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Health Minister joins human chain to boost HIV/AIDS awareness



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 9: Minister for Health Damodar Raja Narasimha on Thursday participated in a human chain programme organised on the cable bridge by the Telangana AIDS Control Society to promote awareness on HIV/AIDS. Addressing the gathering, the Minister stated that, as part of statewide initiatives, rallies, human chains, and medical camps are being organised to enhance public awareness on HIV/AIDS. Raja Narasimha explained that HIV is a virus that weak-

ens the immune system and, if left untreated, can progress to AIDS. He clarified that HIV spreads through unprotected sexual contact, transfusion of contaminated blood, and similar causes, and does not spread through casual contact such as handshakes, hugging, or sharing food. The Minister emphasised that lack of awareness leads to fear, misconceptions, and discrimination, and stressed that awareness is the only solution to address these challenges.

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Uttam places three key demands before Centre on paddy procurement

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 9: Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has formally placed three specific demands before the union government to address the mismatch between the state's booming paddy production and the centre's shrinking procurement allocations. In an official letter addressed to Union Food Minister Prahlad Joshi on Thursday, the Minister highlighted the challenges of handling excess stocks while protecting farmers from distress sales.

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CYBER FRAUD: BRS MLA PALLA RAJESHWAR REDDY DUPED OF Rs.1 LAKH

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 9: BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy has fallen victim to a cyber fraud, losing Rs.1 lakh to a scamster. As for the case, the incident occurred on April 5 while the MLA was in Hyderabad. An unidentified caller, posing as an Additional Secretary in the Finance Department, contacted him and claimed that loans of up to Rs.10 lakh could be arranged for unemployed youth under a Central Government scheme.

The fraudster convinced the MLA that a processing fee of Rs.2,500 per beneficiary was required. Believing the claim and intending to help youth in his constituency, Rajeshwar Reddy transferred Rs.1 lakh via the PhonePe platform. However, upon later contacting the actual Finance Department official, the MLA found that no such scheme or call existed. Realizing he had been duped, he lodged a complaint with the Cyber Crime Wing of the Jubilee Hills Police Station.

Telangana to establish 109 trauma centres along highways: Raja Narasimha

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 9: Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha stated that the government is establishing 109 trauma care centres equipped with all necessary facilities along national and state highways across the Telangana state. The Minister, along with MLA Arikapudi Gandhi, laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 100-bed critical

care block in Kondapur on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, Raja Narasimha said the government has launched a comprehensive Trauma Care Policy aimed at saving lives by immediately transporting victims of road accidents and other emergencies to hospitals. He said the State government is strengthening the emergency response system to ensure that help reaches the scene

of a road accident or other emergency within ten minutes and as part of this initiative, it is increasing the number of (108) ambulances and establishing 31 Critical Care Blocks across the state. The Minister said the government has already inaugurated Critical Care Blocks in Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Karimnagar, Mahabubabad, Jagtial, Sangareddy, Narayanpet, and Adilabad. The construction of another

21 CCBs is currently underway. We will make all of them operational by the end of this year, he said. The Minister stated that the State government has today laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 100-bed Critical Care Block in Kondapur, at a cost of Rs.41 crore and is taking measures to complete the construction as expeditiously as possible and to provide medical services equipped with state-

of-the-art facilities.

"Health issues are on the rise within the IT corridor due to sedentary lifestyles. We are currently providing enhanced medical services to the local residents at the Kondapur Area Hospital. In the future, we will introduce even more advanced medical services. These critical care services will prove to be immensely beneficial to the people residing in this area," Raja Narasimha said.

TELANGANA HIGH COURT SEEKS CASE-WISE REPORT ON RETIRAL DUES

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 9: The Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the state government to submit a detailed case-wise compliance report on the payment of retiral benefits to retired employees. The matter has been posted for further hearing on June 10. Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao instructed the Government Pleader for Services to file the report and warned that failure to comply would re-

quire Finance Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania to appear before the court at every subsequent hearing of the contempt cases. The directive came amid confusion over compliance in 764 contempt cases heard on Thursday. While the Government Pleader stated that dues had been cleared in most cases except for a few affected by technical issues.

Disputing with the above submission, the counsel for

the petitioners argued that only about one-third of the cases had been fully addressed. Taking note of the conflicting claims, the court directed the government to clear all dues listed in the March 23 cause list and submit a comprehensive report by the next hearing. The state government had begun releasing payments from Tuesday, nearly 24 months after many employees retired, and just 48 hours before the April 9

deadline. While hundreds of retirees have received payments - some fully, others partially - many are still awaiting complete settlement. It is estimated that around 15,000 government employees, who retired from March 2024 onwards, were awaiting their retiral benefits. Many had earlier secured High Court orders directing payment within 6 to 10 weeks. With delays continuing, several retirees filed contempt petitions.

CS REVIEWS GODAVARI PUSHKARAM ARRANGEMENTS, CALLS FOR MASSIVE PREPARATIONS

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 9: Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao on Thursday directed the concerned officials to make comprehensive arrangements to ensure a smooth and hassle-free experience for devotees attending the upcoming Godavari Pushkaram to be held next year.

At a high-level review meeting held at the state Secretariat, attended by senior officials including Endowments Principal Secre-

tary Sailaja Ramaier and Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for large-scale planning in view of the expected heavy influx of pilgrims. Highlighting the geographical spread of the river basin, he noted that the Godavari River flows across eight districts - from Kandakurthi in Nizamabad to Basara and Bhadrachalam - making it imperative for coordinated arrangements across all locations. Rao stated that the

Chief Minister has already issued guidelines and instructed officials to prepare detailed proposals accordingly for submission to the Cabinet Sub-Committee constituted for the Pushkaram. He also directed the committee of Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers to review all proposed works to ensure timely execution.

The Chief Secretary stressed that meticulous planning and inter-departmental coordination will be



key to managing the large number of devotees expected to take part in the sacred river festival.

FROM SCARCITY TO SUSTAINABILITY: PRAKASAM VILLAGES LEAD WATER REVOLUTION

From Our Staff Reporter Prakasam, April, 9: In a remarkable transformation, villages like Murugummi, Marella and Thangella in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh have turned chronic water scarcity into sustainable water security through community-led rainwater conservation under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari campaign of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Once plagued by erratic rainfall, falling groundwater levels and failing borewells, these villages mobilised residents through Gram Sabhas, awareness drives and field demonstrations. Farmers, women and youth collectively adopted water budgeting, crop planning and groundwater-sharing practices. Following a ridge-to-valley approach, the communities created and revived water assets such as percolation tanks, farm ponds, trenches, rooftop harvesting systems and traditional ponds. The impact has been significant. Around 5,900 people now benefit from improved groundwater access, while

expanded irrigation has boosted agricultural productivity across hundreds of hectares. Increased water availability has also supported dairy activities and reduced distress migration.

Murugummi alone built 71 structures with a cumulative storage capacity of approximately 8.11 lakh cubic metres, providing protective irrigation to 264.5 hectares of agricultural land. As for Marella, development of 53 water conservation structures with a cumulative storage capacity of about 10.04 lakh cubic metres, enhancing agricultural sustainability across 220.5 hectares. Additionally, the renovation of community ponds and tanks contributed nearly 5.95 lakh cubic metres of additional storage capacity. With regard to Thangella, construction of 71 water conservation structures with a cumulative storage capacity of around 5.89 lakh cubic metres, providing irrigation support to 185.3 hectares. The revival of traditional water bodies further augmented storage capac-

ity by approximately 3.98 lakh cubic metres. The success has earned national recognition, with Murugummi winning the Second-Best Village Panchayat Award at the National Water Awards 2024, and Marella and Thangella also gaining top honours. The initiative stands out as a replicable model of how community participation can drive long-term water security and rural resilience.

ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY MUST COMPLEMENT POLITICAL DEMOCRACY: JUSTICE SUDARSHAN REDDY

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 9: Justice B Sudarshan Reddy, former Supreme Court judge, on Thursday stressed that true democracy in India can only be realized when economic democracy accompanies political democracy. Addressing at the inaugural session of a two-day national seminar on "Economic Reforms and the Indian Constitution: Conflict,

Contradictions and Ways Forward" organized by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) in collaboration with Government Degree College, Chanchalguda, as part of Social Empowerment week, Justice Reddy highlighted that B. R. Ambedkar was not only the architect of the Constitution but also a distinguished economist.

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BJP Eyes Assam Hat-Trick, Three-Way Contest In Kerala High-Stake Polls

New Delhi: Assam, Kerala, and Puducherry kickstarted the 2026 election cycle this morning. The BJP is bidding for an Assam hat-trick, while Kerala's Left front wants a fifth straight term. N Rangaswamy's AINRC is plotting a fourth win in five Puducherry polls. The headline state in this round is Assam. A high-voltage campaign concluded Tuesday after the BJP and Congress traded allegations and denials amid a flood of promises. The BJP promised imple-

mentation of the UCC, two lakh jobs, ejection of illegal migrants, Rs 5 lakh crore to boost connectivity, and two LPG cylinders, a nod to gas shortage reports amid the US war on Iran. Much of the campaign rhetoric centred on 'jati-mati-bheti', i.e., the BJP's assertion it will protect Assamese land and culture against infiltration by 'miyas', a derogatory term for Muslims of Bangladeshi origin and whom the ruling party has branded 'illegal immigrants'. The Congress responded

by accusing Sarma and the BJP of propagating a 'politics of hate' and also targeted him directly, alleging his wife holds multiple passports and owns properties abroad, and demanding a probe into his family's finances.

The death of singer Zubeen Garg could also be a factor in how votes are cast in this election. The 52-year-old died scuba diving off the coast of Singapore in September 2025. Local authorities confirmed it was an accident but Assam Po-

lice said he had been 'murdered'. The BJP and Congress exchanged jabs; the latter has said it will deliver 'justice' in 100 days if elected. This election will also be the first since delimitation in the northeastern state in 2023, a controversial exercise given it has led to re-drawing of constituencies in areas where Muslim community votes were influential, shrinking these from 32 of the state's 126 seats to 22.

The BJP will contest 90 seats, Asom Gana Parishad

26, and Bodoland People's Front 11. The Congress has opted for Lok Sabha MP Gaurav Gogoi to lead its campaign and will contest 99 seats, leaving 13 for the Rajjor Dal, 10 for the Assam Jatiya Parishad and six for smaller parties. Kerala, meanwhile, closed the campaign window Tuesday evening with dramatic last-minute appeals from candidates across party lines; local media said some leaders rode on cranes and organised street performances - with the red (for

the ruling Left), the tricolour (representing the Congress), and saffron (the BJP) all in evidence as undecided voters were courted. The election for the 140-member Assembly is shaping up as a three-way battle with the BJP - which normally struggles for traction in the southern state - expected to do better than usual, particularly after a strong showing in December local body polls that saw it win the Thiruvananthapuram Mayor post.

KTR invites Jeevan Reddy to join BRS



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April 9: BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday visited the residence of senior Congress leader and former minister Jeevan Reddy in Jagtial to invite him to join the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on behalf of party president K. Chandrashekar Rao. Several party leaders and public representatives accompanied him during the visit. Speaking to the media, KTR stated that Jeevan Reddy responded positively to the invitation. He said that Jeevan Reddy acknowledged his long-standing personal association with KCR and expressed happiness over the visit, adding that he would meet KCR soon and announce his decision within a couple of days. KTR emphasised that for farmers and the poor in the state to regain stability and happiness, KCR must return as Chief Minister. He said experienced leaders like Jeevan Reddy are essential for rebuilding Telangana's

growth trajectory. Highlighting Jeevan Reddy's political journey, the BRS working president noted that he has served the Congress party for over four decades with commitment. He also recalled that KCR had invited him to join BRS even before the 2014 elections, but he continued in Congress at the time due to his loyalty to the party. KTR elaborated on the long-standing personal bond between KCR and Jeevan Reddy, built over four decades of mutual respect. He recalled that during KCR's first official tour of Karimnagar district as Chief Minister in 2014, development works requested by Jeevan Reddy, despite being in the opposition, were immediately sanctioned - reflecting statesmanship beyond party lines. He also highlighted Jeevan Reddy's strong advocacy for farmers in the Assembly and his consistent fight on issues like Nizam Sugars. KTR recalled

that KCR had even offered to support the revival of the sugar factory under a cooperative model, inspired by Maharashtra, with financial backing and leadership responsibility to Jeevan Reddy if he wished. KTR thanked the Jagtial district leadership for proactively supporting the initiative and inviting Jeevan Reddy into the party fold. He appreciated their commitment to strengthening the party and working towards bringing BRS back to power, stating that Jeevan Reddy's entry would significantly strengthen the party. KTR launched a strong attack on the Congress government, stating that over the past two and a half years, it has failed in governance and is resorting to diversionary politics to hide its inefficiencies. He alleged that the government defaulted on the Rythu Bandhu scheme three times, accumulating dues of Rs.27,000 crore to farmers, while misleading them in the name of loan waivers. He

said this has led to widespread anger among farmers. KTR strongly condemned remarks made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that such comments were inappropriate and unbecoming of a person holding the highest office in the state. He accused the Chief Minister of using language that insults the dignity of women and goes against Telangana's cultural values. He further accused the government of betraying youth by failing to deliver on its promise of providing two lakh jobs, leading to frustration and anger among unemployed youth. KTR said none of the six guarantees promised by the Congress party have been fully implemented and accused the leadership of deceiving the public after claiming full awareness of the state's financial position before elections. He also stated that dissatisfaction is growing within the Congress party itself, with even party workers expressing a desire for BRS to return to power. He accused Congress leadership of insulting its own senior leaders and undermining their self-respect. KTR alleged that Revanth Reddy is acting with arrogance due to power and has failed to address public issues. He reminded that power is not permanent and said the government has lost the trust of the people. He expressed confidence that BRS will return to power with public support.

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He stated that people living with HIV should not face social discrimination and must be treated with dignity, support, and equal rights. He further noted that under the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017, discrimination against HIV-positive individuals is a punishable offence. Highlighting medical advancements, the Minister said that while HIV was once consid-

ered a fatal disease, timely testing and proper treatment now enable individuals to lead normal lives for several decades. The government is providing free testing, treatment, and medicines. Across the state, 1.14 lakh patients are receiving medical services through 127 testing centres and 33 ART centres. Special screening camps for HIV and TB are also being conducted in

government general hospitals and prisons, he said. The Minister urged youth to avoid sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy habits, and to stay away from drugs, particularly injectable drugs, which significantly increase the risk of HIV and other infections. Stressing the importance of public health, he stated that without health, wealth has no value. Healthy individuals contribute to healthy

families, which in turn build a strong society and a robust state. He called upon all sections of society to work together towards building a more vibrant Telangana. Health Secretary Christina Chongthu, Commissioner for Health and Family Wealth Dr. Sangeetha Satyanarayana, Collector Ranga Reddy Narayana Reddy and others participated in the programme.

