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'BRS reins with KCR, BJP steered by Adani'

KTR lashes out at Modi for not acknowledging State's positive growth

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Asserting that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi had no proxy leadership unlike the BJP, which was being steered indirectly by Adani, IT Minister KT Rama Rao on Monday said the steering of the BRS 'car' (the party's poll symbol) was safe in the hands of Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao.

Making light of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comment that the steering of the BRS car was in the hands of AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, Rama Rao said Modi was forgetting that the BJP's steering was controlled by Adani and not the Pradhani.

Telangana was leading the chart in terms of the highest per capita income in the country. However, the Prime Minister or any prominent leader visiting Hyderabad fails to speak about the State's positive growth, he said.

Speaking after laying the foundation stone for an IT



Industries Minister KT Rama Rao during the foundation-laying ceremony for the IT tower at Malakpet on Monday.

tower at Malakpet here, the Minister said the IT Tower, which was being developed with Rs 700 crore, would be completed in 36 months. He said he would lead a delegation along with Owaisi to the United States and Middle East to get more IT companies to launch their oper-

tions here. "I will also personally speak to leading companies such as Microsoft, Adobe and others, and make them set up their units at the IT Tower in Malakpet. In the past, the Malakpet TV Tower used to be the landmark of the area but once the 30-floor IT

Tower comes up, people will recognise it as the new landmark here," Rama Rao said. Stating that the BRS would emerge victorious in the next election, he said the State government had been performing extremely well, besides maintaining law and order. (SEE PAGE 2)

TS gets three IT Towers in a day

HYDERABAD: IT Minister KT Rama Rao on Monday laid the foundation for an IT Tower at Malakpet, besides inaugurating IT towers in Nalgonda and Suryapet as well.

The 30-storey Malakpet tower, being constructed with a cost of Rs 700 crore, will help generate about 50,000 IT jobs in Hyderabad. Spread over 11 acres, it will have 15 lakh sq ft of space, of which 5.5 lakh sq ft will be earmarked for IT space and the remaining for non-IT services. The construction is slated to be completed in 36 months.

Later in the day, Rama Rao inaugurated IT Towers in Suryapet and Nalgonda too. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

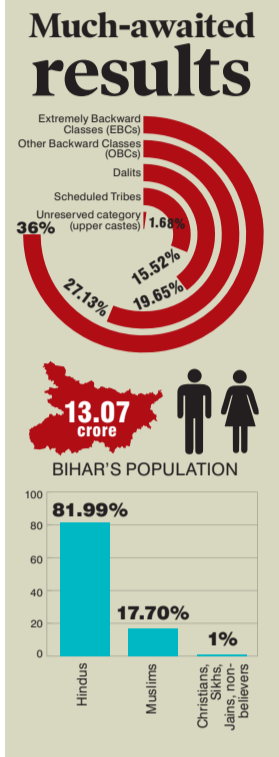
Bihar caste census released

PATNA

The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar on Monday released the findings of its much-awaited caste survey months ahead of the 2024 Parliamentary elections, which revealed that OBCs and EBCs constitute a whopping 63 per cent of the State's total population.

The data, which could spur demands for similar caste-based census elsewhere, is a key agenda of the opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc which may well help Kumar and the alliance in the forthcoming elections in the Hindi heartland where caste politics plays a major part. According to the data released here by Development Commissioner Vivek Singh, the State's total population stood at a little over 13.07 crore, of which the Extremely Backward Classes (36 per cent) were the largest social segment followed by OBCs at 27.13%.

Backward caste politicians have long claimed that the population of castes they represented numbered far more than the conventional wisdom based on the 1931 census, which was the last time a caste headcount was conducted and released. The survey also stated that Yadavs, the OBC



group to which Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav belongs, were the largest in terms of the population, accounting for 14.27 per cent of the total.

Dalits, also known as the Scheduled Castes, accounted for 19.65 per cent of the total population in the State. (REPORTS PAGE 7)

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Discoveries enabled creation of mRNA vaccines against Covid-19

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NIA raids Maoist sympathisers in Telangana, AP

HYDERABAD/VISAKHAPATNAM

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday conducted raids on suspected Maoist sympathisers at several locations in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The agency officials began the searches early morning at the houses of civil liberties activists and leaders of organisations such as Amara Bandhu Mitrala Sangham, Kula Nir-mula Samithi, Chaitanya Mahila Sangham, their relatives and those closely associated with them.

