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BRS launches 'KCR Bharosa'

New poll campaign aims at communicating the party's vision closer to the people

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 HYDERABAD

In a move that will hinge on the reputation and credibility of party president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao in ensuring the implementation of his election promises and going beyond even that, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi is launching a new poll campaign titled 'KCR Bharosa'.

Announcing this here on Wednesday, party working president and Minister KT Rama Rao said the campaign aims at communicating the party's vision closer to the people, with the party activists explaining the BRS election manifesto, comprising 16 major promises, to be implemented upon getting re-elected for a third term in Telangana.

Rama Rao said upon returning to power, the BRS will release a job calendar and fill all vacant positions in the State government at regular intervals. Further, the second phase of sheep distribution for the Golla and Kuruma communities will also be completed.

Addressing Congress leaders and activists from Peddapalli, who joined the BRS at Telangana Bhavan, he said as part of the BRS manifesto drafted by the Chief Minister, the BRS was committed to increasing Rythu Bandhu financial assistance to farmers up to Rs 16,000 per acre per annum. The party would also enhance Aasara pensions to Rs 5,000 for the beneficiaries, apart from increasing pensions to the differently abled

up to Rs 6,000. "The BRS government will supply fine rice to all ration card holders under its new scheme 'Annapurna' and also provide LPG cylinders to our women for a subsidised price of Rs 400," he said.

Welcoming Congress leaders C Satyanarayana Reddy, Vemula Rammurthy and others back into the BRS, Rama Rao said the Telangana agitators realised the importance of having the homegrown BRS party at the helm of affairs in Telangana.

"People have a deep-rooted connection with the BRS, which they regard as their own party. None of the other political parties share a similar bond as the BRS with the people of Telangana," he said.

Rama Rao recalled the challenges faced by the BRS after the State formation, including the power and water crisis. He said the Chandrashekhar Rao government has been addressing all major issues step by step. He said the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme transformed the landscape of Telangana, with several districts witnessing green fields and remarkable agricultural growth. He

said Telangana has progressed significantly in all sectors under the leadership of Chandrashekhar Rao.

Rama Rao also urged the public not to be swayed by Congress' promises. He advised against risking the stable growth of Telangana by trusting the Congress. He asserted that if given a chance, the people of Telangana would suffer a similar fate as that of Karnataka.



UNDER 'KCR BHAROSA', BRS ACTIVISTS WILL EXPLAIN THE PARTY'S ELECTION MANIFESTO, COMPRISING 16 MAJOR PROMISES, TO BE IMPLEMENTED UPON GETTING RE-ELECTED FOR THE THIRD TERM IN TELANGANA

Cong against disbursement of Rythu, Dalit Bandhu aid

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 Hyderabad

Much to the chagrin of Rythu Bandhu and Dalit Bandhu beneficiaries, the Congress approached the Election Commission of India raising objection over the disbursements under the schemes.

The party said while it was not against the schemes, it feared such disbursements might benefit the BRS in the polls. Under Rythu Bandhu, funds for the Vanakalam crop were distributed in June and that for Yasangi is scheduled for next week.

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BJP in deep turmoil

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is facing an unprecedented crisis in Telangana, which seems to be taking the proportions of the one the party faced in Karnataka prior to the disastrous elections in May, with multiple resignations and protests rocking the party after the first list of candidates was announced.

Wednesday, in fact, began with a major jolt in the form of Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy's announcement that he was quitting the party and heading back to the Congress. He did not leave without some parting shots at the BJP, stating that it had failed to project itself as an

Major jolt for saffron party as Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy quits BJP and returns to Congress

alternative to the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

This was followed by protests and rumbles in other districts as well, from Warangal to Nirmal. The party's State official spokesperson, Enugula Rakesh Reddy, who was an aspirant for the Warangal West seat, is said to be planning to contest as an Independent after he was overlooked and Rao Padma

given the ticket instead. In Nirmal, BJP's district president Dr P Rama Devi, who was hoping for the Mudhole ticket, broke down in front of the media and announced that apart from resigning from her post, she would contest even if the BJP denied her a ticket.

Senior BJP leader Bhukya Janu Bai also quit the party in Nirmal, upset over being denied the Khanapur constituency seat. On top of this, reports of former State president Bandi Sanjay upset with the party leadership over being forced to contest from Karimnagar also went viral, with him reportedly saying that there were attempts from within the party to tarnish his image. (REPORTS PAGE 5)

KCR names Narsapur MLA candidate

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BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Wednesday announced the candidature of V Sunitha Laxma Reddy for the Narsapur constituency for the Assembly polls.

He also said sitting MLA Ch Madan Reddy will contest from the Medak Parliamentary constituency, replacing Kotha Prabhakar Reddy, who is contesting as the BRS MLA candidate from Dubbaka. The BRS core committee meeting chaired by the Chief Minister on Wednesday took unanimous decisions to this extent. (SEE PAGE 2)

Replace 'India' with 'Bharat': NCERT panel

NEW DELHI

'India' should be replaced with 'Bharat' in school textbooks for all classes, a high-level committee for social sciences, constituted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to revise the school curriculum has recommended.