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He requested reallocation of 5 LMT boiled rice target for Rabi 2024-25 by reducing the FCI raw rice target. Currently, 8.45 LMT of rice is yet to be delivered. The original deadline of 28 February, 2026 has already passed, and the state has sought a 60-day extension, Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The Minister stated that Telangana paddy's superior grain characteristics and lower moisture levels make it ideal for boiled (parboiled) rice conversion. Rice millers have agreed in principle to supply with only 5% broken, offering a practical solution, he said. Uttam Kumar Reddy

sought enhancement of the boiled rice target by 20.00 LMT for the entire KMS 2025-26 (covering both Kharif and Rabi seasons) - a significant jump from existing levels to better align with the state's rising production capacity. He also stressed the need for further extension of two months for Rabi 2024-25 deliveries. This is necessitated by pending physical verification of Kharif paddy stocks and the need for additional processing time, Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The Minister stated that the current Congress government, which assumed power in December 2023, has witnessed a rapid surge

in paddy production in both Kharif and Rabi seasons. The state procures paddy on behalf of the Union government under the Decentralised Procurement Scheme to ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers and prevent distress sales, Uttam Kumar Reddy said. However, the Centre's policy of reducing Custom Milled Rice (CMR) and boiled rice targets has left Telangana struggling with excess stocks, storage costs, milling expenses, and interest liabilities, the Minister said. Historical data shared in the letter shows a declining trend in the percentage of boiled rice delivered to FCI,

dropping to as low as 66.78% in 2024-25, despite consistent procurement efforts. Telangana has seen exponential growth in paddy output post-2023 due to improved irrigation and farmer-centric policies, he pointed out. The Minister emphasised that continued procurement is essential to safeguard lakhs of farmers, but the state cannot indefinitely bear the financial strain of excess paddy without adequate central support in the form of higher boiled rice allocations and timely extensions. He appealed to the Union Minister to consider the issues favourably.

President Murmu calls for spiritual bond with nature to tackle ecological crisis



New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu emphasised the need for a deeper spiritual connection with nature. She warned that humanity was standing

at a critical juncture between opportunity and ecological crisis. Receiving the book Vriksha Vedam 2.0, authored by Green India Challenge founder and former MP Joginipally Santosh Kumar, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President invoked the concept of Pancha Bhutas, drawn from the Taittiriya Upanishad. She stressed that human existence is intrinsically linked to these elements and called for spiritual intelligence to preserve ecological balance. Terming the present as both an Amrit Kaal and an Apad Kaal, she cautioned against unchecked greed and urged collective re-

sponsibility towards environmental protection. Appreciating the Green India Challenge initiative, the President observed that nearly 19.6 crore saplings have been planted over the past eight years. She hoped that the initiative would have a transformative impact nationwide. She called for sustained action, urging citizens to actively participate in conserving nature for future generations. BRS MPs KR Suresh Reddy, Vaddiraju Ravichandra, B Pardha saradhi Reddy, Igniting Minds Organisation founder M Karunakar Reddy and Green India Challenge co-founder S Raghavendra, were also present.

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He noted that the Constitution inherently reflects socialist ideals, particularly through its emphasis on equality and justice. Referring to the Karachi Resolution, he said it laid the foundation for socio-economic rights in India. He also pointed to land reforms, including the abolition of the zamindari system, as key milestones in advancing equality, while cautioning against emerging threats of authoritarian tendencies in modern times. BRAOU Vice-Chancellor Ghanta Chakrapani, who presided over the event, expressed

concern over declining public funding in higher education and the rapid expansion of private universities. He stressed the need to strengthen public institutions and safeguard the core values of education from unchecked market forces. Keynote speaker Prabhat Patnaik, Professor Emeritus, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, underscored the importance of state control over key sectors to ensure public welfare. He advocated wealth redistribution measures such as wealth and

inheritance taxes, warning of rising inequality and concentration of wealth among the top one percent. Academic Director Pushpa Chakrapani emphasized the continued relevance of social and economic justice, particularly in the context of post-1991 economic reforms. The seminar brought together academicians, researchers, and policymakers to deliberate on aligning economic reforms with constitutional values and ensuring inclusive growth. Prof. P. Venkateswarlu, Seminar Director highlighted the significance of the 1948 Industrial Policy in strengthening

the public sector and emphasised that economic reforms must be firmly grounded in constitutional principles. Prof. Krishna Reddy, Seminar Co-Director & Head, Department of Economic, BRAOU; Prof. G. Nagoji (Convener), Senior Professor Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Prof. Pallavi Kabde, Prof. Anand Pawar, Prof. Srinivas Vaddanam, Prof. P. Venkata Ramana, Prof. G. Dayakar, Prof. K. Sridevi, and Prof. Prameela, along with teaching and non-teaching staff of BRAOU and Government Degree College, Chanchalguda, participated in the seminar.

Jeevan Reddy cites 20 months of humiliation for Congress exit



From Our Staff Reporter Jagtial, April 9: Former minister Jeevan Reddy on Thursday expressed gratitude to BRS working president KT Rama Rao for visiting his residence and inviting him into the party on K. Chandrasekhar Rao's behalf. Speaking to the media at his residence in Jagtial along with KT Rama Rao and BRS leaders on Thursday, Jeevan Reddy said resigning from the Congress party was an emotional decision but expressed happiness at joining BRS. He stated that he endured humiliation over the past 20 months with patience and added that, having seen many governments, he believes the present government is moving in a regressive direction. Jeevan Reddy said his decision was based on public opinion and expressed happiness at the opportunity to work under KCR's leadership.

CS directs collectors to curb rising road mishaps in Telangana

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April 9: Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao on Thursday conducted a video conference with District Collectors to review the implementation of the "Arrive Alive" programme, a key initiative under the 99-day Praja Paalana Pragati Pranalika. The Chief Secretary emphasised that while the government has been proactively implementing several road safety mea-

sures, the number of road accidents continues to rise. He attributed this to the rapid increase in the number of vehicles, improved road infrastructure leading to higher speeds, lack of adequate driver training, over-speeding and reckless driving behavior. Stressing the need for urgent and innovative interventions, the Chief Secretary directed District Collectors to prioritize road safety and come up with creative,

locally relevant solutions to reduce accidents. He instructed that District Road Safety Committee meetings be convened immediately to plan and effectively implement the week-long "Arrive Alive" programme. The Chief Secretary also underscored the importance of involving local public representatives to ensure wider outreach and community participation. The "Arrive Alive" programme will be con-

EAGLE FORCE BUSTS Rs.13.4 LAKH GANJA RACKET, FOUR ARRESTED IN KHAMMAM

From Our Staff Reporter Khammam, April 9: In a major anti-narcotics crackdown, the EAGLE Force Telangana, in coordination with Domakal Police, seized 26.8 kg of ganja worth over Rs.13 lakh and arrested four persons involved in interstate drug trafficking. Acting on credible intelligence, officials intercepted a Bajaj Pulsar motorcycle and a Maruti motorcar near Domakal. A search revealed 17 packets of ganja concealed in three bags. The accused - identified as Chandrasekhar, Vijay Kanth, Vinod and Shashikanth - had allegedly produced the contraband from a supplier in Odisha and were transporting it from Bhadrachalam to Hyderabad via Yellandu. Police seized the narcotics, two vehicles, four mo-



bile phones and packing materials. The accused and seized items have been handed over to Domakal Police Station for further legal action. Efforts are underway to nab the absconding accused Vaskula

Raju. Authorities have urged citizens to remain vigilant and report drug-related activities via the EAGLE helpline (1908), WhatsApp (8712671111), or email - tsnabhohyd@tspolice.gov.in "Let us join hands to build a Drug-

Free Telangana", officials appealed and clarified that all information shared will be kept strictly confidential, and credible informants will be suitably rewarded.

Senior citizen loses Rs 96 lakh in cyber fraud

Hyderabad: A 75-year-old retired employee from Jubilee Hills has fallen victim to a major cyber fraud and allegedly ended up losing about Rs 96 lakh over the course of a year. According to information available, the victim initially received a message on WhatsApp offering a part-time job. Upon contacting the number provided, the fraudsters promised payments for completing simple online tasks. After collecting his bank details, they assigned a few tasks and transferred Rs 9,500 to his account to gain his trust. Subsequently, the victim was added to a Telegram group where he was lured into making investments with promises of higher returns. He initially invested Rs 39,800 and was shown a profit of Rs 6,000, which made him believe in the scheme. Attracted by these initial gains, the victim continued investing larger amounts over time. The fraudsters eventually cheated him out of a total of Rs 96 lakh in multiple transactions over a year. Police are investigating the case.

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Atchannaidu for demand-based, sustainable farming



Rajamahendravaram: Apr 9

Agriculture minister K Atchannaidu called upon farmers to shift towards demand-based crop cultivation and adopt sustainable farming practices to improve incomes and protect soil health. Speaking at a Kisan Mela at the agricultural research station in Maruteru of Penmantra mandal in Achanta constituency of West Godavari district on Wednesday, the minister said organic farming offers higher returns with lower input costs while ensuring healthier food for consumers. The event focused on the theme 'Changing Climate Conditions-Sustainable Paddy Cultivation.' The minister inspected laboratories at the research station and interacted with scientists to understand the latest developments in paddy varieties.

He also visited stalls set up by Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University and private companies, showcasing modern farm machinery and technologies. Addressing the gathering, he expressed concern over the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, which he said is degrading soil quality and increasing cultivation costs. He stated that the government is providing training, subsidies and marketing support to encourage farmers to shift towards organic farming. Steps are also being taken to establish dedicated markets to ensure better prices for organic produce. He noted that paddy varieties developed at the Maruteru research centre are achieving high yields in several states across the country and appreciated the efforts of agricultural scientists. With changing food habits among people,

he advised farmers to align crop choices with market demand. He directed officials and scientists to create awareness at the village level about suitable crops for different regions. Rajya Sabha MP Paka Venkata Satyanarayana stressed the importance of soil testing awareness among farmers and said interlinking of rivers in the state would help address irrigation challenges. District collector Chadalavada Nagarani said a target of 7.25 lakh metric tonnes has been set for rabi procurement in the district. Achanta MLA Pitani Satyanarayana, Tanuku MLA Arimilli Radhakrishna, Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University vice-chancellor Dr R Sharada Jayalakshmi Devi, Horticulture University vice-chancellor Dhanunjaya Rao were among those present.

Lokesh cracks whip on inactive TDP MLAs



Vijayawada: Apr 9

Education and IT minister and TDP national general secretary Nara Lokesh on Wednesday expressed strong displeasure over the lack of organisational activity in recent weeks by some legislators.

During a review meeting with party leaders at the party office, Lokesh pulled up several leaders for failing to conduct cadre meetings and grievance redressal programmes for four consecutive weeks. He expressed concern over the inaction of Mydukur MLA Putta Sudhakar Yadav, Kadapa MLA R Madhavi Reddy and Proddatur MLA Varadarajulu Reddy, and directed party office staff to seek explanations from them. He also voiced anger at Pulivendula in-charge B Tech Ravi, Kamalapuram MLA Chaitanya Reddy and Dharmavaram in-charge Paritala Sriram for not holding the mandated programmes. Lokesh warned that negligence would not be tolerated and instructed leaders to strictly implement party directives. Reiterating that the TDP recognises and rewards hard work, Lokesh said the party's growth was driven by the performance of its leaders. He emphasised that consistent execution of party programmes would ensure its long-term strength. He also interacted with the top 10 performers of the 'My TDP' app and honoured them for effectively promoting party ideology.

Later, Lokesh conducted the 'Prasadar' public grievance programme at the TDP central office in Mangalagiri, marking its 87th day. He received petitions from people across the state, including party workers and leaders, and assured them of action after carefully hearing their concerns.

Among the issues raised were requests from loco pilots to prevent the relocation of the gala depot in Vijayawada during the proposed South Coast Railway formation, appeals from private bus owners for replacement support after Covid-related losses, and a land dispute complaint from a Kurnool district resident seeking justice over alleged encroachment of ancestral property. Lokesh assured all petitioners that their grievances would be examined and addressed.

Eat Street outlets allotted transparently: Civic chief

Tirupati: Apr 9

Municipal Corporation Commissioner N Mourya instructed Eat Street shop owners to strictly follow government rules while running their businesses. A lucky draw for allotting 14 shops on Eat Street, built opposite the municipal office with Central government funds, was held transparently at Kacchapi Auditorium here on Wednesday. Commissioner Mourya conducted the event. Out of these, 13 shops were allotted through lottery to applicants, while shop number 10 went directly to I Stone Company. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said shop owners must adhere to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) guidelines. She further stated that they should provide quality food to the public, avoid using expired or stored items, and not charge excess prices. Food preparation



must be done only by healthy staff, and shop surroundings should remain clean with proper use of wet and dry waste bins. Plastic covers and single-use plastics are banned, and violators will face action. She emphasised maintaining quality and hygiene in food items.

Deputy Commissioner Amaraiah, Revenue Officers Sethu Madhav and Ravi, Health Officer Dr Yuva Anvesh, Food Safety Officers Venkateswara Rao and Jagadeesh were present.

Kallur revenue office scandal: Autocratic response of Tahsildar sparks outrage amid serious land fraud allegations



Kurnool: Apr 9

Serious allegations of corruption have surfaced against officials at the Kallur Mandal Revenue Office in Kurnool district, with claims of active involvement in illegal land dealings. Accusations indicate that certain officials, in collusion with their relatives, have facilitated land grabbing and unauthorized transactions.

When questioned, officials reportedly responded with negligence and a dismissive attitude, raising serious concerns over accountability and transparency in the administration. The controversy centers around a 1.50-acre land parcel in Survey No. 70/2B of Kallur village. According to allegations, Meesala Maddilety, who earlier worked as a Village Revenue Officer in the Kallur Tahsildar office and is currently discharging responsibilities at the Srisailem Special Project office in the District Collectorate, allegedly fabricated a fake land title and managed to get it recorded

in official land records. It is further alleged that he obtained a pattadar passbook in his mother's name, M Venkata Lakshamma by misusing his official position and prior experience in the revenue department. The issue came to light when multiple claimants asserted ownership over the same land. During an attempt to undertake work on the disputed land using heavy machinery, the rightful owners intervened. At that point, the accused official reportedly admitted wrongdoing and withdrew from the site. Allegations also point to the involvement of a relative of a mandal-level official in facilitating the fraudulent transactions.

The matter had earlier been reported by The Hans India in its online edition on March 28, but no action was initiated by the concerned authorities. When approached again for a response, Kallur Tahsildar Anjaneyulu reportedly displayed an autocratic and dismissive attitude, indi-

cating that the issue would be addressed only at his discretion and convenience rather than with urgency. His response, perceived as indifferent and authoritative, has drawn criticism from affected parties who expected prompt administrative action. He also stated that manual pattadar passbooks are no longer valid, as the government has shifted entirely to a digital system for issuing passbooks. News subscription service

Victims have expressed strong dissatisfaction, alleging that repeated petitions submitted by farmers have gone unanswered while influential individuals continue to benefit. They have demanded a thorough inquiry by district authorities and strict legal action against those responsible. The incident has raised broader concerns over administrative oversight, with citizens warning that such negligence undermines public trust and threatens the property rights of ordinary citizens.

Jaladhara-Jalaharathi programme to be crucial in coming years: Collector

Tirupati: Apr 9

The district administration has begun steps to strengthen water resource management with the planned implementation of Jaladhara-Jalaharathi initiative. District Collector Dr S Venkateswar directed the officials to implement the programme in a comprehensive and systematic manner across the district during a review meeting held at the Collectorate on Wednesday.

The Collector said the Jaladhara-Jalaharathi programme would be crucial for the next four to five years. He advised departments to adopt the model successfully implemented in Annamayya district and focus on interlinking tanks, canals and streams to conserve rainwater effectively. Scientific basin-level plans should be prepared in coordination with the irrigation department, he said. Proper implementation would help improve groundwater levels, expand the extent of cultivation and increase farmers' incomes. The programme is also expected to support livestock development and dairy production, reduce electricity consumption and lower government expenditure. It would further help reduce rural migration by creating local employment opportunities, the Collector added.

