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BRS govt filled 13,000 jobs per year: KTR

Counters Oppn's claims with facts, says it outperformed its predecessors

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Countering the notion that Telangana lagged behind in providing employment in the government sector, BRS working president and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao asserted that the BRS government has outperformed its predecessors by filling an average of 13,000 government jobs per year. He contrasted this with the performance of the Congress regime, which managed to fill only around 1,000 jobs annually.

Citing records of recruitment done between 2004 and 2014, Rama Rao noted that the erstwhile Congress administration in united Andhra Pradesh filled a total of 24,000 jobs across 23 districts. Calculating Telangana's 42% share, this amounted to just 10,000 in all and 1,000 recruitments per year in Telangana, he elaborated.

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government has embarked on filling 2.20 lakh vacancies. Of these, 1.32 lakh posts have been filled, amounting to 13,000 jobs each year. The exercise to fill 90,000 odd jobs was in different stages, he pointed out. Can any government led by Congress or BJP claim to have recruited on such a scale and at such speed? he sought to know

during a Meet-the-Press programme organised on Saturday by the Telangana union of Working Journalists.

Taking examples of statistics from TSPSC registrations, the Minister sought to refute opposition parties' claims that 30 lakh youths were unemployed in the State. He cited attendance

figures from various employment group exams, concluding that the highest number of registrants also included currently unemployed individuals seeking better opportunities.

For example, when the Group-I exam was conducted the first time, 3.5 lakh had appeared and the second time 2.30 lakh appeared.

The cumulative attendance of Group-II, Group-III and Group-IV was 12.5 lakh candidates, he argued. "It is a misconception that 30 lakh youths are unemployed. Many private employees appeared for the TSPSC exams. There is nothing wrong in that and the trend has changed," the Minister remarked. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

India abstains from UN vote on Gaza truce

UNITED NATIONS

India abstained in the UN General Assembly on a resolution that called for an immediate humanitarian truce in the Israel-Hamas conflict and unhindered humanitarian access in the Gaza strip, as New Delhi underscored that terrorism is a "malignancy" and the world should not buy into any justification of terror acts.

The 193-member UN General Assembly on Friday voted on the draft resolution submitted by Jordan and co-sponsored by over 40 nations including Bangladesh, Maldives, Pakistan, Russia and South Africa.

The resolution titled 'Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations' was overwhelmingly adopted with 121 nations voting in favour, 14 against and 44 abstentions. Along with India, countries abstaining on the resolution included Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

The Jordanian-drafted resolution did not make any mention of the militant group Hamas. Before the

UNGA adopted resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities

General Assembly voted on the resolution, it considered an amendment proposed by Canada and co-sponsored by the US to the text.

The amendment proposed by Canada asked for inserting a paragraph in the resolution that would state that the General Assembly "unequivocally rejects and condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas that took place in Israel starting on October 7, 2023, and the taking of hostages, demands the safety, well-being and humane treatment of the hostages in compliance with international law, and calls for their immediate and unconditional release".

Sources said that the draft resolution in the General Assembly did not include any "explicit condemnation" of the terrorist attacks of October 7.

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Telangana Today apologises to Vice-President's office

On July 28, 2023, *Telangana Today* published a news item on page 1 with the headline "BRS wears black, boycotts Rajya Sabha BAC meeting." While a portion of the said report was carried on page 1, the remaining portion was carried on page 4 with a different headline "VP's office posts 'fake' pics of Rajya Sabha BAC meet."

The content of the news item, an internal inquiry found later, was based on assumptions, and not verified for veracity. Similarly, the headline given in the second part of the report on page 4 was also erroneous. Given the sensitive nature of the news, especially when it dealt with the office of the Vice-President of India, the second highest institution in the country, our editorial teams should have taken extreme care while filing the news item, clearing it for publication while editing it and giving a headline.

It was an error on the part of the entire newsroom team and its leaders. We deeply regret this erroneous report, which has already been withdrawn from all our online platforms.

We wish to clarify that *Telangana Today*, by no means, had intended to belittle the institution of Rajya Sabha and its chairman, the Vice-President of India. We would like to inform you that appropriate mechanisms have been put in place to prevent such grave errors. *Telangana Today* has already published an apology on October 6, 2023 in this regard.

We, once again, wish to place on record our unconditional apologies.

— Editor

People's choice



SAY CHEESE! College students take a selfie with the cutout of BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, at Nampally Exhibitions Ground in Hyderabad on Saturday.

BRS will reign supreme with hat-trick, says Harish

STATE BUREAU
 Adilabad

The Bharat Rashtra Samiti is all set to reign supreme with a hat-trick in the ensuing polls and this is the impression the masses carried wherever you go, stated Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Saturday.

Addressing a well-attended Praja Ashivada Sabha at Adilabad, he reiterated that the BRS supremo K Chandrashekhara Rao was sure of scoring a century in the elections and this was confirmed the moment the Congress had announced its second list.

