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'Era of regional parties soon'

KCR says only such parties can safeguard the interests of their respective States and people

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Stating that people were vexed with national parties such as the Congress and BJP, Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Sunday said the era of regional parties was about to dawn soon in India. Regional parties understand the pain and problems of their regions and work accordingly to address them.

"KCR always speaks the truth. Mark my words. The era of regional parties is about to dawn across India in the near future. Only regional parties can safeguard the interests of their respective States and their people," he said while addressing massive gatherings at the Praja Ashirvada Sabhas in Khammam and Kothagudem. The BRS president pointed out that neither the Congress nor the BJP had ever raised the issues of Telangana or shouldered the Telangana movement.

"When we led the Telangana movement, they insulted us. They shot some of us dead and put others in jails, but never shared the love for our land. Their actions are based on the switch in Delhi. Should we elect these Delhi slaves and become slaves again or govern our State ourselves with self-respect? It is time for people to decide," he said, triggering a roar of applause. Chandrashekhar Rao reiterated the need for a mature



BRS supremo and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao addressing a massive gathering at the Praja Ashirvada Sabha in Khammam on Sunday.

democracy for a progressive nation. He urged the voters not to get confused by impractical promises, false propaganda, lies or abusive language used by some political parties and their candidates. He asked them to instead examine the ideologies of each political party and their leader before voting for the party which would understand local issues and strive to address them. "The Congress ruled the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh for over 50 years but did nothing for Telangana. The BJP made no con-

tribution for the newly formed Telangana State. But the BRS, which came to power after the State's formation, has been addressing the issues plaguing the State — power, water and poverty — all in a phased manner," he said, asking the people to compare the five decades of Congress rule against the 10 years of the BRS regime.

Stating that the BRS would return to power for the third term and complete the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme over the next couple of years to end the water woes of erstwhile Kham-

CM blames Cong for TS losing stake in SCCL

HYDERABAD: BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao blamed the Congress for the State losing a 49 per cent stake in the Singareni Collieries Company Limited to the Central government. He said the Congress governments of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh could not repay the loans obtained from the Centre due to their inefficiency and ended up giving away shares in the SCCL, which was part of Telangana's legacy. He said Singareni, founded by the Nizams, had a rich history of 134 years and its coal mines were intertwined with the lives of the people of Telangana. (REPORT PAGE 5)

mam district forever, he said opposition parties had always treated Dalits as vote

banks. The BRS government, on the other hand, launched Dalit Bandhu for

their empowerment. The State government also issued podu land pattas to tribals and extended Rythu Bandhu benefits to them.

Chandrashekhar Rao said under the Congress rule, many areas in erstwhile Khammam witnessed groundwater levels depleting with borewells being required to be dug up for 600-800 feet unsuccessfully. However, after the BRS government was formed, multiple measures were initiated, which recharged the groundwater in Telangana, while the rest of the nation

was witnessing a decline in groundwater levels. "According to the Central government, about 739 TMC of groundwater has been recharged in Telangana, which is equal to water stored in two Nagarjuna Sagar reservoirs," he said.

On the development of Kothagudem, the Chief Minister said under the BRS regime, Kothagudem town witnessed significant growth with wide roads, a central lighting system and a host of other development works. (SEE PAGE 2)

Panel to adopt draft reports on Bills replacing IPC, CrPC

NEW DELHI

A parliamentary committee scrutinising three Bills to replace the existing criminal laws will meet on Monday to adopt draft reports, days after some Opposition members sought an extension for the panel to go through the measures in greater detail.

On October 27, the standing committee on Home could not adopt the draft reports as some Opposition members pressed for more time to study them. They urged panel chairperson Brij Lal to seek an extension

Parliamentary committee to meet today despite Oppn members seeking time to study draft reports

of three months in its tenure and "stop bulldozing these Bills for short-term electoral gain". For making a robust legislation that serves the marginalised, the committee should not adopt a final report in the next few days or in November. However, BJP sources said the committee

has engaged in an extensive consultation process and will meet its deadline of three months.