Venkateswar instructed officials to prepare a special 100-day action plan for the programme. Priority works should



be identified and implemented in phases. Committees should be formed at village, mandal and district levels to ensure effective execution and monitoring. He asked officials to coordinate closely with recently elected Water Users Association representatives and make use of their understanding of local conditions to improve results. Officials should assess the present condition of tanks, evaluate water storage levels and identify required works before categorising tanks and preparing action plans. Field-level meetings should be conducted near water bodies instead of mandal offices, and officials should interact directly with farmers to identify local issues and resolve them quickly. He said the initiative would help conserve water resources while promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development in the district.

Tirupati RDO B Rammohan, Irrigation DE D Radha Krishna Murthy, District Panchayat Officer Suseela Devi, DWMA PD Srinivasa Rao, DRDA PD T Sobhan Babu, Agriculture Officer Prasad Rao and other officials attended the meeting.

Focus on uninterrupted power supply, farmer welfare: Energy minister



Vijayawada: Apr 9

Energy minister G. K. Reddy said the government's primary goal is to provide quality and uninterrupted power supply while enhancing services to the public.

The minister inaugurated the new corporate office of Andhra Pradesh Power Distribution Corporation Limited (APCPDCL) at Gunadala, Vijayawada, in the presence of MP Kesineni Sivanath, MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao, energy special chief secretary K Vijayanand and CMD P Pulla Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, the minister expressed happiness over the inauguration of the modern office, built at an estimated cost of Rs 35-40 crore with a total area of 65,000 square feet. He credited the collective efforts of the department staff for earning a good reputation for the power sector.

He said that construction of new substations is progressing rapidly across the state. Following the directions of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, the government is focused on providing uninterrupted quality power supply without increasing electricity tariffs. He emphasised that there should be no power disruptions or low-voltage issues, and officials are working diligently to achieve this. The minister further stated that the department aims to improve public perception from the current 80 per cent to over 95 per cent. Under the PM Kusum scheme, tenders have been completed to provide free daytime electricity to farmers, and works will commence

soon. Highlighting achievements, he noted that the state has recorded unprecedented levels of power generation using modern techniques. By purchasing power during low-demand daytime and generating electricity during peak evening hours, the state is ensuring no shortages. Renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and pumped storage projects (PSPs) are being expanded, and tenders have already been invited at 10 locations for battery storage systems. He also praised electricity staff for their tireless service during disasters. Recalling past floods and cyclones, especially in Visakhapatnam, he said around 1,500-2,000 personnel restored nearly 20,000 electric poles within 24 hours, ensuring quick restoration of power supply.

Vijayanand said that advanced, human-independent software is being used to ensure transparency in power purchase and sales. He added that the state successfully managed a record peak load of 14,009 mw this year and supplied 275 million units of power without interruption during the summer. The efficiency of APGenco plants has been increased to 85-90 per cent. He further noted that the APCPDCL building has been developed with a 'Net Zero' concept, incorporating solar energy and green technologies to reduce power consumption and achieve carbon neutrality. CMD Pulla Reddy urged discom officials to continue delivering better services to consumers.

Officials told to provide amenities in rehabilitation colonies

Markapuram: Apr 9

District Collector M Vijaya Suneetha has directed officials to take immediate steps to provide basic amenities in the rehabilitation colonies under the Pula Subbaiah Velugonda Project. On Wednesday, she inspected the Sunkesula rehabilitation colony near the Collectorate, along with the Idupuru and Devaraju Gattu rehabilitation colonies.

During the visit, she gathered information from Velugonda Project officials regarding the total number of rehabilitation centres allotted under the project and their current status. A review meeting was subsequently held at the Collectorate.



The Collector instructed officials to expedite jungle clearance within the colonies and to identify and complete the remaining CC roads at the earliest. She also directed that compensation amounts be disbursed promptly to beneficiaries as and when

funds are received from the government, without any negligence. Velugonda Project Special Collector Sridhar Reddy, Markapuram and Cumbum SDCs Satyanarayana and Venkata Sivaramireddy, and other staff participated in the programme.

Indian Naval Ship Trikanth arrives at Mombasa in Kenya



Visakhapatnam: Apr 9

As part of its ongoing deployment in the South West Indian Ocean Region, INS Trikanth, a frontline guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, arrived at Mombasa, Kenya. Aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and enhancing bilateral ties between India and Kenya, the port call coincides with the visit of Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan to Kenya. Professional, cultural and social engagements will be carried out during the stay and essential stores will be handed over to the Kenya Defence

Forces. INS Trikanth arrived at Mombasa, Kenya, on April 7. Also, the ship's Commanding Officer will call on senior government functionaries. On departure from Mombasa, INS Trikanth will engage in a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with units of the Kenya Navy.

The exercise will facilitate the exchange of best practices and enhance bilateral maritime interoperability. The port call by INS Trikanth aligns with India's vision of MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

India hails US-Iran truce, urges citizens to exit Iran at earliest

India on Wednesday welcomed the ceasefire between the US and Iran, expressing hope for a broader de-escalation in West Asia, while simultaneously urging its citizens to "expeditiously exit Iran" amid continuing uncertainties on the ground. In a fresh advisory, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) asked Indian nationals still in Iran to leave the country at the earliest in coordination with the Embassy of India in Tehran and strictly follow designated evacuation routes. "In continuation of the advisory of April 7, and in light of recent developments, Indian nationals still in Iran are strongly advised to expeditiously exit Iran, in coordination with the Embassy and using the routes suggested," the advisory said. It also issued an emergency contact numbers and consular support details. Officials indicated that around 7,500 Indian nationals remained in Iran, even as evacuation efforts gather pace. As of Tuesday, the Embassy has facilitated the exit of 1,864 Indians through land borders with Armenia and Azerbaijan, including 935 students and 472 fishermen. New Delhi's twin-track response -- welcoming the ceasefire while accelerating evacuation -- reflects



India has underscored the broader economic fallout of the conflict, noting that the hostilities had caused "immense suffering" and significantly impacted global supply chains. "We expect that unimpeded freedom of navigation and global flow of commerce would prevail through the Strait of Hormuz," the MEA said, reflecting concerns shared by major energy-dependent economies. The two-week ceasefire is

being viewed as a critical window for negotiations, following intense diplomatic efforts involving multiple stakeholders. However, officials and analysts remain cautious, warning that the situation on the ground remains fluid, with risks of violations or miscalculations. India's calibrated response highlights both its strategic stakes in the region and its immediate priority of ensuring the safety of its citizens. With thousands still in Iran and evacuation operations ongoing, authorities are closely monitoring developments even as diplomatic efforts continue. As the region navigates a fragile pause in hostilities, New Delhi's message remains clear -- cautious optimism on peace, but no let-up in ensuring the safe return of its nationals from a volatile conflict zone.

lingering concerns about the fragility of the truce despite diplomatic progress. In an official statement, the MEA reiterated India's long-standing position that "de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy" are essential to resolving the conflict. "We welcome the ceasefire reached and hope that it will lead to a lasting peace in West Asia. As we have continuously advocated earlier, de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy are essential to bring an early end to the ongoing conflict," the statement said. The ceasefire, announced after weeks of escalating hostilities between Washington and Tehran, has offered a temporary pause in a conflict that disrupted global energy supplies and trade routes, and raised fears of a wider regional war. A key element of the agreement is the conditional reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

India-US discuss defence technology and co-production, again

India and US have on Wednesday discussed how to take forward defence industrial and defence technology linkages which is part of the continued effort for India to co-produce and co-develop high-end technology. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri had an interaction with the US Under Secretary of War for Acquisition & Sustainment Mike Duffey at the Pentagon in Washington DC. Today, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on social media platform X about the meeting saying, "This was to advance India-US major defence partnership, focusing on co-production, sustainment and shared priorities in the Indo-Pacific." The Indian Embassy in the US also put out a post on Thursday saying "the two discussed ways to further deepen the defence industrial, technology and supply chain linkages between India and the US, in line with the ambi-

tious goals laid out in the framework of the bilateral Major Defence Partnership signed last year." This meeting comes in the backdrop of an ongoing visit to the US by Indian Air Force Chief, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh. On Wednesday, the IAF Chief visited the Peterson Space Force Base in the US. The IAF said, "The two had a productive exchange of perspectives on complex operational modalities, reflecting the strength of the growing partnership." The meeting of Misri with the US Department of War official is the second such contact at the official level in less than three weeks. On March 25, the two countries had conducted the Defence Policy Group meeting to discuss the "way forward" in the terms of India getting to co-produce and co-develop high-end technology. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and US Under Secretary of War Elbridge Colby had met in



New Delhi with both sides looking to accelerate the momentum. Colby, during his visit, had said the US is looking ahead to a critical new decade for the defence partnership with India adding that the US was looking to expand its sales of military equipment to India. It also added that the potential for co-production and co-development of equipment with India is a great possibility. These meetings have come at a time when India and US are closing in on having a deal for jointly making the F414 fighter jet engines in India. The engines are to

power the Tejas Mark 2 jets and the first version of the advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA). The US has expressed a commitment to work with India to hasten and augment cooperation in areas -- including, but not limited -- to long-range precision fires, resilient logistics, maritime domain awareness, anti-submarine warfare and advanced technologies. The Framework for the US-India major Defence partnership that was signed between Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in October last year.

Iran hardens position, says no negotiations on nuclear enrichment programme

Tehran [Iran], April 9 (ANI): Iran on Thursday firmly ruled out any negotiations over its nuclear enrichment programme, reiterating that its right to enrichment is non-negotiable, even as it links the issue to ongoing efforts to bring a complete end to hostilities in West Asia with the US and Israel, as reported by Iran's state news agency ISNA. According to ISNA, Mohammad Eslami, Vice President for Nuclear Affairs and head of the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran, said that external pressure, referring to the US and Israel, to limit Iran's enrichment activities would not succeed, asserting the Islamic Republic's "right to enrichment is non-negotiable." He further stated that no authority could prevent Iran from pursuing its nuclear programme. "The enemies' demands regarding limiting enrichment will not come to pass... The right to enrichment is non-negotiable... No law or individual can stand in



our way," Eslami said, as quoted by ISNA. Dismissing calls from Western countries to curb Tehran's nuclear activities, Eslami said such demands were unrealistic. "The enemies' claims and demands to restrict Iran's enrichment programme are mere pipe dreams that will die with them," he said, as quoted by ISNA. This comes amid a fragile two-week ceasefire aimed at halting hostilities in West Asia between Iran and US-Israel coalition forces, with high-stakes talks scheduled to take place in Islamabad between the concerned

parties to negotiate a comprehensive and lasting end to the conflict. As part of the proposed deal, US President Donald Trump pushed for Tehran to completely give up its nuclear programme, including uranium enrichment, a demand that Iran firmly rejected, reiterating its long-standing position. Earlier on Wednesday, Trump stated that the Islamic Republic has agreed to halt the uranium enrichment programme as part of the deal, while also stating that discussions are underway regarding tariff and sanctions relief on Iran.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump stated that the United States will "work closely" with Iran following what he described as a "very productive Regime Change" in the country. Trump further indicated that several aspects of a broader agreement have already been finalised, suggesting ongoing negotiations between Washington and Tehran. "The United States will work closely with Iran, which we have determined has gone through what will be a very productive Regime Change! There will be no enrichment of Uranium, and the United States will, working with Iran, dig up and remove all of the deeply buried (B-2 Bombers) Nuclear 'Dust.'" It is now, and has been, under very exacting Satellite Surveillance (Space Force!). Nothing has been touched from the date of attack. We are, and will be, talking Tariff and Sanctions relief with Iran. Many of the 15 points have already been agreed to," the post read.

US to keep military presence near Iran till final ceasefire deal: Trump

US President Donald Trump on Thursday said American military forces would remain deployed in and around Iran until a final agreement on the ceasefire is fully implemented, signalling Washington's intent to maintain pressure amid fragile truce conditions in West Asia. "All U.S. Ships, Aircraft, and Military Personnel, with additional Ammunition, Weaponry, and anything else that is appropriate and necessary for the lethal prosecution and destruction of an already substantially degraded Enemy, will remain in place in, and around, Iran, until such time as the REAL AGREEMENT reached is fully complied with," Trump wrote on Truth Social. He warned that any violation of the understanding could trigger a sharp military response. "If for any reason it is not [complied with],



which is highly unlikely, then the 'shooting starts' -- bigger, and better, and stronger than anyone has ever seen before," he said. Reiterating key US objectives, Trump stressed that Iran must not acquire nuclear weapons and that the Strait of Hormuz would remain "open and safe", underscoring the strategic

importance of the vital global oil transit route. The remarks come amid a tenuous ceasefire between the United States and Iran, with tensions persisting despite a temporary halt in hostilities and conflicting claims over the scope of the truce across the region. Trump said US forces were "loading up and resting" even as they remained prepared for further action if required, projecting confidence in both the military's readiness and the broader geopolitical outcome. His assertion signals a hardline stance from Washington as diplomatic efforts continue to secure a durable agreement, with the coming days seen as critical in determining whether the ceasefire holds or slips back into escalation.

Netanyahu vows to continue strikes on Hezbollah "wherever necessary" to restore security in northern Israel

Tel Aviv [Israel], April 9 (ANI): Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has affirmed that Israel will persist in its military operations against Hezbollah, following a series of intense and lethal strikes across Lebanon. In a statement shared via his personal account on X, the Prime Minister emphasised the continued scale of the offensive, noting that the military is "continuing to strike Hezbollah with force, precision, and determination." The remarks come as Israel intensifies its campaign to degrade the group's capabilities, with Netanyahu underscoring the motivation behind the ongoing air strikes. "Our message is clear: anyone who acts against Israeli civilians - we will strike them," he asserted, linking the military action directly to the protection of the public. Maintaining a firm stance on the scope of the operation, the Prime Minister made it clear that geographical boundaries would not limit the air campaign. He stated that the military "will continue to hit Hezbollah wherever necessary," suggesting that the operations will remain expansive.

Israel. However, Israel's continued operation in Lebanon has threatened the temporary ceasefire, with Iran accusing the US-Israel side of violating the agreement. In response to these developments, Tehran has threatened to leave the negotiation talks set to take place in Islamabad this weekend.



Netanyahu further clarified that the ultimate objective of the strikes is to ensure the safe return of displaced citizens to the border regions. He added that the offensive will persist "until we fully restore security to the residents of the north" of

Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, who will lead Tehran's delegation for the talks in Pakistan, has accused the Israeli side of violating three key clauses of the "10-point proposal" on which the temporary ceasefire was initially agreed to kickstart further negotiations. The three clauses that Ghalibaf accused the US and Israel of breaching include the violation of the ceasefire in Lebanon, the violation of Iranian airspace, and the denial of Iran's right to enrich uranium. "The deep historical distrust we hold toward the United States stems from its repeated violations of all forms of commitments, a pattern that has regrettably been repeated once again," Ghalibaf said in a statement. Listing the specific violations, Ghalibaf cited non-compliance with the first clause regarding the ceasefire in Lebanon -- a commitment he noted Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had explicitly declared as "an immediate ceasefire everywhere, including Lebanon and

other regions, effective immediately." Ghalibaf further pointed to the "entry of an intruding drone into Iran airspace," which was destroyed in the city of Lar in Fars Province, as a clear violation of the clause prohibiting airspace breaches. He also highlighted the "denial of Iran's right to enrichment," which was included in the sixth clause of the framework. The Parliament Speaker added that "bilateral ceasefire or negotiations are unreasonable" as the clauses have been violated before the negotiations could even begin. On the other hand, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted that the ceasefire in Lebanon was not included in the temporary agreement. "I insisted that the temporary ceasefire with Iran not include Hezbollah. And we continue to strike them forcefully," Netanyahu stated. He further claimed that Israel dealt Hezbollah its greatest blow since the

pager incidents, attacking "100 targets in 10 minutes, in places that Hezbollah was certain were immune." Netanyahu expressed a firm determination to achieve Israel's objectives through negotiation or by "resuming the fighting." A primary objective for Tel Aviv remains prohibiting Iran from enriching uranium, which Israel believes will be used for nuclear weaponry. "I want to make this clear: We still have goals to complete, and we will achieve them either by agreement or by resuming the fighting. We are prepared to return to combat at any moment required. Our finger is on the trigger," he warned. The Prime Minister maintained that the ceasefire is not the end of the campaign but a "milestone on the path to achieving all goals." Despite the friction, diplomatic engagement between the US and Iran is still scheduled for Islamabad this weekend.

