North Lalaguda. “Congress leaders and workers congratulated the new office-bearers.

Students' Future is Our Main Goal

Development of the Gurukulam is Our Sole Mission

Gopi Nagalakshmi elected as Parents Committee Chairperson, Koncharla Prashanthi as Vice-Chairperson and senior journalist Dubbakula Srinivasa Rao as General Secretary
New Parents Committee Executive Body Elected at Nelakondapalli Gurukulam



“Khammam, Nelakondapalli, August 8 (Indian Chronicle): “The newly elected Parents Committee of the Nelakondapalli Gurukulam School has stated that the future of the girl students is their top priority and that they will work towards the overall development of the school. “The new executive body of the Parents Committee was unanimously elected at the Nelakondapalli Gurukulam School on Saturday. Gopi Nagalakshmi, Deputy Sarpanch of Nelakondapalli, was elected as Chairperson, Koncharla Prashanthi as Vice-Chairperson, and senior journalist Dubbakula Srinivasa Rao as General Secretary. Aruna, Archana, Roja, Bhagyashree and others were elected as committee members. “Speaking on the occasion,

the newly elected committee members said that the development of the Gurukulam School would be their sole mission. They stated that they would work in coordination with the Principal, teachers, staff and parents for the educational development, health, safety and overall welfare of the girl students. “They said that problems faced by the students would be identified and brought to the attention of the concerned authorities for necessary action. Special attention would be given to basic facilities, cleanliness, drinking water, food, health and safety so that the students can study in a peaceful and comfortable environment. “The committee members said that their primary objective was to ensure that the girl students excel in

academics and achieve the best results. They assured that every effort would be made to identify and encourage the individual talents of the students and provide them with the necessary support. “The Parents Committee will also play an active role in monitoring students’ attendance, academic performance and discipline, preventing drop-outs, making suggestions for school development, ensuring health and safety, monitoring food, drinking water and sanitation facilities, reviewing the implementation of government welfare schemes and strengthening coordination between parents and teachers. “Gurukulam School Principal Gorintla Vijayakumari, who recently assumed charge, said that the school

management would extend full cooperation to the Parents Committee. She said the management would work in coordination with the committee for the educational development of the students, overall school development and achievement of better academic results. “She stated that teachers and staff would continuously work to help every student move forward with confidence and achieve higher goals. Guiding students properly and bringing out their hidden talents and abilities would remain one of the major objectives of the school, she added. “The programme was attended by Vice-Principal J. Durga, former In-charge Principal Gandhasiri Srilatha, teachers, staff members, parents and others.

Bonalu Greetings to Peerzadiguda People: Sri Narayana College Chairman Madhukar Bonalu reflects Telangana's culture and traditions, says Sri Narayana College Chairman Madhukar



“Medipally, August 8 (Indian Chronicle): Sri Narayana Junior College, Boduppall Circle, Founder and Chairman Madhukar extended his heartfelt Bonalu festival greetings to the people of Peerzadiguda and wished that everyone celebrate the festival with devotion, joy and enthusiasm. “Madhukar said that Bonalu, a festival that represents the rich culture and traditions of Telangana, reflects the self-respect, spiritual faith and cultural heritage of the people of the state. He prayed for the blessings of Goddess Mahankali to bring happiness, good health, peace and prosperity to every family. “He urged people to celebrate the festival with unity and enthusiasm while giving priority to cleanliness and safety in their surroundings. He also emphasized that the youth have a responsibility to respect Telangana's culture and traditions

and pass them on to future generations. Madhukar called upon the people of Peerzadiguda as well as residents across the Boduppall Circle to celebrate Bonalu with devotion, harmony and in a peaceful atmosphere. He wished that, with the blessings of the Goddess, every person's life would be filled with happiness, peace and prosperity.