The committee will now meet on November 6, according to a notice sent to members for adopting the three drafts. Home Minister Amit Shah had introduced in Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session three Bills to replace the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 with Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. PTI

ASI shoots himself to death

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) working as an escort in-charge for Education Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy shot himself with his service pistol at Jubilee Hills on Sunday, reportedly due to financial problems.

ASI Mohd Fazle Ali, (59), working with the Rachakonda Armed Reserve and a resident of Hussainialam in Old City, was posted as escort party in-charge for Sabitha Indra Reddy, according to officials. (SEE PAGE 2)

'Only KCR can continue Telangana growth story'

KTR says ryots, youth will suffer under Cong

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The writing on the wall is loud and clear. Telangana, according to BRS working president and Minister KT Rama Rao, stands to lose the growth momentum it has maintained over the last decade if false promises and fake guarantees trump the development story carefully scripted and implemented by K Chandrashekhar Rao.

Calling for careful thought and analysis by voters ahead of the November 30 elections, Rama Rao said it was crucial that Chandrashekhar Rao continues as the Telangana Chief Minister. Any different script would mean that farmers would struggle, especially in the event of Congress leaders swaying towards the Karnataka mode of a five-hour power supply as against Telangana's 24-hour system. The youth would be another major section to face losses.

Calling for introspection and listing out how the BRS government had ensured



BRS working president and Minister KT Rama Rao during an interaction with the media in Hyderabad on Sunday.

over 1.6 lakh government jobs, with more than 40,000 in the selection process too, Rama Rao said there was no State that could match the BRS government in Telangana in terms of employment generation as well. When it came to tech jobs, Telangana had surpassed Bengaluru in the last two years. "Telangana is surging ahead in all fields. If sudden brakes are applied, youth will be at a loss," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

"NDA report, not NDSA's"

HYDERABAD: Reiterating that the report on the Medigadda barrage was more of a politically motivated NDA report, KTR countered the Opposition's charges that the KLIS was a failure. (FULL REPORT PAGE 5)

India seeks evidence on Nijjar killing

OTTAWA

Canada's investigation into the murder of a Sikh extremist has been tainted by a high-level Canadian official's public statements, India's High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma has said as he asked Ottawa to provide evidence to back up its allegations.

In an interview with the Globe and Mail newspaper, Verma on Friday said there "is no specific or relevant information provided in this case for us to assist them in the investigation." "Where is the evidence? Where is the conclusion of the investigation? I would go a step further and say now the investigation has already been tainted," Verma said. "A direction has come from someone at a high level to say India or Indian agents

are behind it," he said, without naming anyone.

The ties between India and Canada came under severe strain following Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations in September of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani extremist separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in the Canadian town of Surrey in June.

India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020. India rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated". Days after Trudeau's allegations, India temporarily suspended the issuance of visas to Canadian citizens and asked Ottawa to downsize its diplomatic presence in the country to ensure parity. Canada has withdrawn 41 diplomats and their family members from India. PTI

Kohli equals Tendulkar's record, scores 49th ODI ton



CHASE MASTER: Virat Kohli celebrates his century during the World Cup match against South Africa, at Eden Gardens in Kolkata. — Photo: PTI (REPORT PAGE 10)

India pushes for 2-State solution

NEW DELHI

India has reiterated its commitment towards countering terrorism and adhering to international humanitarian law, while advocating for a two-State solution amid the intensifying Israel-Palestine conflict. External Affairs Minister S Jais-

hankar on Sunday spoke to his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and discussed the "grave" situation arising out of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

In the phone conversation, he conveyed to Amir-Abdollahian the importance of preventing escalation of the conflict and the need for

providing humanitarian support to people in Gaza.

"Conveyed the importance of preventing escalation and providing humanitarian support. Agreed to stay in touch," the Minister posted on X. On Saturday, Jaishankar had a phone conversation with Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen. PTI

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Ishaan confident of his ability to pull off any character



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