Women living longer than before but not living better: UN report

Women are more likely to have their pain dismissed, their symptoms misread and their conditions diagnosed too late. This is the result of a medical system that was not designed with women in mind, says the latest United Nations report. "For 25 years, the world has made significant progress in advancing women's right to health, particularly in sexual and reproductive care. Women are living longer than ever before -- but they are not living better," it said. Across the world, UN data shows, women are still less likely to be taken seri-

ously, accurately diagnosed or appropriately treated. From misdiagnosis to entrenched medical bias, gaps in healthcare systems continue to affect women's health, safety and quality of life. Although healthcare is a fundamental human right, it is still not guaranteed for all -- and inequality persists in one of the most critical areas of everyday life. According to the global body, from the tools used in examinations to the data that shapes diagnosis and treatment, these gaps are embedded in healthcare systems, with real conse-

quences. It, however, said there had been measurable progress in women's health parameters. "Between 2000 and 2023, maternal mortality declined by 40 per cent, from 328 to 197 deaths per 100,000 live births. Adolescent fertility rates fell from 66.3 to 38.3 births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19 between 2000 and 2024. Skilled birth attendance rose from 60.9 to 86.6 per cent, and the proportion of women using modern family planning methods increased from 73.7 to 77.1 per cent," the report noted.

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Eat Smart this Summer with this Protein-Packed Diet

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Summer has arrived early, and with beach trips on the horizon, now is the perfect time to kickstart your fitness routine. While gym sessions are essential, diet plays an equally vital role in sculpting and maintaining a healthy body weight. Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head of Dietetics at Max Healthcare -- New Delhi, recommends this straightforward, protein-rich plan featuring California Almonds, Greek Yoghurt, and Salmon. Morning Kickstart: California Almonds and Boiled Eggs Begin your day with a few California Almonds. Rich in protein, healthy fats, vitamin E, and magnesium, they help sustain energy levels without sudden spikes. They are an excellent addition to any fitness-focused diet. Pair them with two boiled eggs for



complete protein. This combo is portable, filling, and perfect for busy mornings. Lunch: Grilled Chicken Breast Salad Opt for grilled chicken breast tossed with mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, and cucumber. This meal delivers lean protein, fibre, and hydration from veggies, keeping you light yet satisfied through the afternoon. Evening Snack: Greek Yoghurt with Chia Seeds Recharge in the late afternoon with

Greek yoghurt topped with a teaspoon of chia seeds. This snack delivers probiotics for gut health, sustained energy, and a refreshing, cooling effect. Dinner: Baked Salmon with Quinoa End your day with a baked salmon fillet served alongside cooked quinoa and steamed broccoli. This nutrient-rich plate offers omega-3 fatty acids for skin health, anti-inflammatory benefits, and complete proteins to support overnight muscle repair. This simple routine emphasises supporting muscle building, controlling hunger, and aiding weight management. Avoid heavy carbs in the afternoons as they are difficult to digest. Aim for portion control, good hydration and light exercise. These easy, practical tips can help you stay fit and energised during the summer heat.

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Mammootty vs Mohanlal: who is hero in Patriot?



Mollywood legend Mammootty has shared exciting details about his upcoming film Patriot. The film is directed by Mahesh Narayanan. It brings together Mammootty and Mohanlal once again. This reunion has created strong excitement among fans across South India. During a recent interaction, Mammootty spoke about the core idea of the film. He was asked about who is the main hero in Patriot. Anchor asked, "In KHxRK promo, Rajinikanth sir and Kamal Haasan sir will be asking the director who is hero, likewise you and Mohanlal sir asked who is the Hero in Patriot." He said "No We both know that plot is the Hero. There is no such Ego between you and Mohanlal will act in my films and I used to act in his films". Mammootty also explained that Patriot is not a usual star based film. He said the story is the main focus of the movie and believes that the audience will connect

more with the content than with the actors. He said "The film actually is driven by its content. It has a story and it has a plot. This is not a film made on formula, it will be a formula making film". The shooting of the film took around 130 days. It was filmed in different places in India and also in some foreign locations. The story has an international backdrop and deals with serious topics. Mammootty shared that the team hopes such events never happen in real life. Talking about working again with Mohanlal, Mammootty said everything felt natural. They share a close friendship in real life and their families also have a good relationship. This comfort helped them during the shoot and made the process smooth. The film also stars Fahadh Faasil, Kunchacko, Boban, Nayanthara, Darshana, Rajendran and Revathi. The film is expected to release across India on May 1 2026.

Adivi Sesh's Dacoit Nears Half Million Mark in Advance Bookings



Adivi Sesh is ready to impress audiences once again with his new film Dacoit. The movie is an action and romantic drama directed by Shaneil Deo and produced by Supriya Yarlagadda under SS Creations. The film is creating strong buzz even before its release. Adivi Sesh is known for giving back to back successful films. Because of this strong track record, fans have high expectations for Dacoit. The teaser and trailer have already grabbed attention and the visuals look stylish and the story appears intense. These promotions helped the film gain interest across different regions. The movie is set

to release tomorrow. Special premiere shows are planned in the USA Hyderabad and Mumbai and the response from overseas markets is already very impressive. In the United States alone the premiere advance bookings have crossed 226 thousand dollars. The film is expected to reach more than 325 thousand dollars from premiere shows. This is higher than the actor's previous best numbers set by Major. In North America, the total advance bookings for premiere and first day have reached around 315 thousand dollars. The weekend advance sales are close to 415 thousand dollars. This

shows that the film is moving towards a strong opening. The situation in India is also very positive. In just one day nearly 30 thousand tickets were booked on BookMyShow in the Telugu states. This clearly shows the growing fan base of Adivi Sesh. Audiences are eager to watch the film on the big screen. Trade experts believe that Dacoit will give one of the biggest openings in Adivi Sesh's career. The strong advance bookings and positive buzz are clear signs of success. If the movie gets good reviews after release then it may turn into another big hit for the actor.

Malayalam film Clocks Rs.100 Cr, Telugu Version Incoming

Another small budgeted Malayalam film, woven around youths, especially those of +2 students and the life next, is doing unthinkable at the box office. The film is "Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros", which turned into a surprise box office winner. Released on April 2, the film is already past the ₹100 crore mark. And this is not a star-driven film. It revolves around +2 students, their friendships, confusion about the future, and that transition phase after school. Simple setup. But clearly, it has connected big time with youth. Reports are coming that some Telugu producers are now trying to bring this movie into Telugu, as the original version is going unstoppable at the Box Office. Previously, the delay in the release of such superhit films like Alappuzha Gymkhana ended up in losses for the Telugu version, so literally, they are hurrying. This trend is not new. Recently, Premalu did very well in Telugu too. Without big stars, without heavy promotions, it still



connected because of its relatability. So naturally, distributors are convinced that Vaazha II will repeat the same success in Telugu. Of course, youth-centric content is clearly working, but only when the content is engaging. In recent times, films like Couple Friendly got appreciated but haven't made good money, while Tamil dubbed movies like Youth and With Love, whose originals are superhits, have failed to click in Telugu. Only if the comedy and the portrayals feel real and not forced, these films work; not every Malayalam hit translates the same way at the Telugu box office.

Ram Charan out of State, item song on Hold



It is almost confirmed now that Peddi is not arriving on April 30th as planned, if we look at the factors around it. The makers are already working on a new release date. At the same time, one pending piece is holding things back, which is nothing but the special song. A set has been completed, and everything is ready, but the actress for the song is still not locked. That's where the delay is happening. Meanwhile, the film's leading man, RRR star Ram Charan, is said to have taken it easy. He stepped out of the city and flew to Jamnagar for Anant Ambani's birthday celebrations. Before leaving, he asked the team to finalise the actress so that the shoot could happen quickly once he was back. Because here is the thing. The song shoot is just a two-day job. There were early rumours about Mrunal Thakur coming on board. But it looks like that didn't go through. Reports say her remuneration demand was on the higher side, and the team decided to drop the idea. Then another name started doing rounds, which is of Telugu beauty Manasa Varanasi. But even that is not confirmed yet. So the situation is still unclear as to who will do the hyped Item Song in this movie. On the other side, director Buchi Babu Sana is in Chennai working with AR Rahman on the background score. At the same time, producer Venkata Satish Kilaru is in talks with Netflix regarding the revised release plans. Everything should fall into place in the next few days, most probably.

A Dhurandhar Lesson For Rajamouli



Legendary filmmaker SS Rajamouli is easily the biggest commercial filmmaker we have today. The scale he operates on is different. The kind of world he creates demands huge budgets. And naturally, huge recoveries if his producers have to sustain for a long time. Right now, he is working with Superstar Mahesh Babu on Varanasi, a film being made with a budget that is touching Rs.1000 crore. That itself tells you the game. But here is where things get interesting. Aditya Dhar's masterpiece, Ranveer Singh starrer Dhurandhar 2, despite all the hype, strong content, and sequel advantage, is struggling to reach the Rs.2000 crore mark. It is doing big numbers, no doubt, but that Rs.1700 crore recovery from Part 2 and Rs.1000+ crores recovery from Part 1 isn't a big number as the expected peak hasn't happened. If a film like that couldn't comfortably cross Rs.2000 crore, how easy is it for Varanasi?

Also, if a film like Dhurandhar, made with Rs.250 crores for two parts, makes a total revenue of Rs.3000 crores, how much should Varanasi make? We have seen this before. Even massive films need the right markets. RRR worked globally because it broke into the West, especially the US market. That recall still helps Rajamouli. But relying only on traditional markets might not be enough this time. Films like Dargamade huge money from China. Some Indian films like Baahubali and RRR clicked well in Japan too. That market alone pushed it to a different level. So Rajamouli should focus more on those markets, if the Dhurandhar lesson is anything to teach him. Even trade experts say that China and Japan might have deeper penetration than the West, as Indian content is pretty much liked there, if dubbed well. That's where the real game is.

Supriya's Production Logo: Not Just Design, It's family

A new production house logo usually comes and goes. But some are here to stay. Looks like this lady producer's logo is also going to stay the same way. Supriya Yarlagadda, known as Akkineni Nagarjuna's niece, recently unveiled the logo of SS Creations. At first glance, it looks simple. A grandfather helping his granddaughter walk. Then slowly, his hand spreads across the frame. The screen fills. The title appears in a kumkum shade. Supriya herself revealed that this logo took almost two years to complete. At the same time, her upcoming film Dacoit took on the production sets. Each element in this logo animation has meaning. The hand represents Akkineni Nageswara Rao's panche. The kumkum tone

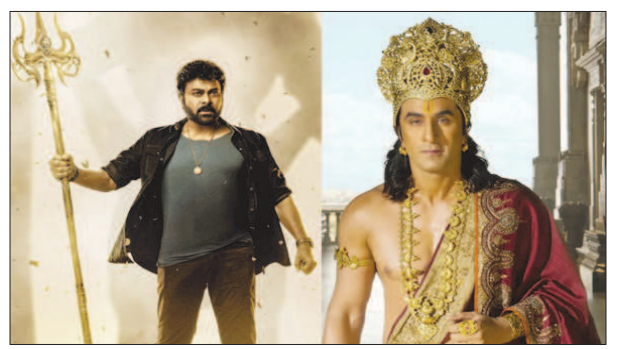
comes from her grandmother. The little girl in the visual represents her daughter. Even the background score is not random. It is picked from Gayam, a film produced by her father. If you look at it that way, this is not just branding, but it is a memory. In Telugu cinema, we have seen production houses carry on the legacy. The likes of Ramanaidu Studios, Geetha Arts, Vyjayanthi Movies, Annapurna Studios, all of them stand for something beyond films, and their logos also speak volumes. We have to see if SS Creations also builds that kind of identity? While the emotional detailing connects instantly, it's the films that define the banner, so everything depends on Dacoit's performance.



Can Chiru's Vishwambhara Beat Ramayana?

Right now, all eyes are on two big VFX-heavy films. On one side, Ramayana, made by Bollywood, with a budget of almost ₹4000 crores, is getting right, left and centre by the audience for its VFX, though they are very good. On the other side, Vishwambhara, starring Megastar Chiranjeevi, is getting delayed from a year or so regarding producing the VFX only. Ranbir Kapoor's Ramayana, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, is mounted on a massive scale with a huge budget, international technicians and backed by a top VFX studio like DNEG. Definitely, this is one of the most ambitious Indian films ever in terms of visuals, but the teaser also faced criticism. Some felt the VFX looked AI-generated, and some said it felt like a video game. That's where the comparison begins.

Vishwambhara, directed by Vassishtha, is also a fantasy film relying heavily on visuals. The film is said to have a strong mythological touch mixed with commercial elements. For Chiranjeevi, this is a crucial film after a mixed phase, and the expectation is that it delivers both



visually and emotionally. However, after the teaser misfired, the producers took more than 2 years to crack the next, but nothing is coming out. Now, here is the real discussion. Adipurush had scale, but failed due to poor visual quality and lack of believability. On the other hand, films like Baahubali worked not just because of VFX, but because the world felt real. So naturally, the question is simple. Can Vishwambhara get that balance right? For Vishwambhara, beating Ramayana in pure VFX quality might be tough. But beating it in aesthetics, emotional connect, and believability? That is very much possible. At the end of the day, it's not about who spends more. It's about who convinces more.

Allu Arvind Pushing Many Others Into Production

Mega producer Allu Arvind hasn't produced a solid direct film after his maiden banner Geetha Arts delivered a stupendous movie like "Ala Vaikuntapurramlo". However, they have funded and acquired a lot of films for the banner. But then, Arvind encouraged the likes of Bunny Vasu, SKN, and Dheeraj Mogilineni by funding their movies. It looks like he wants to fund many others in the same way and make them producers now.

Reports are coming that Allu Arvind wants to create as many producers as possible, by lending them money, and taking a short interest rate, while distributing the produced film through his channels. Currently, he's said to be transforming those who have associated with Aha OTT as producers, as they are coming up with a



movie that will have two key people from Aha as producers.

On the other hand, he has given an investment for Ajith Thakur and BVS Ravi to produce their debut movie with Allari Nares, which happens to be a remake. Earlier, Allu Arvind similarly funded Bunny Vas and Dheeraj Mogilineni too, and continues to do so, but somehow the GA2 banner was diluted now.

Many are wondering why Arvind wants to fund a lot of producers into the industry. But this could be seen as a content-creating mechanism. Rather than making many films on his banner by hiring a big team like Dharma Productions, maybe Arvind is empowering other players, such that his Geetha Artist distribution and exhibition circuits get a lot of feed.

Hanu Raghavapudi Fauzi Progresses with Dual Units

Fauzi is becoming one of the most awaited films in Prabhas' career. The movie team is working very hard to complete the film as early as possible. Their main goal is to release the movie soon after the official announcement. To speed up the process, the makers have planned smartly. They have created a second unit to handle parallel shooting. This helps in saving time and keeps the production moving without delay. While one team focuses on important scenes another team is working on action sequences at the same time. It is also reported that Director Hanu Raghavapudi is personally handling the key scenes with the main actors. These scenes are very important for the story and emotions. At the same time the action episodes are being shot separately by another unit. Fauzi is said to be a strong emotional drama. The story will focus more on feelings and characters rather than only action. Hanu has written a deep and meaningful script that puts Prabhas in



a powerful role. Fans can expect a different side of him in this film.

