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Telangana HC Sets Aside 'Severe Reprimand' Punishment Imposed On Army Officer Who Used Prohibited Social Media Apps

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The Telangana High Court set aside a punishment of 'severe reprimand' imposed on an Army Officer who used 'prohibited' social media applications on his mobile phone.



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Bench on perusal of the policy as well as other voluminous documents, stated that the policy is:

- an outcome of constantly evolving intelligence of security threats and assessment of security safeguards needed
- to plug the gaps and meet the ever-threatening electronic and cyberinfrastructure
- an outcome of the paradigm shift in the intelligence activities of hostile nations; increased popularity of various social media platforms; the vulnerability of unsuspecting military personnel
- necessitated by the directives, instructions and policies issued from time to time, advising the military personnel to regulate the use of social media websites, failing to meet the threat
- virtual impossibility to keep track of lacs of online profiles or to identify the fictitious enemy profiles
- on assessment of the different modes adopted to honey trap, not necessarily in the conventional sense ;
- an outcome of the assessment of the vulnerability of different social media

NAVIGATION

Full list of 89 apps banned by Indian Army

MESSAGING PLATFORM APPS BANNED BY INDIAN ARMY

1) WeChat 2) QQ 3) Kikoo 4) Voo 5) Nimbuzz 6) Helo 7) Qzone 8) ShareChat 9) Viber 10) Line 11) IMO 12) Snow 13) To Tok 14) Hike

VIDEO HOSTING APPS BANNED BY INDIAN ARMY

15) TikTok 16) Like 17) eSamosa 18) Kwali

CONTENT SHARING APPS BANNED BY INDIAN ARMY

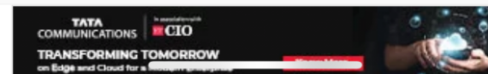


19) Shareit 20) Xender 21) Zapyra

WEB BROWSERS APPS BANNED BY INDIAN ARMY

22) UC Browser 23) UC Browser Mini

VIDEO AND LIVE STREAMING APPS BANNED BY INDIAN ARMY



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