

“KCR will better NTR’s record”

Will become South India’s 1st hat-trick CM: KTR

STATE BUREAU
 KHAMMAM



IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao at a public meeting in Khammam district on Saturday.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, who entered politics with inspiration from former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister late NT Rama Rao, will achieve what the latter could not and become South India’s first hat-trick Chief Minister, IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao said on Saturday.

Speaking after unveiling a statue of NTR and inaugurating the NTR Municipal Park at Lakaram Tank Bund here, the IT Minister praised the former Chief Minister, pointing out that he had earned recognition for Telugu people in the country. But now, his disciple Chandrashekhar Rao had upheld the self-esteem of Telangana people and achieved a separate State, apart from ensuring recognition for Telangana across the country, he said, also stressing his own name, Taraka Rama. “There is a magical power in the name

Taraka Rama Rao, a friend of mine who has the same name told me. I am fortunate for getting an opportunity to unveil the statue of such a great leader and for being named Takara Rama Rao,” he said. “The famous Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao was very dear to the Telugu people all over the world. We don’t know what Lord Rama is like or what Lord Krishna is like.

But NTR is both Rama and Krishna to us. His name will remain forever among the great leaders of the country,” he said. The

Congress, on the other hand, was a sinking ship and its leaders, who were not sure of getting party tickets to contest in the polls, were trying to deceive the public with impracticable guarantee cards. The public should remember that Congress in its six decades of rule failed to deliver what it promised to them, he noted. The Congress was trying to dump huge amounts of money in Telangana to influence voters, the Minister said.

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Fate of LeT chief’s son unknown

NEW DELHI

Uncertainty surrounds the fate of Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed’s son after he was allegedly abducted by the masked men. Kamaluddin Saeed, son of Hafiz Saeed, is also linked to an ISI-supported terrorist organisation.

However, sources have dismissed the report of Kamaluddin being abducted by masked men, saying he may have been relocated to one of the secure facilities under ISI protection.

In the aftermath of the recent assassination of Maulana Ziaur Rehman, a prominent cleric and LeT operative, reports have surfaced indicating that ISI safe houses have been transformed into shelters for over a dozen terrorists and their sympathisers in Pakistan. IANS

Pro-Khalistanis heckle Indian envoy

LONDON

The Indian High Commissioner to the UK, Vikram Doraiswami, who was touring Scotland this week, was blocked from entering a gurdwara in the city of Glasgow by pro-Khalistan extremists, an incident the Indian mission dubbed as “disgraceful” before reporting it to the UK government.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the High Commission of India in London said that three people from out-

side Scotland “deliberately disrupted” the visit on Friday evening and one even attempted to violently force open the diplomatic vehicle as senior diplomats arrived at Glasgow Gurdwara Guru Granth Sahib on Albert Drive. As they hurled

threats and abuses, the High Commissioner (HC) and Consul General of India (CG) decided to leave the premises to avert any further altercation. “On September 29, 2023, three persons — all from areas outside Scotland — dis-

rupted a planned interaction organised by the Gurdwara Committee for the community, the High Commissioner and the Consul General of India,” said the High Commission of India statement.

“This interaction was to discuss community and consular issues. The organisers included senior community leaders, ladies and Committee members, and a member of (the) Scottish Parliament. They were threatened and abused by these elements,” it said. (SEE PAGE 2)

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