The movie stars Imanvi as the female lead. The cast also includes well known actors like Anupam Kher, Mithun Chakraborty and Jayapradha. Rahul Ravindran and Chaitra J Achar are also playing important roles. The film is produced by Mythri Movie Makers on a very large scale. The budget is said to be around 700 crore which makes it one of the biggest projects in Indian cinema. Music is composed by Vishal Chandrasekhar which adds more value to the film.

Brazil's Laura Cardoso scripts history, picks 9-wicket haul in a T20I

Gaborone, April 9 : Brazil's Laura Cardoso produced a historic bowling performance to rewrite the record books in T20I cricket, registering the best figures ever in the format during the BCA Kalahari Women's T20I Tournament 2026. The Brazilian skipper returned extraordinary figures of 9/4 in just three overs against Lesotho, becoming the first player across men's and women's T20Is to claim nine wickets in a single innings.



Her remarkable burst began early, with a hat-trick in her second over, setting the tone for Brazil's dominance. She followed it up with four more wickets in her next over to race to seven scalps, before adding two more in her third over to complete an unprecedented nine-wicket haul. Lesotho's innings folded

for just 13 in 6.2 overs, with Marianne Artur claiming the only wicket not taken by Cardoso, sealing a crushing 189-run victory for Brazil. Earlier, Brazil had posted an imposing total of 202, built on solid contributions from Roberta Avery, who made 48 off 35 balls, and Monnike Machado, who remained unbeaten on 69 off 41 deliveries.

Brazil have been in dominant form throughout the tournament. In a previous fixture, they outclassed Zambia Women by 174 runs in a comprehensive all-round display. Cardoso led from the front with a quickfire half-century, while Laura Agatha struck 62 as the pair stitched together a crucial 105-run partnership to guide the side to 200/5. Zambia's response in that match faltered early and never recovered, as they were bowled out for just 26 in 15.1 overs. Maria Ribeiro starred with a five-wicket haul, while Cardoso contributed with three wickets to dismantle the batting lineup.

With commanding performances in both batting and bowling departments, Brazil have emerged as a formidable force in the tournament.

High tension permeated the cool air at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here on Wednesday as Delhi Capitals and Gujarat Titans engaged in a high-scoring cliffhanger in the Indian Premier League. Twists and turns unfolded at breakneck speed, with Shubman Gill's Titans prevailing by one run in the end. In response to GT's 210 for four, DC finished on 209 for eight. With two runs required off the final ball, David Miller swung hard at a short ball by Prasadidh Krishna. But the southpaw failed to make contact, and as he and Kuldeep Yadav scampered for a single, the latter was found short at the striker's end after wicketkeeper Jos Buttler hit the stumps. Off the penultimate ball, Miller had pulled Prasadidh towards fine-leg and had an easy run on offer, but he chose to stay at his end and face the final delivery. The South African may rue that decision in hindsight. For GT, leg-spinner Rashid Khan was sensational with figures of 4-0-

17-3. Gill, Buttler and Washington Sundar also played their roles with fine half-centuries earlier in the evening. That DC came this close was down to K.L. Rahul's 92 and Miller's late heroics. The host appeared to have run out of steam with 36 runs to get off the last two overs and four wickets in hand. But Miller, having retired hurt at the start of the 14th over due to a hand injury before coming back in the 17th, hadn't resigned to that idea. He walloped Mohammed Siraj for two sixes and a four in the penultimate over, whittling down the requirement to 13 off six balls. In a game where runs were aplenty,



Rashid lent a decisive hand with crucial strikes.

The ace leggie had Nitish Rana caught at long-off, thanks to an excellent grab by B. Sai Sudharsan in the 10th over, and then cleaned up the in-form Sameer Rizvi with a masterful wrong 'un. A little later, Axar Patel became Rashid's third victim on the night. It eventually condemned DC to defeat by the narrowest of margins.

Andhra Open 2026: Khalin Joshi extends lead to three shots on Day 3

Visakhapatnam: Khalin Joshi carded a one-under 70 to extend his lead to three shots at seven-under 206 after round three of the INR 1 crore Andhra Open 2026 at the East Point Golf Club in Visakhapatnam on Thursday. The Bengaluru-based 33-year-old Khalin (68-68-70), a six-time winner, who opened the week at the PGTI event with rounds of 68 and 68, now carries a comfortable advantage into the final round. The Dubai-based Yash Majmudar (71-69-69) and Delhi's Rashid Khan (70-72-67) were tied second at four-under 209. Majmudar returned a 69, while Rashid produced the day's best round of 67 to move into contention. Joshi's round was defined by a strong recovery after a shaky start that included three three-putts early

on. He bounced back with a tap-in birdie on the seventh after his approach shot left him inches from the hole, and then delivered a crucial eagle on the par-5 12th, where he sank a 15-footer. "I didn't get off to a good start, but I stayed patient and trusted my ball-striking. I'm driving it well and hitting my irons solid, so I just need to keep the putter going. I'm proud of the way I handled myself on the course despite the poor start and fought back on the back nine. Going into the final round, I've been in such situations before, so I know that I just need to be in my zone and play good golf shots, and that should take care of everything else," Joshi said. The par-5 seventh has been adjusted to a 477-yard par-4, bringing the course par down to 71.

Majmudar, a San Diego University graduate, continued to impress with his unconventional one-handed chipping technique and looked set to close within two shots before a bogey on the final hole dropped him back into a tie for second. Rashid, a two-time Asian Tour winner, surged into contention with a strong penultimate round of 67, which included an eagle, five birdies, and three bogeys. Kolkata's Viraj Madappa (69-71-71), the youngest Indian winner on the Asian Tour and a winner on the DP World PGTI last season, was tied fourth at two-under 211 alongside Greater Noida's Arjun Sharma (71-70-70), who has been one of the consistent performers on the DP World PGTI.

KKR brace for Shami challenge in LSG clash

Out of tune and bereft of ideas, Kolkata Knight Riders may ring in sweeping changes in search of their first win of the season when they face a Mohammed Shami-inspired Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL, here on Thursday. Shami is fresh from his outstanding 2/9 against Sunrisers Hyderabad, where he dismissed Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head in successive overs -- the same duo who had battered KKR the other day. The 'local' man Shami, a fine exponent of straight seam bowling and movement, will relish the conditions at Eden Gardens and could emerge as a key threat for a KKR who are yet to win after three matches. A glimpse

of what to expect was seen on Monday when PBKS' Australian speedster Xavier Bartlett showed how effective straight seam bowling can be on a grassy Eden pitch, blowing away KKR's top order by dismissing overseas duo Finn Allen and Cameron Green in the space of three balls. From 16/2 in two overs, KKR were fortunate to escape with a point after their match against Punjab Kings was washed out. Geographic Reference Because of a trough stretching from Gangetic West Bengal to the Gulf of Mannar, rain has been a constant over the past three days and is forecast around late Wednesday and early Thursday.



However, being a late 7.30pm start the match is unlikely to be affected much, which should lift the mood. Coming back to the contest, while Shami will be a major threat in the power play, tackling the rest of LSG's attack including Prince Yadav

and mystery spinner Digvish Rathi could also be decisive. LSG's strength lies in their power play bowling, something evident when they reduced both Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad to identical scores of 26/4 early on.

IPL 2026: BCCI reveals phase 2 of Fan Parks in 30 cities across 18 states & 1 UT

Mumbai, April 9 : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced Phase 2 of the IPL Fan Parks 2026, aimed at delivering the exciting IPL experience to 30 cities across 18 states and 1 Union Territory, thereby broadening the league's nationwide reach. The Fan Parks will take place across six weekends, from April 18-19 to May 23-24, providing fans in various regions with an opportunity to experience the IPL in a vibrant, community-oriented environment. Several cities such as Puthuppally (Kerala), Mangalagiri (Andhra Pradesh), Chamba and Mandi (Himachal Pradesh), Golaghat and Silchar (Assam), and Imphal (Manipur) will host the IPL Fan Parks for the first time, expanding the initiative to new regions and audiences. Every weekend, multiple Fan Parks will be held in the North, South, East, and West zones to promote broad regional participation and boost fan engagement. "Each Fan Park will continue to feature live match screenings, along with a host of engaging on-ground experiences including music, entertainment, food courts, kids' play zones, and interactive activities such as virtual batting zones, bowling nets, face paint-

ing, and fan-favourite games like Pitch Perfect (a game of balance), Game of Throws (test your aim) and Don't Miss the Ball (a fast-paced quick reflex challenge)," the BCCI said in a statement. The Fan Parks will be held across the following weekends: **Week 4: April 18 & 19** Bathinda, Punjab Kota, Rajasthan Belagavi, Karnataka Puthuppally, Kerala Jamsheer, Jharkhand **Week 5: April 25 & 26** Amritsar, Punjab Bikaner, Rajasthan Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh Dindigul, Tamil Nadu Dhanbad, Jharkhand **Week 6: May 2 & 3** Chamba, Himachal Pradesh Surat, Gujarat Solapur, Maharashtra Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu Siliguri, West Bengal

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IPL 2026: When Rashid's back-to-basics masterclass turned tide in GT's favour

New Delhi, April 9 : The numbers from Wednesday night's edge of the seat thriller in IPL 2026 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium tell the story of a batting carnage. Delhi Capitals and Gujarat Titans combined to make 419 runs, including 39 fours and 21 sixes being hit. DC's spinners were at the receiving end of some blazing big-hitting from Shubman Gill, Jos Buttler and Washington Sundar to concede 97 runs in eight overs at an economy rate of 12.12. But one man refused to follow the same script -- Gujarat Titans leg-spinner Rashid Khan, who threw a spanner in DC's batting plans by picking 3-17 in four overs at an economy rate of 4.25 and shifted the game in his team's favour to eventually prevail by one run. The signs of Rashid having a huge say in the game came in the fifth over of the power-play, when he beat KL Rahul on the outside edge with a leg-break spinning away sharply. But it was when DC crossed 100 in 9.4 overs that Rashid finally decided to have his say. Nitish Rana miscued a googly from Rashid to a diving B Sai Sudharsan running in from long-off, just after he managed to survive an lbw review. The most telling effect, though, came when Sameer Rizvi -- DC's saviour both of their successful chases -- was bamboozled by a googly spinning in to castle him through the gate for a golden duck. The Rizvi-Rashid match-up was one of the intriguing sub-plots in the clash and the leg-spinner prevailed in it in an emphatic fashion. Rashid would sign off from the night by flogging Axar Patel with yet another googly which gripped and spun away, as the batter sliced to extra cover. Each of Rashid's three scalps fell for single-digit scores and on the googly. The hallmark of Rashid's bowling has



always been the ability to attack the stumps relentlessly, and not giving batters much room to break free. With the quicker pace he bowls, it becomes difficult to send the ball over boundary ropes, which Rana, Rizvi and Axar realised. IPL 2026 has been witness to Rashid being back to his best self after getting only ten and nine wickets in last two seasons, apart from the economy rate having an alarming spike. Rashid being taken apart frequently by batters in the last two years had a lot to do with him pushing through the pain to play the 2023 ODI World Cup and later underwent a back surgery that would rule him out until early 2024. "I was told to get a back surgery after IPL 2023, but after that season, the doctor told me, 'You need a surgery, you can't just keep playing with that.' But then, we had the 2023 ODI World Cup and I told him 'I wanna play this World Cup.' I think I pushed myself a lot in that World Cup and after that, it was really bad - even I was not able to walk after the tournament. But that's where I had the surgery and after the surgery, I was very, very careful with my back," Rashid later said in the post-match press conference. Though the surgery repaired the structural damage, Rashid's pace dropped, lengths became wayward and the zip -- so essential for his ability to hurry batters and

deny them room -- went missing. "That affected my bowling action, the release and everything. So, I was trying to be careful, but with that, I missed a little bit of my rhythm. I was trying to bowl slow for 2-3-4 months, where I was not in that shape, like, before the surgery. "After having a bad season (in 2025) I thought, 'okay, what's wrong now? Where I'm, what's the thing I'm missing? I felt like it was the whole rhythm, from starting to the finishing. What it was not allowing me was that there was a bit of pain in the back still. I was scared of, like, what's gonna happen if I push it again?" Giving himself time off after IPL 2025 to solely work on his fitness came as a big blessing for Rashid. "So, I worked on my core and tried my best to make it as strong as possible and then go on with full energy. When I had a couple of three good months off, I had a good hundred competition in the UK. "So since that, things got started again. But more importantly, I try my best to just work on my fitness. That's something which I can improve and that allows my body to bowl with full rhythm." The data from Wednesday's game throws light on how Rashid was at his best self - of the 24 balls Rashid bowled, 11 landed on a good length -- yielding him two wickets at an economy of just 2.18. Even when he dropped short, it was more pitched on the back-of-

the-length area. Where once Rashid may have loaded up with variations, he stuck to his basics and dished out a masterclass in it. "Sometimes you think far ahead of the things which are not going to happen soon. If you're batting, you think about your bowling and that's something which is like you're putting an extra pressure on yourself already. For me, it's like there will be a time when you get a good wicket or a bad wicket to bowl on, and a flat wicket. "But the more important thing is, when you're conceding runs on those wickets, you have to see your line and length. That's something which is more important than anything else you think about it. I feel, in the last two games, I think I bowled well, but where I conceded runs, it was just, like, the length I have missed. I shouldn't really think about, like, okay, what's the result, but the result is like if I hit the right area, the right thing is going to happen. "If I bowl badly, anybody can hit me. So I feel as a bowler, you should think about, like, okay, what's the toughest ball I can bowl on this wicket to make it harder for the batter? If you're making the job easier for the batter where he wants, then I don't think so on these wickets and boundaries, there's any good enough total to defend. So I feel it's more important that you have the control over where you want to bowl," he elaborated. The scorecard will draw the fans' eyes to the fifties made by batters from both teams. But those who watched the game closely know whose four overs really set up GT's first win of IPL 2026. On a night built for a batting spectacle, the difference between winning and losing was, in the end, the distance between every-one else and Rashid sticking to his basics.