According to committee chairperson CI Isaac, the panel has suggested replacing the name 'India' with 'Bharat' in textbooks, introducing 'classical history', instead of 'ancient history', in the curriculum and including the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the syllabus for all subjects.

NCERT Chairman Dinesh Saklani, however, said no decision has been taken yet on the panel's recommendations. The council later said on X: "NCERT states that since the development of new syllabus and textbooks is in process and for that purpose various Curricular Area Groups of domain experts are being notified by the NCERT. So, it is too premature to comment."

"The committee has unanimously recommended that the name 'Bharat' should be used in the textbooks for students

across classes. We have also recommended introducing classical history instead of ancient history in the textbooks," Isaac said. "Bharat is an age-old name. The name Bharat has been used in ancient texts, such as Vishnu Purana, which is 7,000 years old," the Padma Shree awardee said.

Isaac said the committee has also recommended highlighting 'Hindu victories' in various battles in the textbooks. "Our failures are presently mentioned in the textbooks. But our victories over the Mughals and sultans are not," said Isaac, who is also a member of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). "The British divided Indian history into three phases — ancient, medieval and modern — showing India in darkness, unaware of scientific knowledge and progress. Therefore, we have suggested that the classical period of Indian history be taught too," he said.

The NCERT is revising the curriculum of the school textbooks in line with the National Education Policy 2020. The council recently constituted a 19-member National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) to finalise the curriculum. P11

Spiralling humanitarian crisis



UNENDING CONFLICT: A Palestinian stands outside a building destroyed in Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip in Rafah on Wednesday. — Photo: AP (REPORTS PAGE 9)

Karnataka farmers caution TS ryots against voting for Congress

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Warning the people of Telangana that voting for the Congress would spell doom for the agriculture sector, farmers from Karnataka are staging protests against the Congress government in the neighbouring Telugu State for betraying them after promising sufficient power supply.

Most of the protests are along the bordering areas of Telangana and Karnataka and across erstwhile Mahabubnagar. The farmers, who staged a protest on Tuesday at Jogulamba Gadwal, continued the protests on Wednesday and reached

KTR HITS OUT AT PARTY OVER K'TAKA POWER CRISIS

HYDERABAD: BRS working president and Minister KT Rama Rao said the people of Karnataka were repenting for believing in the false promises of the Congress and voting it to power. He urged the voters of Telangana not to repeat the same mistake and suffer the lack of power, water and other basic amenities. Rama Rao also took a jibe at AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge stating that he was not the "real" AICC president, but a mere "puppet". (SEE PAGE 2)

Kodangal, the constituency from where TPCC president A Revanth Reddy is contesting, and took out a rally with over 200 farmers from Karnataka.

Holding placards and raising slogans against the

being supplied for a couple of hours, they said.

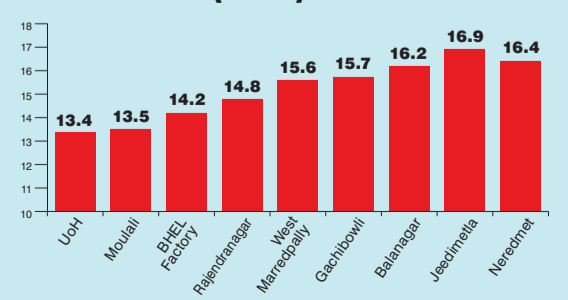
Farmers from Ribbannapalli, Pothanpalli, Malreddypalli and the neighbouring villages of Gulbarga district on Karnataka arrived at Kodangal. They took out a protest rally from the Venkateshwara Swamy temple to Ambedkar Chowraha in the town. "The Congress has betrayed us and we want to alert Telangana farmers not to vote for it and get cheated," a farmer was heard saying in a video that is being widely circulated on social media.

The protest rally led to mild tension as local Congress leaders opposed the farmers. (SEE PAGE 2)

Hyderabad feels the chill as mercury plummets

SOWMYA SANGAM
 Hyderabad

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES ON WEDNESDAY (IN °C)



A cold spell has gripped Hyderabad with nighttime temperatures dropping drastically over the past three days. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) attributes this abrupt weather change to the influence of dry northerly winds sweeping through the State.

According to data collected by the Telangana State Development Planning Society until 8.30 am on Wednesday, Serilingampally mandal emerged as the coldest pocket in the city.

In the vicinity of the University of Hyderabad, mercury plunged to a shivering 13.4 degrees C, leaving residents reaching for extra blankets and sweaters. Moulali followed closely with a

record of 13.5 degrees C, while BHEL Factory reported a relatively warmer 14.2 degrees C.

In the early hours, the city is enveloped in a haze, giving the impression of a silent, serene winter morning. However, the day continued to be dominated by sultry and sweltering heat.

The IMD predicts that night owls will have to endure a few more chilly evenings. (SEE PAGE 2)