Recalling that the ten years of BRS rule ushered in an era of rapid development, he said even the largely forested Adilabad

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emerged as a hub of development. "Adilabad was the place where the people continued to be on fast unto death till statehood was attained. The Congress, if it was given a chance, would put the State on a backward streak. The party has over 100 claimants for the Chief Minister's post. It includes those who could not contest in the polls. If you ask them, who could be their Chief Ministerial candidate, they will all put up a blank face,"

the Finance Minister said. But for the BRS, it is otherwise. There is no ambiguity in the matter. The ultimate choice of everyone will be KCR, the leader who had achieved Telangana. The State had neither drought nor curfew during the ten-year BRS rule, he said.

Harish made it clear that water will in no way mix with oil. So will be the case with the BRS and the BJP. KCR was instrumental in introducing the Rythu Bandhu scheme and he has promised to hike the crop input assistance from Rs 10,000 to Rs 16,000 per acre in a phased manner. (SEE PAGE 2)

Irrigation for Rabi crop as per schedule

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Rabi crop irrigation schedule under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) will proceed as planned, and the farmers in the ayacut area will not be let down, Engineer-in-Chief of Kaleshwaram N Venkateswarlu asserted on Saturday.

He emphasised that the structural issues with the Medigadda project's piers would not hinder the water pumping process from Godavari. The ongoing construction of a cofferdam over the sagging sections is set to be expedited. Once complete, all pumping stations will be fully operational to draw the requisite water volume from the Godavari. Crews and machinery have been extensively deployed to the Medigadda site to expedite the cofferdam construction. The civil works for pier rehabilitation are scheduled for completion by December first week. (SEE PAGE 2)

'TS Cong wrecked by RSS-minded Revanth'

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Telangana Congress Minority chairman Sheikh Abdullah Sohel, who dropped a bombshell by quitting the party ahead of the ensuing Assembly elections, said the real Congress party ceased to exist in the State as it was already wrecked by 'RSS-minded' TPCC president Revanth Reddy.

In his resignation letter addressed to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sohel regretted that even Rahul Gandhi, who claimed to be fighting an ideological battle, now appeared to be engulfed in the greed of power and mortgaged all his ideologies.

He had not only handed over the command of the Congress in the State to an RSS man but also facilitated the issue of tickets to those picked up by Revanth based on the weight of their cash-loaded suitcases. It has been proven beyond any doubt that the Congress' claims of secularism were fake and

had become as deadly and venomous as the BJP. He said Revanth was implementing his RSS agenda to crush the Muslim leadership within the Congress and that the party was bound to pay a high price for this. The party leadership would realise that it had committed a big mistake by making an RSS pracharak the head of the Telangana Congress, but it would be too late by then.

Over 20% of those, who have been given party tickets, are not from the Congress. The party is selling tickets, not just one or two, but in lock, stock, and barrel. For instance, the Malakpet ticket was allotted to one Shaik Akbar, a realtor whose name was never heard in the Congress circles until it appeared in the list of nominees. He openly claimed to have purchased the ticket for Rs 10 crore. In Adilabad, Revanth denied ticket to DCC president Sajid Khan and managed to issue it to one Srinivas Reddy, who was imported by him from the BJP.

Supplying only 5 hrs of power, admits DKS

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Truth can never be extinguished, it can only be eclipsed.

The visiting Congress leader DK Shivakumar, who is also Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister, had unwittingly spoken the truth when he asserted that the Karnataka government was supplying power only for five hours to the farm sector. The confession comes in the backdrop of mounting criticism of the Congress government in Karnataka that it was unable to fulfil its electoral promise of supplying ten hours of power supply to the agriculture sector.

Karnataka farmers are agitating over the Congress' failure to honour its promise of ten-hour power supply. Batches of farmers have also descended on the border villages in Telangana to hold demonstrations to expose the truth behind Congress' tall claims of power supply. (REPORT PAGE 5)

Skyroot plans Vikram-1 launch in early 2024

RUCHI RAI SOHNI
 Hyderabad

Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace is preparing to launch Vikram-1, a multi-stage launch vehicle with a payload capacity of around 300 kg, in early 2024.

Vikram-1 stands as a seven-storey, multi-stage rocket, marking a notable achievement as one of the few privately developed rockets worldwide with the capacity to deploy orbital satellites. Distinguished by its all-carbon-fibre construction, this rocket can transport multiple satellites into orbit, making it India's first in the space sector and first few globally.

This technological advancement is a significant step in India's space programme, said Pawan Chandana, co-founder and CEO of Skyroot Aerospace



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while speaking with 'Telangana Today.' The rocket's launch is scheduled in the next few months, depending on the completion of two crucial tests. "While there are quite a few key tests that are important, we have been steadily achieving the milestones. But in particular, Stage-1 and Stage-2

static tests would be major milestones to achieve and their hardware is in various stages of manufacturing and integration," he said.

Featuring 3D-printed liquid engines, this rocket marks Skyroot's second venture in the field, following the successful launch of the Vikram-S rocket last year. The com-

pany has unveiled Vikram-1 space launch vehicle alongside the inauguration of its new headquarters, 'Max-Q', in Hyderabad which is located at GMR Aerospace and its Industrial Park in Mamidipally is touted as the largest private rocket development facility under a single roof in the country. (SEE PAGE 2)

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