TANISHQ MARKS A NEW CHAPTER IN NATURAL GEMSTONE CATEGORY BY ROPING IN RUKMINI VASANTH AS THE FACE OF ITS NEW CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTH

As we approach the auspicious festival of Akshaya Tritiya, Tanishq, India's leading jewellery brand from the House of Tata, unveils its latest launch in the natural gemstones category featuring Rukmini Vasanth. In South India, gemstones have always been more than adornment, they are tradition, identity, and everyday elegance. From temple jewellery influences to vibrant celebrations, colored gemstones are deeply woven into the region's aesthetic language. The South has embraced the richness of rubies, emeralds, and other vivid stones as a staple, and Rukmini Vasanth embodies the modern South Indian jewellery as Tanishq's new face in the south. Effortlessly elegant and refreshingly modern, she embodies the spirit of Hues, the latest collection where individuality meets timeless grace. Hues collection reimagines the way gold is experienced this Akshaya Tritiya, moving beyond traditional, investment-led purchases to jewellery that is expressive and meant to be worn. The new Hues collection takes centre stage with a focused design language that celebrates contemporary colour stories in gold, crafted for those seeking distinctive yet affordable fine jew-



ellery, starting at an accessible price of Rs.35,000. Bringing together sculptural forms, radiant gemstones, and precision cuts that reveal the depth in every hue. Each piece places colour at its core, crafted for the woman who embraces jewellery as a reflection of her mood, style, and spirit. With a renewed focus on natural-colored gemstones, the collection deepens Tanishq's presence in a category the region already values, pairing contemporary design with timeless preference. The use of smooth, cabochon-cut stones introduces a sculpted, luminous quality, while layered colour compositions and techniques such as bunching and slicing add depth, texture, and a sense of movement, resulting in jewellery that feels dynamic and distinctly modern. Bringing together a curated selection of natural coloured gemstones such as emeralds, amethysts, citrines, tourmalines, and tanzanites, among others,

each stone is sourced with expertise and selected through rigorous quality benchmarks for its exceptional colour, clarity, and intrinsic character. This lends the collection a sense of rarity and authenticity, while ensuring both beauty and durability for everyday wear. The range spans statement neck pieces & bangles for special occasions, alongside lighter earrings, rings, and pendant sets designed for everyday elegance, offering a versatile wardrobe that balances the enduring value of gold with the vibrance of contemporary design. At the heart of this narrative is Rukmini Vasanth, introduced as the face of the campaign and a symbol of the contemporary South Indian woman. Marking the beginning of a long-term collaboration with Tanishq, her association signals a shared vision that extends beyond a single season. Effortlessly elegant and refreshingly modern, she embodies the spirit of Hues, where individuality meets timeless grace. Brought to life through a series of striking images, the campaign captures Rukmini in moments that celebrate both strength and softness. Styled to highlight the vibrancy and sculptural beauty of each piece, the visuals create a seamless interplay of colour, form, and emotion.

Irrespective Of Two Week Ceasefire, Demand For Impeachment Of Trump Grows In U.S. Congress



It seems that President Trump's Truth Social post, which threatened "a whole civilisation will die tonight" and raised the spectre of nuclear war, has jolted the American lawmakers, and it has begun a chorus of calls either for Trump's impeachment or for his removal via the invocation of the 25th Amendment. Though the US, Iran and Israel agreed to a two-week truce on Tuesday (April 7), just an hour before Trump's deadline to escalate the conflict expired, Tehran has also presented a counter proposal, which includes lifting sanctions, creating a war-loss fund, a potential US troop withdrawal from the Gulf, and recognition of

Iran's right to enrich uranium in exchange for a pledge not to build nuclear weapons. So far, it is unclear whether the US has agreed to any of these proposals. Tehran agreed to temporarily reopen the Strait of Hormuz, while the White House confirmed Israel's participation. The breakthrough followed talks with Pakistan's leadership, which had pushed for a ceasefire. Under the agreement, safe passage will be coordinated, with Iran and Oman allowed to charge transit fees on passing ships. Tehran plans to use the revenue for post-war reconstruction. All this comes in the backdrop of a post by the POTUS on

Truth Social using F*** and B***** words repeatedly. Apparently, this post forced the Democratic lawmakers to return to Washington immediately to hold a vote on how to end the Iran war. The statement, signed by Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York and other top House Democratic lawmakers, said President Trump is "completely unhinged" and that a vote is necessary to stop the president before he "plunges the country into World War III.", reported the Wall Street Journal. The House is currently out of session until Monday. A bipartisan War Powers Resolution opposing the war in Iran previously failed by a

212-219 vote in the House in March, as lawmakers largely voted along party lines. The reticence expressed by Democrats about removing President Donald Trump from office — even after he ousted Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and attacked Iran without seeking congressional approval — quickly fell away after his latest threat to Iran. "This is a threat of genocide and merits removal from office. The President's mental faculties are collapsing and cannot be trusted," Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, posted to X on Tuesday. "To every individual in the President's chain of command: You have a duty to refuse illegal orders. That includes carrying out this threat." The chance of Trump being removed from office is low, and his Cabinet members — who would have to play an active role in invoking the 25th Amendment — routinely publicly praise him. According to CNBC, talk of removal began even before the Tuesday Truth Social post, after Trump started the clock on Iran with an Easter Sunday post threatening to attack Iranian bridges and power plants if the country did not soon make a deal. Former House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, said in a statement late Tuesday that Trump should be removed from office one way or another: "If the Cabinet is not willing to invoke the 25th Amendment and restore sanity, Republicans must reconvene Congress to end this war." Pelosi said. Even his close Republican supporters like Wisconsin Republican Senator Ron Johnson broke with Trump on his threats to bomb Iran's civilian infrastructure, saying in a podcast Monday, "I hope and pray" he is "using this as bluster." "I do not want to see us start blowing up civilian infrastructure ... We are not at war with the Iranian people. We are trying to liberate them," Johnson, a Trump ally who rarely breaks with the president, said on the "John Solomon Reports" podcast, reports ABC News. But in reality, as per CNBC reports neither impeachment nor the use of the 25th Amendment is likely at the moment, with Republicans in control of both chambers and no open revolt within the Trump administration over the Iran war. Section 4 of the 25th Amendment has never been invoked and would require buy-in from Vice President JD Vance, the Cabinet and eventually two-thirds of Congress if

Trump argued he is not incapacitated. Vance, who would assume the role of president if the 25th Amendment were invoked, on Tuesday lauded Trump from a stage in Budapest where he spoke in support of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. Even a Jewish leader in the US has decried President Trump's threat to destroy "a whole civilisation" as his deadline for Iran nears. "We know what it means when leaders call for communities and populations to be wiped out," Amy Spitalnick, CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, says in a statement. "Any suggestion that this advances Jewish or Israeli safety is simply an exploitation of our community to advance horrific war crimes and the President's broader extreme anti-democratic agenda", reports Times of Israel. She urged people to recognise "multiple truths" that Iran's government is repressive and dangerous, but the Trump administration is increasingly flouting its constitutional and humanitarian obligations. In its analysis the news website The Hill dissecting the president's post on Truth Social says that let's just strip away the shock value for a moment and consider what this represents in practical terms.

Oil's Relief Movement Due To Ceasefire Masks Deeper Market Risks

Tehran: Oil markets have responded to the Iran ceasefire in the way they often react to any pause in conflict near a critical supply artery: with visible relief, but not full conviction. Prices have pulled back sharply from their war-risk peaks as traders moved to price in a temporary easing of immediate geopolitical danger. That retreat, however, should not be mistaken for a return to calm. The ceasefire has lowered the temperature, but it has not removed the heat source. What the market is now grappling with is the difference between a short-term de-escalation and a durable restoration of security in one of the world's most sensitive energy corridors.

That distinction matters because crude does not trade only on barrels produced and barrels consumed. It also trades on the perceived reliability of moving those barrels from producer to customer. The Strait of Hormuz remains central to that calculation. Even when open, it is a narrow and exposed transit point through which a large share of global seaborne oil and liquefied natural gas flows. Any hint of disruption there, whether through direct military action, threats to shipping, naval stand-offs, or higher insurance and freight costs, immediately feeds into the price of oil. A ceasefire may reduce the probability of an imminent incident, but it does not erase the vulnerability that has already been exposed to the market.

This is why many analysts treat the pullback in crude with caution rather than confidence. The decline reflects the unwinding of the most acute fear premium, not the disappearance of the broader geopolitical premium. Traders may have marked down the likelihood of a near-term supply shock, but they have not re-rated the region as risk-free. Once a market has been reminded that a chokepoint can become a flashpoint overnight, that memory does not fade quickly. Pricing behaviour changes. Positioning becomes more defensive. Hedging demand increases. Buyers, refiners and shipping firms begin to assign a higher cost to uncertainty, even during periods of nominal calm.

That embedded premium is important because it alters the base from which future prices move. Oil may not need a fresh escalation to remain elevated relative to its pre-crisis range. It only needs enough unresolved tension to keep participants wary. In that sense, the ceasefire acts less as a reset button and more as a pressure valve. It releases some of the extreme upward force but leaves the system structurally tense. The market can breathe more easily, yet it continues to breathe shallowly.

Underlying supply risks also extend beyond the immediate Iran-related confrontation. Global oil balances have for some time been shaped by a mix of fragile spare capacity, producer discipline, sanctions, shipping constraints and uneven investment in new supply. That backdrop makes the system more sensitive to geopolitical shocks than it appears at first glance. When inventories are not abundant and spare production is concentrated in a small number of countries, the margin for error shrinks. Even a theoretical disruption acquires pricing power because the market knows there are limits to how fast replacement barrels can be mobilised and delivered.

This is one reason oil is unlikely to return quickly to earlier lows. A market that has absorbed a geopolitical shock begins to price not only the event itself but also the possibility of recurrence. Traders understand that ceasefires in the region can be fragile, reversible and vulnerable to miscalculation. A single incident involving tankers, offshore infrastructure, militias or military patrols could revive the risk premium almost instantly. The ceiling may have moved lower in the short term, but the floor has also moved higher. That is what an embedded premium looks like in practice.

There is also a logistical dimension that is often underestimated in broader commentary. Reopening Hormuz, even temporarily, is not the same as normalising energy flows. Shipping companies, insurers, commodity merchants and importers do not revert to pre-crisis behaviour the moment a ceasefire is announced. Risk committees remain active. Insurance premia may stay elevated. Tanker availability can remain constrained if operators continue to avoid exposure or demand higher compensation. Delivery schedules may take time to stabilise. Some buyers may continue to diversify routes and supply sources, even at higher cost, because resilience becomes a commercial priority after a shock. The physical market therefore tends to heal more slowly than the headline market.

For large importers in Asia and Europe, that persistence of risk carries wider economic implications. A fall in crude prices after a ceasefire offers immediate relief to inflation expectations, refinery margins and fiscal calculations in energy-importing countries. Yet policymakers know that a renewed spike could come with little warning. That uncertainty complicates monetary policy, budget planning and subsidy management. Central banks may welcome softer energy prices, but they cannot fully trust them. Governments may enjoy a temporary reduction in import bills, but they still face the prospect of another surge if the ceasefire breaks down or if maritime threats re-emerge.

The same tension applies to financial markets. Equity investors often greet lower oil prices as a positive for risk assets, consumer spending and transport-intensive sectors. But when the decline is driven by a ceasefire that the market itself doubts will last, the optimism can prove selective. Energy equities may surrender some gains, airlines and logistics firms may recover ground, and broader indices may stabilise, yet the underlying message from oil remains one of caution. The market is not signalling abundance. It is signalling reduced panic. Those are not the same thing.

If the ceasefire holds and shipping flows remain uninterrupted, crude may continue to shed some of its extreme risk-driven gains. But any further downside is likely to be moderated by the market's awareness that the structural issues remain unresolved. On the other hand, if tensions flare again, prices may rebound faster than they fell because the infrastructure of fear is already in place. Traders now know where the fault lines are, and they know how quickly they can crack. That leaves oil in a zone of uneasy repricing rather than durable correction.

The market has stepped back from worst-case assumptions, but it has not stepped back into complacency. The ceasefire has eased the immediate strain, yet the broader architecture of risk remains intact. As a result, crude may trade lower than it did at the height of confrontation, but it is unlikely to behave as though the crisis never happened.

Today's Horoscope



Aries
Tooth ache or stomach upset may create some problems for you. Take a physician's advice to get relief immediately. Any of your chronic diseases may bother you today, due to which you may have to go to the hospital and spend a lot of money. Spending time with children will be important. Those who stay away from their lover can miss them deeply today. Because of this, you can talk to your beloved on the phone for hours during the night. Tact will be required while handling colleagues. Someone from your past is likely to contact you and make it a memorable day. Today, you will experience that the love of your partner forgets you about the pains of life.
Remedy :- Keep water in a Copper vessel near bedside at night, and next morning, pour this water at the root of a nearest tree, for excellent health benefits.



Taurus
Your energy level will be high. There is a possibility of money loss today, hence you are required to remain alert while making transactions or signing any document. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems-Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. Some difference may crop up with your darling-You will have difficulty trying to make your mate understand your position. Your partner will be hard to deal with. While spending free time with your spouse tonight, you will realize how important it is to give them more time. Work pressure had been hampering your married life since long. But today, all the grievances will be vanished.
Remedy :- For enhanced financial condition, plant a banana tree, tend to it and worship it.



Gemini
A beneficial day and you may be able to find relief from a prolonged illness. An old friend can ask you for financial help today. However, your assistance can weaken your financial conditions. Children need to concentrate on studies and plan for the future. You are likely to be dazzled by some natural beauty today. You will make beneficial career changes if you present yourself in a professional manner. You should try to understand the things in the right manner, otherwise you'll waste your free time just thinking about such scenarios continuously. Today, you will realize that all the vows taken on your marriage were true. Your spouse is your soulmate.
Remedy :- Financial life will become better by using green vehicles.



Cancer
Misusing personal relations to fulfil your expectations would annoy your wife. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. You will also make important contacts through friends. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. You need to focus on your way of working to get good results at the workplace, otherwise your negative image can get created in the eyes of your boss. Today, you will be able to spend time with your lover and put forward your feelings in front of him/her. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations.
Remedy :- Wear Green Coloured clothes



Leo
Your mind will be disturbed by recent events. Meditation and yoga will prove to be beneficial for spiritual as well as physical gains. At the beginning of the day, you may suffer from any financial loss, which can spoil the whole day. Try to be reasonable especially with people who love and care for you. Exciting day of romance- Plan something special for the evening and try to make it as romantic as possible. Great day to implement new projects and plans. You have spare time today for socializing and follow up with things that you love doing the most. Your partner might do something fabulous unintentionally, which will be really unforgettable.
Remedy :- For a good financial life, keep green stones in flower pots, keep plants in green bottles, and also have green tiles in bathroom.



Virgo
If possible try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel and this could put further weaken you. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Think before sharing your confidential information with your spouse. If possible, try to avoid as she might reveal it to someone else. Be careful your romantic partner may flatter you- don't leave me alone in this lonely world. Bold steps and decisions would bring favourable rewards. The natives of this zodiac sign would like to spend more time alone than meeting people today. Today, your free time can be spent by cleaning the house. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today.
Remedy :- Include use of white clothes in your daily wear for good health.



Libra
Work pressure might bring some stress and tension today. It should be well understood that in the hour of grief, your accumulated wealth will only help you tackle the situation. Hence, start saving from today and avoid excessive spending. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. Your work will take a backseat- as you find comfort-pleasure and extreme ecstasy in the arms of your beloved. You will be in a strong position to put together a team and work toward a collective goal. Today, you would like to do all the things that you used to love during your childhood. Romantic songs, aromatic candles, good food, and some drinks; the day is all about this with your spouse.
Remedy :- Distribute sweets and savouries made of ground yellow chana dal to needy people for amazing health benefits.



Scorpio
Astrological guidance by a friend will encourage you to improve your health. Try to control your spending- and buy only the essential items today. Good time to get involved into activities that include youngsters. Erratic behaviour of your darling might make your mood upset. This is an excellent time for developing professional contacts in other countries. Good day for some recreation and entertainment. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today.
Remedy :- Offer seven almonds and seven grains of black grams in Shani temple and build a strong love life.



Sagittarius
Outings-parties and pleasure jaunts will keep you in good mood today. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Let family tension not divert your attention. Bad times give us much more. You will be in a loving mood- so be sure to make special plans for you and your beloved. New assignments undertaken would fall short of expectations. Travel and educational pursuits will enhance your awareness. Those who say that marriage is all about sex, they lie. Because today, you will know what true love is.
Remedy :- For enhanced career/work life/business, brush your teeth with herbal-based toothpaste such as neem and babool.



