

'Cong Chor team, involved in scams'

KTR warns Rahul that Revanth is a BJP covert who will sell party

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Coming down heavily on the Congress for branding the BRS as the B-team of the BJP, BRS working president and Minister KT Rama Rao said the Congress was nothing but a 'C' team, i.e. a Chor team involved in A to Z of scams. He took a swipe at the Gandhi-Nehru family for epitomising dynastic politics in India and ruling the country for multiple generations.

Addressing a gathering during a thanksgiving meeting by differently-abled persons at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, the Minister dubbed Rahul Gandhi as a "reader" rather than a leader, who just reads scripts without verifying facts. He rubbished the allegation of Rs 1 lakh crore cor-



BRS working president KT Rama Rao during a thanksgiving meeting by differently-abled persons at Telangana Bhavan.

ruption in the construction of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigating Scheme (KLIS), stating that the project was completed within the budget of Rs 80,000 crore. He challenged the Congress leaders to prove their allegations. Rama Rao raised questions about the charac-

ter of TPCC president A Revanth Reddy, with whom Rahul shared the dais. He went on to label Revanth as a "420" (cheater), citing his alleged involvement in the vote-for-note case.

Further, the BRS working president branded Revanth as a covert of the BJP in the Congress and cautioned the Congress leaders that one day he would join the BJP by taking away some Congress MLAs along with him. "You gave Gandhi Bhavan to Godse," he said. He advised Rahul to check whether or not the cash-for-vote scamster, who is already selling tickets for cash, land and other benefits, would sell the grand old party too.

Rama Rao urged the differently-abled to motivate at least 10 more persons each to vote for the BRS in the ensuing elections. (SEE PAGE 2)

Ibrahim sacked from JD(S)

BENGALURU

Janata Dal (Secular) patriarch HD Deve Gowda on Thursday removed the party's Karnataka unit president and his close aide CM Ibrahim, days after the latter raised a banner of revolt against the party's decision to forge an alliance with the BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Gowda dissolved the State Working Committee and appointed his son and former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy as its ad-hoc president.

Ibrahim reacted sharply to his sacking and warned of mounting a legal challenge against it, besides asserting he would reach out to the people.

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Modi speaks to Palestine Prez

Raises concerns with Abbas about deteriorating situation



Members of the Palestinian civil defence look for survivors in the rubble of a building hit during Israeli strikes in Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip, on Thursday. — Photo: AFP (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 9)

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday conveyed condolences to President of Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas and reiterated India's long-standing "principled position" on the Israel-Palestine issue.

In a phone conversation, Modi also shared with Abbas India's "deep concern" over terrorism, violence and the deteriorating security situation in the region. The prime minister told the Palestine Authority President that New Delhi will continue to send humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people.

"Spoke to the President of the Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas. Conveyed my condolences at the loss of civilian lives at the Al Ahli Hospital in

Gaza," Modi said on X. "We will continue to send humanitarian assistance for the Palestinian people. Shared our deep concern at the terrorism, violence and deteriorating security situation in the region," he said. "Reiterated India's long-standing principled position on the Israel-Palestine issue," the Prime Minister added.

Meanwhile, India called for strict observance of international humanitarian law as it expressed concern over the civilian casualties in the Israel-Hamas conflict. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, referring to Hamas's multi-pronged attack on Israeli cities on October 7, said the international community must stand together in combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations. (SEE PAGE 2)

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Sur Mandal founder Hemmadi no more

HYDERABAD: Mohan Gopal Hemmadi, veteran organiser and founder of Sur Mandal, passed away at the age of 86 on Thursday here. He was known for his contribution towards Indian Classical music and popularising Hindustani music in Hyderabad. Born in Dharwad, Karnataka, Hemmadi was raised in Mumbai.



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SHORT TAKES

Naidu's remand extended in skill scam case

VIJAYAWADA: The ACB court has once again extended the remand of former Chief Minister and TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu in the skill development scam case. The court gave a direction extending the remand till November 1. Naidu particularly mentioned about his health and security during the hearing. Officials produced him virtually before the ACB Judge. (RELATED REPORT PAGE 7)

Licensing norms for laptop imports tweaked

NEW DELHI: The Centre tweaked curbs on imports of laptops and computers as it allowed importers to bring in shipments of IT hardware from overseas on a mere 'authorisation' upon detailing quantity and value. The new 'import management system' is aimed at monitoring shipments of laptops, tablets and computers into the country without hurting market supply. (REPORT PAGE 8)

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