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## 'Congress known for betrayal'

**KCR says it tried to create political instability in new State**

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**Urges voters to dump the Congress in Bay of Bengal**



Youngsters at the Praja Ashirvada Sabha in Kamareddy on Thursday. (Right) BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao at the venue.

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

After subjecting the people of Telangana to years of betrayal and injustice in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, the Congress had conspired to create political instability in the newly-formed Telangana State, BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao said on Thursday.

Addressing his first public meeting in Kamareddy, from where he was contesting for the first time, Chandrashekhara Rao said the Congress was pitting against him the same man who was caught red-handed with Rs 50 lakh while attempting to

buy legislators and destabilise the BRS (then TRS) government.

Stating that Congress was known for repeated betrayal and injustice towards the region and its people for 58 years, he said the Congress had allied with the BRS (then TRS) after agreeing to form Telangana State, but went back on its word on numerous occasions. However, the Congress was compelled to form a separate State after the people of Telangana took to the streets, sending strong signals of its political ramifications for the survival of the Congress in the State.

"Even after the State formation, they tried to create

political instability and attempted to buy our legislators with the help of others, and the same person who was caught red-handed with Rs 50 lakh in his attempt to purchase a legislator is now being fielded to contest against me in Kamareddy. People should deliver their verdict and teach him a lesson," he said.

Urging voters to display their political maturity and elect candidates only after considering the ideologies, policies and history of each political party endorsing them, the Chief Minister minced no words while lashing out at Rahul Gandhi for his call to scrap the Dharani portal. The BRS government

had put an end to the woes of the farmers by simplifying the land management and registration process through the Dharani portal, empowering farmers with all rights on their farmlands.

"But the Congress wants to bring back the days of anarchy and middlemen. People should dump the Congress in the Bay of Bengal," he said, citing statements by Congress leaders that they would throw the Dharani portal in the Bay of Bengal. Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP as well, Chandrashekhara Rao urged people to ensure that not a single vote was given to the BJP, whose contribution to Telangana and

its people was a big zero. BJP leaders should be ashamed to seek votes from the people of Telangana after the Prime Minister imposed a Rs 25,000 crore cut in the State's borrowings.

"Telangana is the only State in the country to supply uninterrupted power to the agriculture sector. Not even Modi's home State of Gujarat has a 24-hour supply. But he insisted that we fix electricity metres to agricultural connections, but I refused as we are committed to stabilising agriculture and making it remunerative for farmers. He fined us by imposing a Rs 25,000 crore cut on our borrowings," he said. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

### KCR files papers from two segments



Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao filing his nomination papers from Kamareddy constituency, on Thursday.

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BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao filed his nominations to contest from Gajwel and Kamareddy constituencies in the Assembly elections slated for November 30. The nomination papers were submitted to the Returning Officers in the respective constituencies.

Apart from the Chief Minister, his Cabinet colleagues, including BRS working president and IT Minister KT Rama Rao (Sircilla), Finance Minister T Harish Rao (Siddipet) and other Ministers also filed their nominations. Medak MP and Dubbak MLA candidate Kotha Prabhakar Reddy, who was in hospital after being stabbed

during his campaign, came straight from hospital in an ambulance and filed his nomination.

Chandrashekhara Rao is contesting from Gajwel for the third time, after winning the 2014 and 2018 elections from the constituency, while it is the first time that he is contesting from Kamareddy. The CM left from his farmhouse in Erravelli in a helicopter and landed at the helipad near the Integrated District Offices Complex in Gajwel. Accompanied by local BRS leaders, he submitted the nomination papers at 11 am. After filing the nomination, he boarded a poll campaign vehicle and went to meet the constituents, supporters and the party cadre, waiting for him near the helipad. (SEE PAGE 2)

### Ex-Navymen death row: India moves Qatar court

**NEW DELHI:** An appeal has been filed against the death sentence handed down to eight former Indian Navy personnel by a Qatari court last month, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the Indian embassy in Doha received another consular access to the detained Indians on Tuesday and that New Delhi will continue to extend all legal and consular support to them. The eight former Indian Navy personnel were on October 26 given death sentence by Qatar's Court of First Instance. India described the ruling as "deeply" shocking and vowed to explore all legal options in the case. (SEE PAGE 2)