Special Drive Conducted by Police in Bonakal Mandal Centre

“Khammam, Bonakal, August 8 – Indian Chronicle” “Police conducted an extensive special drive at the Bonakal mandal centre on Saturday. As part of the drive, police personnel stopped and checked vehicles at major roads and junctions and identified motorists violating traffic rules. “Police advised two-wheeler riders to wear helmets compulsorily and carry all necessary vehicle documents, including a valid driving licence. “During the drive, special attention was paid to violations such as riding two-wheelers without helmets, driving without a valid licence and operating vehicles without proper documents. Police warned that legal action would be taken against those who violate traffic regulations. “Speaking on the occasion, police officials said that the main objective of the special drive was to prevent road accidents, ensure compliance with traffic rules and create awareness among motorists about road safety. They urged vehicle users to follow traffic regulations and cooperate with the police. “The large-scale vehicle checks at the Bonakal mandal centre made motorists more alert. Police officials stated that such inspections would continue in the future with public safety as the primary objective. “Vaira ACP Sarangapani, Circle Inspector Kongara Madhu, Bonakal Sub-Inspector Machineni Ravi, along with other police personnel, participated in the special drive.



Signify introduces Philips FocusGlow range: Lighting engineered for eye comfort, without compromising on true colour

“Hyderabad” Signify (Euronext: LIGHT), the world leader in lighting, today announced the launch of the Philips FocusGlow range - a lighting solution built for the hours people spend reading, studying and working under artificial light. FocusGlow pairs high colour accuracy with reduced-flicker performance, giving everyday spaces a more comfortable, dependable source of light. “As more consumers spend longer hours at home reading, studying or working under artificial light, the demand for lighting that reduces eye strain without sacrificing brightness or colour quality continues to grow. The Philips FocusGlow range is designed to meet this need, offering a dependable lighting solution for households seeking comfort-led, everyday illumination. “Commenting on the launch, C Arun Kumar, Head of Consumer Business, Signify Greater India said, “at Signify, we design every product around how people actually experience light in their daily lives. With Philips FocusGlow, we’re bringing together accurate colour rendering and meaningful eye comfort, so that whether someone is reading, studying or working at their desk, the light around them supports their eyes instead of straining them.” “True colour, where it matters most” FocusGlow’s CRI >90 (Colour Rendering Index) keeps colours looking natural with less strain on the eyes a real advantage for reading, studying and any close-up work where getting eye comfort actually matters. “Comfort built for long hours” The lamp runs on Signify’s EyeComfort Technology, engineered to reduce flicker during extended use. That makes it a practical pick for students, professionals and households looking to cut down on visual fatigue over long stretches of near work.

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Sonalika Records Best-Ever July Overall Sales of 11,442 Tractors, Outpaces domestic Industry with 27.2% Growth & Highest Market Share Gain

“Hyderabad: “India’s No. 1 tractor export brand Sonalika Tractors has sustained its strong FY’27 momentum and recorded its best-ever July performance, clocking 11,442 overall tractor sales. This was driven by an industry-leading 27.2% domestic growth and outpaced the domestic industry performance with 1.3X. With its customised farmer centric solutions, the company has also become the highest market share gainer in the domestic market. “Speaking on the record performance, Mr. Raman Mittal, Joint Managing Director, International Tractors Limited, said, “Our 27.2% domestic growth stands as an industry-leading achievement, and we are proud it positions us as the highest market share gainer in the space. We are also delighted to have recorded our highest-ever July overall sales of 11,442 tractors which reflects the strength of our strategic commitment to provide the best to farmers. “The record-breaking performance reaffirms Sonalika’s ability to translate its customer first strategy, which is anchored in innovation, operational excellence and delivering superior value across every stage of the farming journey. As farmers continue to take proactive steps toward the upcoming season amidst the reviving monsoon and kharif sowing progress, there has been a clear shift towards high HP tractors to maximise productivity within a compressed operational window. Sonalika’s entire product portfolio is built precisely empowering growers with the efficiency, reliability, and technology they need to thrive.