The officials were reportedly questioning them about their activities and their alleged links with Maoists. They were served notices under Section 160 of CrPC, directing them to appear before the agency.

The central agency was conducting searches at the houses of activist Bhavani and lawyer Suresh in Hyderabad. In Andhra Pradesh, the searches were on in Vijayawada, Ponnuru, Mangalagiri, Bapatla, Nellore, Amadalavalasa and Anantapur. The NIA officials were searching the

Naxal incidents down 52% in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR: The incidents of Left Wing Extremism have declined by 52 per cent in Chhattisgarh in the last five years and 589 villages have been freed from the clutches of the menace, the State government said on Monday.

The State government's statement came a day ahead of Prime Minister Modi's visit to Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district, one of the seven districts in Naxal-affected Bastar. As many as 314 schools, shut for 15 years, were re-opened. (PHOTO PAGE 8)

house of leading physician and president of Guntur district civil liberties committee Raja Rao in Ponnuru. A search was also on at the residence of his friend T Subba Rao, who runs Praja Tantra Party. (IANS)

Flawless flip



PRECISION MATTERS: Belgium's Margaux Dandois competes during the women's qualifying session of the 52nd FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships, in Antwerp, northern Belgium, on Monday. — Photo: AFP

24 deaths in 24 hrs at Maha hosp

MUMBAI

Twenty-four deaths, including that of 12 infants, have been reported in the last 24 hours in a government hospital in Nanded, a top Maharashtra health official said on Monday. "In the last 24 hours, 24 deaths have been reported

at the Nanded Government Hospital and Medical College (GMCH). Of these, 12 are infants, who were referred here by some local private hospitals. The remaining deaths are of adults for various reasons," Dr Dilip Mhaisekar, Director, Medical Education and Research, Maharashtra, said. (SEE PAGE 2)

"A three-member expert committee from Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (formerly Aurangabad) district has been formed with a mandate to submit a report by 1 pm on Tuesday. I am personally visiting the hospital to review the situation," Dr Mhaisekar said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Hyderabad braces for warmer Oct

SOWMYA SANGAM
 Hyderabad

Hyderabad residents anticipating a cooler October may need to wait until November as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts above-normal temperatures this month.

The IMD, employing probability models for long-range predictions, expects elevated maximum temperatures across Telangana, including Hyderabad. In recent days, maximum temperatures in the city have been increasing, leading to discomfort. Hyderabad's average maximum temperature for October is 31.4°C, with an average minimum temperature of 20.9°C. On Monday, the city recorded 30.7 degrees Celsius, accompanied by a humidity level of 79 per cent. El Niño conditions, currently prevailing in the equatorial Pacific region, are expected to persist in the upcoming season, potentially resulting in higher temperatures Statewide. Additionally, reduced rainfall is likely in October across the State, including in Hyderabad.

According to weather predictions, relief may be on the horizon as temperatures in the city are expected to begin a gradual descent in mid-November. According to a report from the Telangana State Development Planning Society, the lowest winter temperatures, which fall below 11 degrees Celsius, are typically observed in Patancheru, Ramachandrapuram, Serilingampally, Rajendranagar, Uppal, Malkajgiri and Kapra. Conversely, the central part of the GHMC area has consistently recorded over 11°C.

'Mysore, Malabar Slender Lorises separate species'

M SAI GOPAL
 Hyderabad

For the first time in the country, researchers from the Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) have sequenced the entire genome of lesser-known but critically endangered species of Mysore Slender Loris and Malabar Slender Loris.



Mysore Slender Loris



Malabar Slender Loris

In the process, they have concluded that both, due to their genetically diverse

nature, must be treated as separate species from the Grey Slender Loris. (SEE PAGE 2)

The study conducted by senior CCMB researcher Dr Govindhaswamy Umaphathy's lab was published in the peer-reviewed journal, The Journal of Threatened Taxa (September 2023).

In the study, Umaphathy's lab found that the Mysore Slender Loris and Malabar Slender Loris, which are currently considered as sub-species of

the Grey Slender Loris, differ by about 2 per cent genetically and diverged from each other about 1.09 million years ago. Senior geneticists from the Hyderabad-based CCMB have said treating both the lorises as distinct species is very important for conservation measures of the critically threatened genus of animals. (SEE PAGE 2)