### LS panel recommends expulsion of Mahua Moitra

**NEW DELHI:** The Lok Sabha Ethics Committee on Thursday recommended the expulsion of TMC MP Mahua Moitra from the House in the 'cash-for-query' matter, capping a fortnight of actions that included the deposition of three persons over three sittings. The panel, chaired by BJP Lok Sabha member Vinod Kumar Sonkar, met here and adopted its 479-page report which, according to sources, recommended Moitra's expulsion. (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)

### Revanth reveals real estate agent traits

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Old habits die hard. TPCC president A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday accidentally revealed how his mind was still working like that of a disciple of his former boss N Chandrababu Naidu.

Citing Naidu's land pooling scheme for building Amaravati, the TPCC president said at a roundtable programme organised by a news channel here that land would be pooled from farmers and others in Rachakonda for building a 'new city'.

In the Amaravati land pooling scheme, not a single rupee was invested by the government. Farmers' land was pooled, development was done, corporate compa-

**Says land would be pooled from farmers and others in Rachakonda for building a 'new city'**

nies were invited and land was allocated, he said, indicating the dangers that lay ahead for farmers in Telangana if Congress came to power by any chance here.

Similarly, he said the Congress aims to ensure development along River Musi under a new master plan. This would be taken up under PPP mode, international firms would be welcomed through global tenders. (SEE PAGE 2)

### 'Rate-entha Reddy' will sell State, says KTR



BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing the gathering in Kodangal on Thursday.

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao tore into TPCC president A Revanth Reddy in the latter's constituency of Kodangal on Thursday, listing out Reddy's corrupt history and stating that the Congress leader, who was a real estate broker, would soon be heading to jail.

Revanth Reddy, who was selling tickets to aspirants for contesting the elections, had the dubious distinction of damaging Kodangal's reputation at the national level with his cash-for-vote scam, he told a massive gathering that came out for his roadshow. The TPCC president, who was now

### KTR nearly falls off vehicle

**HYDERABAD:** BRS working president and IT Minister KT Rama Rao had a lucky escape after he nearly fell off his campaign vehicle during a roadshow at Armoor on Thursday. He suffered minor injuries to the leg but carried on with the campaign. The accident occurred when the campaign vehicle driver braked abruptly and the railing fixed atop the vehicle gave way, throwing the Minister and others flanking him off balance. While Armoor candidate Jeevan Reddy fell off the vehicle, Rama Rao's gunman, who was standing behind him, caught hold of him. (REPORT PAGE 4)

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### Mahindra praises Google for Hyd campus

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Chairman of Mahindra Group, Anand Mahindra, lauded Google's decision to set up its largest office outside the United States in Hyderabad. The business tycoon highlighted the geopolitical implications, emphasising that it goes beyond mere commercial development. "This is not news about just one new

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— ANAND MAHINDRA, Chairman of Mahindra Group

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it's not just commercial news, it's a geopolitical statement. It's all happening here now...finally (sic)," he said in a tweet. The tweet quoted the announcement of Google

commencing construction on its expansive office in Hyderabad, signalling a major step in the tech giant's global expansion strategy. Google's upcoming office in the city is set to be completed by 2026. The new office will be a colossal 3 mn sqft elliptical structure, establishing itself as the largest Google-owned and operated campus building outside Mountain View headquarters. (SEE PAGE 2)

### Bihar increases quota to 65%

PATNA

The Bihar Assembly hiked the quota for deprived castes from 50% to 65% in government jobs and educational institutions, taking the overall reservation to 75%. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said, "Now, reservations will be 75%, including 10% for economically weaker sections which the Centre introduced a few years ago and we, too, implemented in the State." (SEE PAGE 2)

known as 'Rate-entha Reddy', had also offered huge money to Bomraspet sarpanch Narsimha Naik to join the Congress. Other sarpanches were also approached with huge sums of money, but the BRS

sarpanches did not fall prey and had lodged complaints with the police, Rama Rao said, pointing out that this was at a time when TPCC posts and tickets were being sold openly in the Congress. (SEE PAGE 2)