OnePlus Introduces the N6x: Power for Days, Built for Everyday Life

““““Hyderabad ““““Global technology brand OnePlus today launched the OnePlus N6x, expanding the N series with a smartphone designed to meet today’s demand for style, dependability, and all-round power. It achieves this by combining a 7,000mAh mega battery, an updated design, and enduringly smooth performance, making it an ideal daily companion. “A Battery Built for the Long Run” With a segment-leading 7,000mAh battery, the N6x delivers up to 2.5 days of use per charge, including up to 20.56 hours of video streaming, 133.56 hours of music, 25.04 hours of social scrolling, or 759.13 hours on standby. Even at 1%, Ultra Power Saving Mode keeps essentials running, offering up to 0.54 hours of calls, 7.59 hours of standby, or 0.22 hours of navigation. “The N6x is also engineered for long-term reliability, rated for 1,600 charging cycles and six years of battery health, retaining over 80% capacity even after year six, backed by four layers of protection against extreme temperatures, overcharging, drops, and compression. Bypass Charging reduces heat during extended use, Reverse Charging powers compatible accessories, and Night Charging Mode adapts to sleep routines to prevent overcharging. “Style That Works as Hard as You Do” The N6x brings elevated design to the entry smartphone segment. Available in Garnet-inspired Burgundy Red and Aquamarine-inspired Ice Blue, it pairs a refined finish with a clean vertical camera layout and softly rounded edges. A fluid 120Hz Eye Comfort Display delivers smoother scrolling and immersive viewing, while an oversized speaker rounds things out with up to 300% Ultra Volume. “Beyond its design, the N6x carries MIL-STD-810H military-grade durability, tested against temperatures from -40°C to 85°C, salt corrosion, sand and dust storms, and 25 consecutive drops onto marble. Four-layer ArmorShell™? Protection, comprising tough corners, airbag cushioning, hardened glass, and a reinforced aluminium frame, works alongside IP64 dust and water resistance to withstand accidental drops, splashes, and daily wear.



Flipkart and Netflix Make World-Class Entertainment an Earned Shopping Benefit for Millions of Indians

““““Hyderabad: ““““Flipkart and Netflix today announced a partnership that enables Flipkart Plus members to earn a Netflix Mobile Plan every month through their regular shopping, without a separate subscription or bundled recharge. The partnership brings together two experiences that are already part of customers’ everyday lives, in a simple and rewarding way. It is the first time in Indian e-commerce that Netflix, the world’s leading entertainment service, can be earned through everyday shopping rather than purchased separately or bundled with another service. The benefit will go live on August 1, 2026. ““““Customers who are not yet Flipkart Plus members qualify automatically after completing 15 orders within 12 months at no extra cost “Where Shopping Meets Entertainment” What makes this partnership distinct is the model itself, the Netflix benefit is not purchased or pre-included. It is earned through shopping behaviour, which means the more a customer engages with Flipkart’s ecosystem — across daily essentials, grocery, and quick commerce through Flipkart Minutes — the more consistently they can access Netflix’s library of acclaimed Indian and global titles.

Signify's Jagmag Pathshala brings brighter learning environments to over 18,200 tribal children across 56 schools in Andhra Pradesh



““““Hyderabad ““““Signify (Euronext: LIGHT), the world leader in lighting, announced the successful completion of its latest project under Signify Jagmag Pathshala CSR initiative, transforming learning environments by upgrading lighting and essential electrical infrastructure across 56 Government Residential Tribal Welfare Schools in Andhra Pradesh's Parvathipuram Manyam district, benefiting over 18,200 tribal children. The initiative was implemented in partnership with Jana Kalyana Samakhya (JKS) and in close coordination with the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA).“The project enhanced learning environments across the district's tribal welfare schools through the installation of energy-efficient ceiling fans, tube lights, and outdoor lighting systems. These upgrades have created brighter, more comfortable, and safer spaces for learning, improving classroom visibility, student well-being, and overall school

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egy & Marketing, Signify, Greater India said: “Every child deserves a classroom that is safe, comfortable, and conducive to learning. Through this CSR initiative, we have been able to address an essential but critical need in tribal welfare schools across Parvathipuram Manyam. Bringing reliable lighting and ventilation to these schools reflects our continued commitment to using innovation for brighter lives and a better world, espe-

cially for communities that need it the most.”“The initiative reinforces Signify's commitment to harnessing the power of light to create brighter, safer, and more inclusive communities. As part of the company's growing portfolio of CSR initiatives across India, it reflects Signify's continued focus on advancing education, enhancing community well-being, and enabling meaningful social impact through innovative and sustainable lighting solutions.