Capricorn
Your frank and fearless views could hurt the vanity of your friend. It's another high-energy day and unexpected gains are foreseen. You will upset your spouse if you spend money on things that you don't immediately require. Beloved will be in a romantic mood. Daydreaming will bring your downfall- Do not count on others to do your work. You need to remember that god helps those who help themselves. Today, you will fall in love with your spouse again.
Remedy :- Maintain harmony and balance in the family by switching on a white-light zero watt bulb in the Northwest direction.



Aquarius
Health will be perfect today. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Domestic work keeps you busy most of the time. Love will show positive vibes Good day for businessmen. A sudden trip undertaken for business purpose will yield positive results. Today, you can think of spending your free time carrying out religious work. During this time, do not get into unnecessary conflicts. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse.
Remedy :- For enhancing positive experiences in the family, offer 28 drops of mustard oil near Peepal or banyan tree or in a pot filled with mud at home.



Pisces
Cheer up as good time ahead and you will have additional energy. You may get into a fight with your spouse today over money-related matters. However, you will fix everything with your calm attitude. A wonderful day to enjoy the company of guests. Plan something special with your relatives. They would also appreciate it. A good communication or a message from your beloved or spouse will enhance your morale today. Added knowledge that you acquire today would give you an edge when dealing with peers. Amidst your busy life, you will get enough time for yourself today and be able to do your favorite things. Marriage had never been so wonderful before than today.
Remedy :- Accept rice and silver from your mother and keep it in your home to improve your financial condition.

Quality Education and Nutritious Midday Meals Must Be Provided to Students: District Collector Haritha



Skyline Correspondent Asifabad : April-09 District Collector Haritha stated that students studying in government schools should be

provided with quality education along with tasty and nutritious midday meals. "On Thursday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection at the Mandal Parishad Primary and Upper Primary School in Bendara village of Wankidi mandal. She in-

spected the midday meal kitchen, toilets, and classrooms. She also reviewed the conduct of annual examinations being held for the students. "Noticing that some students were absent, she inquired with the teachers about the reasons. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the government is providing several basic facilities in government schools. She urged students to utilize these facilities effectively and excel in their studies. "She instructed officials to speak with the parents of absent students and take steps to ensure regular attendance. She emphasized that students must be provided with quality education along with hygienic and delicious food. She also directed that the surroundings should be kept clean and hygienic.

Teacher from Vemulawada Wins National-Level Recognition for Excellence in Teaching



Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : April-09 K. Radhika, a Physics teacher at PM ZPHS Girls High School in Vemulawada town of Rajanna Sircilla district, has showcased her talent at the national

level. "She secured the second prize in the Teaching Learning Material (TLM) preparation competition conducted nationwide by the Bharti Airtel Foundation. Her model on "Atomic Structure" earned her this recognition. "She was appreciated for her creativity in explaining complex science concepts in a simple and understandable manner for students. "On this occasion, the school Headmaster B. Bannaji fe-

licitated Radhika with a shawl on Thursday. "Speaking at the event, the Headmaster said that Radhika's achievement is a matter of pride not only for the school but also for the entire district. He added that when teachers use creativity in teaching, it increases students' interest in science. He also mentioned that this success would inspire both students and fellow teachers. "Teachers B. Krishna, V. Balaraju, P. Satyanarayana, A. Sarala, T. Sarita, T. Babu Raju, J. Ravinder Rao, N. Swathi, Ch. Arundhati, K. Sucharita, P. Vanitha, P. Savitha, G. Vanitha, and A. Sunitha, along with others, participated in the program and congratulated Radhika.

Journalists Act as a Bridge Between the Government and the People: MLA Adi Srinivas

Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : April-09 Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas stated that journalists act as a bridge between the government and the public. "On Thursday, he felicitated the newly elected executive committee of the Vemulawada Press Club (IJU) and extended his congratulations. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Adi Srinivas said that journalists play a crucial role in social service and in eliminating social evils. "He emphasized that journalists are moving forward with the agenda of resolving public issues. He also assured that



he would make every effort to address the problems faced by journalists. "He congratulated Rapelli Srinivas on being elected as the President of the Press Club, along with the newly formed committee. "Senior journalists Regula

Devender, Gogikari Srinivas, Press Club (IJU) District President Dandi Santosh, Vice President Kankanala Sai Sharath Babu, General Secretary Ullendula Mallesham, Treasurer Gadila Praveen, Joint Secretary Madam Babu, and executive members Tupakari Srinivas, Kokkula Srinivas, Syed Habeeb Pasha, Gongalla Ravikumar, Pokala Anjaneyulu, Enugandula Nagesh, Kaja Nayemoddin, and others participated in the program.

Electric Wires Removed with Government Whip's Intervention; Boost for Indiramma House Construction



Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : April-09 With the intervention of Government Whip Adi Srinivas, relief has

been provided to the construction of an Indiramma house that had been stalled due to dangerous overhead electric wires near

Bhimeshwara Function Hall on Korutla Road in Vemulawada town. "The construction of the Indiramma house sanctioned to beneficiary Bingi Renuka had come to a halt as an electric line was passing directly above the site. Seeking a solution, she submitted a representation to Government Whip Adi Srinivas and the ward councillor. "Responding promptly, Government Whip Adi Srinivas spoke over the phone with

TSNPDCL officials and instructed them to take immediate action. "On Thursday, TSNPDCL officials removed the hazardous electric line, clearing the obstacle for the house construction. With a permanent solution achieved, beneficiary Renuka expressed her relief. "On this occasion, Bingi Renuka thanked Government Whip Adi Srinivas and ward councillors Sirigiri Sangeeta and Srikanth for resolving the issue.

Commissioner of Police Inspects Construction Works of Police Residential Quarters

Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : April-09 With the construction of new residential quarters for armed police officers and staff under the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate nearing completion and ready for inauguration, the Commissioner of Police (CP), along with officials, inspected the works. "During the inspection, the CP directed the officials to complete all pending works at the earliest and ensure that all arrangements are in place for the inauguration. He instructed



that necessary preparations should be completed on time and that all measures be taken to avoid any shortcomings. "The CP

was accompanied by Peddapalli DCP B. Ram Reddy, Godavarikhani ACP M. Ramesh, Traffic ACP Srinivas, Godavarikhani

One Town Inspector Indrasena Reddy, Ramagundam Traffic Inspector Rajeshwar Rao, and RIs Shekhar and Ramesh.

Community Contact Program and Vehicle Inspections Conducted in Ramaravupeta Village



Skyline Correspondent Mandamarri : April-09 A Community Contact Program was conducted in Ramaravupeta village under the leadership of Jaipur Circle Inspector Naveen and Sub-Inspector Rajashekar. "As part of the program, the Circle Inspector interacted directly with the villagers and created awareness about public safety. On this occasion, he explained the precautions to be taken to prevent property-related crimes, road accidents, and cyber frauds. "He especially advised people to stay alert against strangers, follow

traffic rules, and be cautious while making online transactions. Clear instructions were given to the public on these important safety measures. "During the program, the police also carried out vehicle inspections. A total of 66 two-wheelers and 3 autos without proper documents were seized. "Officials warned that vehicle owners must carry valid documents, otherwise legal action will be taken against them. They also appealed to the public to cooperate with the police and help maintain peace and security in society.

District Collector Ashish Sangwan Inspects EVM Warehouse in Kamareddy



Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : April-09 District Collector Ashish

Sangwan inspected the EVM warehouse located near the Collectorate on Thursday. As

part of the regular monthly inspections, he visited and reviewed the facility. "The

Collector thoroughly examined the security arrangements in the warehouse, including the functioning of CCTV cameras, the double-lock system, and fire safety equipment. On this occasion, he inquired with the concerned officials about the condition of the EVMs stored in the warehouse, their maintenance procedures, and record management. "He instructed the officials to strictly adhere to security protocols and ensure continuous monitoring without any lapses. Later, he also inspected the water tank. "Additional Collector Victor, RDO N.V. Giri, Tahsildar Himabindu, and other revenue staff participated in the program.

West Bengal SIR An 'Electoral Purge', With 91 Lakh Excluded From Voting



Kolkata: The rightist saffron ecosystem has launched a blitzkrieg on Mamata Banerjee in its bid to severely dent her political image on the eve of the West Bengal Assembly elections. In order to accomplish its objective of demolishing the West Bengal CM's political career, the saffron brigade has been riding on both the judiciary as well as the parliamentary system. On April 7, while the Parliament rejected the impeachment motion moved against the Chief Election Commissioner, CEC, Gyanesh Kumar, moved in both houses of Parliament signed by 193 MPs, a day after, on April 8, CEC Gyanesh Kumar rejected the allegation of TMC

that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was a "farical exercise" designed to exclude legitimate voters, particularly the Bengali-speaking people of the state. While the rejection of the motion to remove Gyanesh Kumar has been a major setback and a "rude shock" to opposition parties, the April 8 incident, with CEC Gyanesh adopting a hard posture against TMC, reportedly asking the TMC delegation of MPs, including Rajya Sabha MPs Derek O'Brien, Sagarika Ghose, Saket Gokhale and Menaka Guruswamy, to "Get lost", leaves little scope for any speculation about the significance of this election. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has

already accused CEC Gyanesh Kumar of working in favour of the BJP, with designs to delete 91 lakh genuine voters and include outsiders in the electoral rolls, leading to massive "disenfranchisement" of voters in West Bengal. It was expected that April 8 meeting between the TMC MPs and Gyanesh would expectedly yield some result. But it proved to be a mirage. The meeting did not resolve the dispute, with the ECI dismissing TMC allegations as baseless and highlighting that electoral roll revisions were strictly governed by law and judicial review. The TMC team members alleged that ECI has "blood on its hands". The interaction between the TMC delegation and the Election Commission reportedly lasted only seven minutes, with party sources claiming they were given little time to present their case. Their questions regarding the deletion of 91 lakh voters during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal went unanswered. The delegation raised concerns about the high rate of deletions in Muslim-majority districts (such as Murshidabad, Malda, and North 24

Parganas) and among communities such as Matuas, labelling it a "vote theft" and deliberate targeting of a specific community. Victory or defeat of Mamata Banerjee in the West Bengal assembly election is of lesser consequence than what has been allowed to transpire in the name of the Special Intensive Revision. It has become obvious that RSS and BJP have been manipulating and subverting most of the constitutional and democratic institutions and platforms, such as the office of the Election Commission of India, as well as, to some extent the judiciary, including the apex court, thereby making people skeptical of the future of electoral democracy in the country. One thing is absolutely clear that if the BJP succeeds in its mission in Bengal, not only Bengal but India, will be facing with the threat of losing its pluralistic character. If BJP-ruled states like Bihar, UP and Maharashtra are anything to go by, it is obvious that secular, pluralist forms of governance taking into account the competing needs of every member of society, would be binned in favour of majoritarian, communal rule, corruption and crony capitalism at every stage.

MLA invited to participate in Gollagudem festivals



(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.9 : On the occasion of the Sri Sri Bramaramba Sametha Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Kalyana Mahotsavam and Yellamma Bonala Utsavam,

which will begin grandly from the 10th of this month in Gollagudem in Sangareddy district, representatives of the Gollagudem Kurma Sangam and village elders politely handed over an invitation

to Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar. On this occasion, the village elders explained the importance of the festivals to the MLA, and MLA Chinta Prabhakar, who responded, assured that he would definitely at-

tend the festivals. He said that the festivals of the village deities are symbols of our culture and traditions. He said that he would be very happy to participate in such pious programs. The Program was attended by Kurma Sangam leaders Lade Balu, Lade Mallesham, Pedhagolla Mallesham, Shankar, Lade Shekhar, Lade Ramesh, Lade Srisailem, Lade Kumar, Karkam Mallesham, Lade Venkat, Irigipally Sai and others.

Govt's goal is to advance women in all fields



(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.9 : Nirmala Jaggareddy, the TGIC chairperson said that Congress government's goal is to

advance women in all fields. On Thursday, a special program was organized under Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme in Sangareddy district under the aegis of

District Women and Child Welfare Department and District Women Empowerment Center. As part of this program, sewing machines were distributed to 50 beneficiaries, and beautician training classes were started for another 25 beneficiaries. The main objective of this program was to strengthen women economically by providing self-employment opportunities. The main objective of this program was to provide employment opportunities to economically backward women, single women,

widows, those who dropped out of school and other eligible beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy said that such programs will greatly contribute to the advancement of women and the goal is to take women forward in all fields. The Program was attended by District Collector Pravinya, Sangareddy Municipal Chairperson Kuna Vanitha, DWECO Pallavi, CDPO Chandrakala, DCPO Ratnam, Children Superintendent Vijaya, Councilors Ramesh, Ashwin, Leader Shanti Kumar and others.

Provide Drinking water to new colonies : GMR

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, April.9 : Gudem Mahipal Reddy, the Patancheru legislator has requested Jalmandali MD Ashok Reddy to allocate funds to provide safe drinking water to new colonies under the Jalmandali limits of Patancheru constituency. On Thursday, he met MD Ashok Reddy at the Jalmandali office in Hyderabad and discussed various issues. He brought to the attention that

Kishtareddypet village, Rajarajeshwari Colony Phase 2, Srujana Lakshmi Colony Phase 4, Tailors Colony, Lingamaiah Colony and KSR Colony, mainly under the Ameenpur division, are facing severe problems due to lack of drinking water supply. He said that during the current summer season, tankers have to be resorted to every day. He said that proposals have already been made for the construction of new pipelines in the



above-mentioned colonies. If two crores of funds are sanctioned, the water problem will be solved perma-

nently. MD Ashok Reddy responded positively and promised to sanction the funds very soon.

Do not trouble the roadside vendors



(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.9 : Jaggareddy, the TPCC Working President said that poor road side vendors should not be troubled. In a statement released on Thursday,

he said that the Sangareddy Town Municipal Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councilors, Municipal Commissioner and Police Officers should not go to the poor who do business on the roadside such as

fruit carts, paan shops, panipuri carts, fast food centers, and flower carts and make a living by selling them, and should not trouble them. He suggested that if you have to go, bring them to his attention first.

Ensure Diagnostic Testing and Improved Healthcare Services: Collector Garima Agrawal



Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla, : April-09 Collector Garima Agrawal has directed that diagnostic tests should be conducted in all government hospitals across the district and better medical services

should be provided to patients. As part of the Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika 99-day action plan, week-long celebrations are being organized by the Medical and Health Department. "On this occasion,

an AIDS awareness program was conducted on Thursday at the Government General Hospital in the district headquarters of Rajanna Sircilla. Collector Garima Agrawal attended the event as the chief

guest. The rally was carried out from Ambedkar Chowk to Bathukamma Ghat. "The Collector further directed that extensive awareness programs on AIDS prevention should be conducted as part of the health week celebrations across all Primary Health Centres, Government General Hospital, Vemulawada Area Hospital, and Urban Health Centres. "She highlighted the importance of conducting diagnostic tests and stated that better treatment and medicines are available for AIDS patients. She also mentioned that special medical services are available for transgender individuals. District Medical Officer Rajitha, Government General Hospital Superintendent Praveen Kumar, doctors, staff, and others participated in the program.

Mass Awareness Rally Held as Part of Health Week Celebrations in Kamareddy

Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : April-09

As part of the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika, a massive rally was organized from the Government Hospital to the Municipal Office on Thursday under the supervision of the Health Department, marking the Health Week celebrations being conducted from April 6 to 11. "District Collector Ashish Sangwan flagged off the rally at the Government Hospital premises. He stated that the main objective of the program is to create awareness about health and promote healthcare consciousness among the public. "Earlier, as part of a special camp, the District Collector inaugurated the Sampoorna Suraksha Center and a Transgender



Clinic. He mentioned that these centers would provide improved medical services to special groups. "Speaking on the occasion, the Collector emphasized that public health is the top priority of the government. He advised everyone to take care of their health and undergo timely medical check-ups.

He also urged people to make use of the services available in government hospitals. "He further added that the aim of Health Week celebrations is to enhance public awareness, especially focusing on the health of women, children, and special groups. He highlighted that many diseases can be prevented in

advance by focusing on cleanliness, proper nutrition, and preventive healthcare. "Medical Officer Ravinder, Hospital Superintendent Venkateshwar, DCHS Vijay Bhaskar Reddy, RDONV Giri, Tahsildar Himabindu, DPRO Tirumala, MPDO Rani, Red Cross Society representatives, and others participated in the program.

Books Worth Rs2.30 Lakhs Donated to Tribal Degree College Students in Adilabad



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-09

In a press statement, College Principal Dr. M. Shivakrishna announced that the Sultan Chand Dropadi Devi Education Foundation, New Delhi, has generously donated books

worth 2.30 lakhs to the Tribal Degree College. "The donation was made under the Foundation's Book Bank Scheme, with the objective of supporting the educational development of tribal students. A wide range of

books covering subjects such as Commerce, Business Management, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, Environmental Science, English, and Hindi were provided free of cost to the college library. "Dr.

Shivakrishna stated that these updated textbooks, prepared in line with the New Education Policy (NEP), will be highly beneficial for students. He added that this initiative will help strengthen various academic departments of the college and enhance the overall learning experience. "Through these valuable resources, students will be able to improve their academic performance and knowledge base. "On this occasion, Principal Dr. M. Shivakrishna, along with faculty members Lakshmi Prasanna, Sirisha, Rajesh, Surender, and Laxman, Librarian Praveen, and the students, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Foundation for its generous contribution.

Speed Up City Gas Distribution Works: District Collector Kumar Deepak



Skyline Correspondent Mancherial : April-09

District Collector Kumar Deepak has directed officials to accelerate the City Gas Distribution (CGD) works. On Thursday, a district-level review meeting on the expansion of City Gas Distribution was held at the Collector's conference hall in the Integrated District Offices Complex.

The meeting was attended by DCPA. Bhaskar and District Forest Officer Shiv Ashish Singh. "Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that in the current situation, the government is taking measures to effectively tackle disruptions in LPG supply and to promote the use of piped natural gas. He instructed officials to speed up the expansion

works of the City Gas Distribution network and to focus on simplifying the permission process. "He emphasized that permissions related to CGD works must be granted within 24 hours, and in case of delays, they will be treated as "deemed permissions." He also mentioned that rental/lease charges related to the establishment of the CGD

network have been temporarily waived. To expedite the works, CGD companies are being allowed 24-hour working hours, ensuring compliance with noise pollution regulations. "The Collector further directed that coordination between PNG and LPG should be effectively managed by the Civil Supplies Department. All departments must work in coordination to accelerate the CGD expansion works and ensure uninterrupted fuel supply to the public. "Additional District Collector (Revenue) Srinivasa Rao, District Panchayat Officer Venkateshwar Rao, Civil Supplies Department officials, Municipal Commissioners, and other concerned officials participated in the meeting.

KTR Visits Jeevan Reddy's Residence in Jagtial, Invites Him to Join BRS

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-09 K. T. Rama Rao, Working President of Bharat Rashtira Samithi, visited the residence of senior leader and former minister T. Jeevan Reddy in Jagtial on Thursday afternoon. During the meeting, KTR is expected to formally invite Jeevan Reddy to join the BRS party. "KTR reached Jagtial around 2:30 PM along with senior BRS leaders. Party workers extended a grand welcome, and the town was decorated with pink flags. Reports suggest that he arrived at Jeevan Reddy's residence through a bike rally from the out-

skirts of the town. "T. Jeevan Reddy, a veteran politician with over four decades of experience, resigned from the Indian National Congress on March 25, 2026, ending his 42-year-long association with the party. A six-time MLA from Jagtial and a former minister in undivided Andhra Pradesh, he cited lack of respect for senior leaders and preferential treatment toward defectors as key reasons for his resignation. "Preliminary discussions between both sides had already taken place, including a phone conversation between KTR and Jeevan Reddy. KTR's



visit is being seen as a crucial step in extending a formal invitation. "Sources indicate that Jeevan Reddy is likely to officially join BRS on April 13, 2026, in the presence of party president K. Chandrashekar Rao. Senior leaders, including T. Harish Rao, are also ex-

pected to attend the event. "This development has sparked significant interest in Telangana's political circles, particularly in the Jagtial constituency, as BRS continues efforts to strengthen its leadership ahead of upcoming elections.

Call for Fresh Tender in Singareni: Demand to Reinstate Private Security Guards Amid Protests

Skyline Correspondent Mandamarri : April-09 On the fourth day of the ongoing protest led by SC, KS, and CITU, private security guards staged a symbolic protest by begging (bhikshatana) in the Palachettu area, it was stated. Speaking on the occasion, SC KS CITU State President Doolam Srinivas said that rendering 220 families jobless is equivalent to damaging the town's economic system. He criticized the authorities, saying that while they claim to create new jobs, they remain silent when existing jobs are being lost—this reflects the true attitude of the ruling administration.



He warned that pushing 220 private security guards' families onto the streets would severely impact the economic stability of Mandamarri town. Instead of bringing new industries and generating employ-

ment, the government is failing to respond even when currently employed workers are losing their livelihoods, which shows the lack of value given to the working class. He further stated that the loss of livelihood for 220 workers would also negatively affect many small businesses dependent on them. If the authorities fail to respond, he

questioned where workers and citizens should take their grievances. He criticized the silence of the rulers, asking why they are not responding when the very people who voted for them are suffering. He also questioned the Singareni management for abruptly removing workers who have been serving with dedication for the past 12 years, without any response so far. He demanded that both the public representatives and Singareni management immediately respond and take steps to resolve the issue by reinstating the workers. Otherwise, he warned that the protest would intensify into a larger people's movement with public support.

Public Dissatisfaction Grows Over MLA's Governance in Ramagundam: Former MLA Korukanti Chander

Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : April-09 People in Ramagundam are increasingly expressing dissatisfaction with the governance of the current MLA.



Former Ramagundam MLA and Peddapalli District BRS Party President Korukanti Chander alleged that the MLA, who emotionally appealed to voters during elections, is now making the same people suffer after coming to power.

He called upon BRS party workers in the Ramagundam constituency to actively work towards eliminating bogus votes, in line with the directives of the party leadership across the state.

Speaking at an extended-level meeting held on Thursday at Sri Lakshmi Function Hall

in Markandeya Colony, Godavarikhani, Chander emphasized that even a single misuse of a vote can change the fate of candidates.

He urged party workers to inform authorities to remove votes of deceased individuals and those who have migrated to other places from the voter list in the constitu-

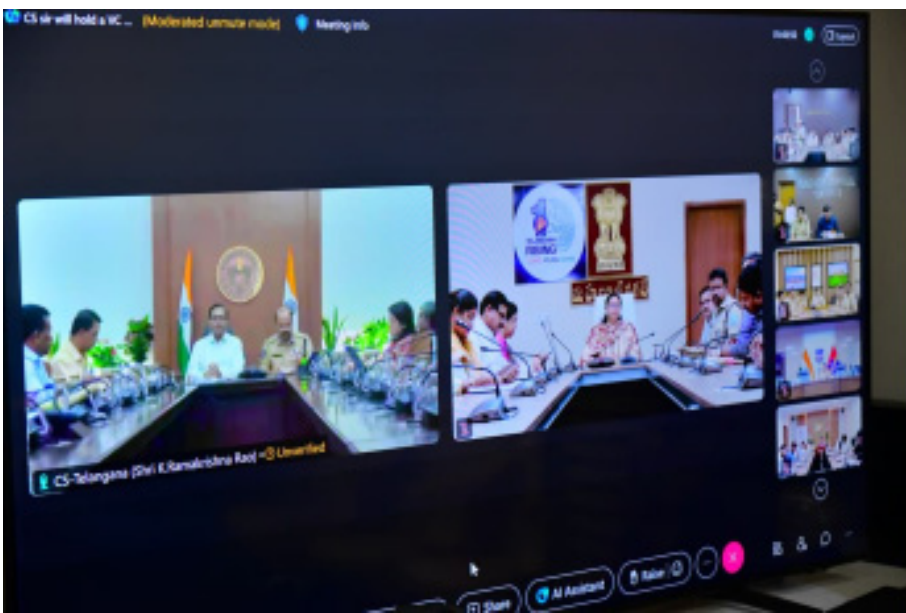
ency. Chander stated that there is growing public dissatisfaction with the MLA's governance in Ramagundam. He said that people feel deceived, as the MLA approached them emotionally during elections but is now causing them distress. He further claimed that people in the constituency are determined to drive the

MLA out in the next elections. Several BRS leaders and members attended the meeting, including Kaushik Hari, former ZPTC Amula Narayana, Nadipelli Muralidhar Rao, corporators Mekala Sammayya Yadav, Mekala Sharada, Karaka Padma, Srinivas Reddy, Tokala Ramesh, Gurram Muthyalu, and others.

State Reviews 'Arrive Alive' Road Safety Program Under 99-Day Governance Plan

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-09

As part of the 99-day Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika, the State Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao reviewed the implementation of the "Arrive Alive" program through a video conference held on Thursday at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Secretariat with District Collectors and Superintendents of Police. Speaking on the occasion, he stated that although the state government is taking necessary measures for road safety, the number of road accidents continues to rise. He pointed out that the increase in the number of vehicles and over-speeding are the major causes of these accidents.



He instructed District Collectors to prioritize road safety and find solutions based on local conditions. He also directed them to immediately conduct District Road Safety Committee meetings and effectively

implement the weekly "Arrive Alive" program. He emphasized involving local public representatives to create widespread awareness among the public. He further informed that the "Arrive Alive" program will be conducted across the state from April 13 to April 18, and various activities will be organized to raise

awareness among the people. The Chief Secretary stated that the main objective of this program is to ensure coordination among all departments, protect lives, and establish safe roads across the state. State DGP Shivadhar Reddy said that this is not a routine program but a comprehensive initiative

Proposal for Adilabad Airport Construction Under Defence Ministry Gains Momentum

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : April-09

There is an existing defence airstrip in Adilabad. For a long time, there has been a demand to construct a new airport at this location. In this regard, discussions were held with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu. In this meeting, Adilabad MP Nagesh, MLA Payal Shankar, civil aviation officials, defence officials including Vikas Raj, and the Adilabad District Collector participated.



Speaking on the occasion, Ram Mohan Naidu stated that an important meeting regarding the Adilabad airport was held today. He mentioned that Telangana currently has only one airport, located in

Hyderabad, and that people across the state aspire for more airports in other regions. In line with this vision, the Prime Minister aims to develop airports based on feasibility. Adilabad, being a gateway to Telangana, has long demanded an airport to boost tourism and commercial activities. He added that continuous discussions have been held with Kishan Reddy regarding the con-

struction of airports in feasible locations. As part of this, it was proposed to build an airport on 360 acres of defence land in Adilabad. Last year, under the leadership of Kishan Reddy, a meeting was held with the Defence Minister, who agreed to the proposal. The Defence Ministry has approved the use of this land for a public airport. However, an additional 450 acres of land is required for

the airport. A request has been made to the state government for land acquisition, and the state government has responded positively. Rajnath Singh assured full support for the project. The responsibility of providing the additional 450 acres lies with the state government. MP Nagesh and MLA Payal Shankar stated that there are no issues in land acquisition.

AIDS Awareness Rally Organised in Jagtial Under Praja Palana Programme

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : April-09

District Medical and Health Officer Dr. G. Sujatha stated that the public should be aware of the AIDS epidemic. As part of the second phase of the 99-Day People's Governance - Progress Plan (Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika) programme, a "Red Run" (AIDS Awareness Rally) was organised on Thursday to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS. The rally was flagged off by Dr. G. Sujatha at the District Collector's Office and proceeded up to Rajiv Bypass. Government General Hospital Superintendent Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy and Government Medical College Principal Dr. Sunil Kumar attended the programme as



chief guests. A large number of medical staff, nursing students, medical college students, and volunteers from various organisations actively participated in the rally. Participants carried placards and raised slogans to educate the public about AIDS symptoms, modes of transmission, and its serious-

ness. They stressed the importance of awareness and preventive measures. Additionally, as part of the programme, health screening was conducted for 33 inmates at the District Central Jail. The inmates underwent tests for AIDS, Syphilis, and Gonorrhoea, along with TB screening, eye check-ups, and dental

examinations. The programme was attended by District AIDS Control Programme Officer Dr. N. Srinivas, Deputy District Medical and Health Officer Dr. M. Jaipal Reddy, doctors including Dr. Santosh, DPO Ravinder, medical staff, ART Centre staff, health workers, ASHA workers, and others.

Officials Must Immediately Clear Pending Files: Additional Collector J.L.B. Haripriya



Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-09 Officials Must Resolve Pending Files Immediately: Additional Collector (Revenue) J.L.B. Haripriya A review meeting was conducted on Thursday at the Collectorate Video Conference Hall by Additional Collector (Revenue) J.L.B. Haripriya with district officials, Mandal Tahsildars, and surveyors regarding

revenue matters, Dharani (Bhuharathi), sand distribution, SIR electoral voter mapping, identification of wetlands, and other related issues. Speaking on the occasion, she instructed Tahsildars to immediately resolve pending Bhuharathi files and land survey applications. Applications pending for more than 60 days should be cleared without delay, and reasons for re-

jected applications must be clearly mentioned in the reports. Before preparing reports related to Sadabainama and other land transactions, notices must be issued to both parties, and field-level verification must be conducted to ensure error-free reports. She noted that a high number of pending Bhuharathi cases exist in Rajapur, Nawabpet,

Musapet, Mohammadabad, Mahabubnagar Urban, Jachherla, Gandee, Addakal, Balanagar, Koukuntla, and Koilkonda mandals, and directed officials to resolve them within the stipulated time. Regarding pending land survey cases, she emphasized that Tahsildars should take special interest. She mentioned that 120 trained licensed surveyors have already been allocated across all mandals and instructed officials to utilize their services effectively to expedite pending cases. She highlighted that Balanagar, Jachherla, Chinnna Chintakunta, and Devarkadra mandals have a high number of pending survey cases and must be addressed immediately.

Review Meeting on Urban Development Works Held in Mahabubnagar

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : April-09

Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik conducted an Urban Day review meeting at the District Collector's Office. The Municipal Corporation Commissioner, three Municipal Commissioners, and concerned officials participated

in the meeting. During the meeting, the progress of ongoing development works, sanitation programs, and Indiramma housing projects was reviewed. He instructed the concerned officials to ensure that the works are completed on time and implemented with quality standards.



District Collector Ankith Inspects Construction Works of Young India Integrated School

Skyline Correspondent Kothagudem : April-09

District Collector Ankith on Thursday personally inspected the construction works of the prestigious Young India Integrated School being undertaken by the state government in Kothagudem.



He thoroughly reviewed the ongoing works at the site allocated for the new integrated school. During the visit, the Collector enquired about the progress of land leveling works being carried out on the premises. He also examined the building design through maps and re-

viewed the planned facilities to be set up in various sections of the school. The Collector gathered details regarding classrooms, libraries, internal roads, and other infrastructure facilities to be provided for students. He directed officials to speed up the construction works

so that they are completed within the stipulated time frame. He suggested deploying additional manpower and machinery if necessary to ensure faster completion. He clearly stated that there should be no compromise on the quality of work. The Collector in-

structed the concerned officials to submit daily progress reports on the construction works. He emphasized that all efforts should be made to complete the school with top-quality facilities in line with government objectives.