

## 'Indira rule worst days'

**KCR tears into Congress slogan of bringing back 'Indiramma Rajyam'**

STATE BUREAU  
 HYDERABAD

Attacking and ripping apart one of the most significant campaign slogans of the Congress, that of bringing back 'Indiramma Rajyam', BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Sunday pointed out that contrary to what the Congress claimed, the reign of Indira Gandhi was fraught with droughts, hunger deaths, communal riots, naxalism and encounters in Telangana.

The return of Indiramma Rajyam would only pose a threat to Telangana's survival, he said, asserting that the forthcoming Assembly election was a matter of life and death for the people of Telangana. "People were forced to either migrate or queue up in front of ganji kendrams (porridge centres) to survive. Indiramma Rajyam marked the worst



BRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao during his Praja Ashiravada Sabha at Kollapur on Sunday.



period in the history of Telangana. Until NT Rama Rao started the Rs 2 per kilo of rice scheme for the poor, people experienced hardships," Chandrashekhar Rao said, cautioning that any

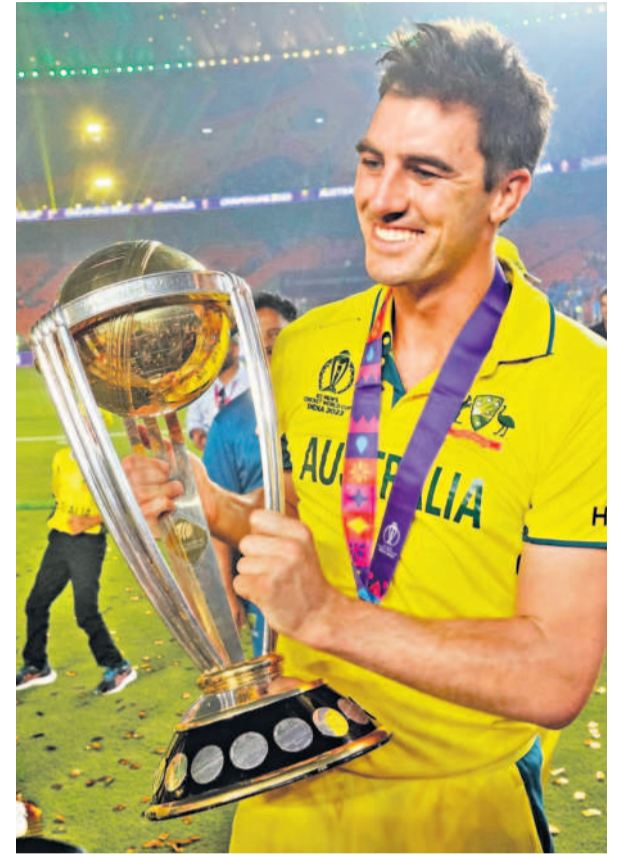
hasty decision to vote for the Congress would spell doom for Telangana once again and it would be difficult to revive the progress and prosperity of the State thereafter.

Participating in Praja Ashiravada Sabha meetings at Alampur, Kollapur, Nagarkurnool and Kalwakurthy on Sunday, the BRS president said the Congress leaders pushed Telan-

### MANIFESTO BY WOMEN, FOR WOMEN SOON

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao assured to come up with a manifesto exclusively for women, besides working out plans to extend loans to women entrepreneurs in manufacturing and service sectors in urban areas at much lower interest rates. The manifesto would be drafted by women and KTR urged them to brainstorm on services required. (REPORT PAGE 5)

## Australia World Champs



**ON CLOUD 9:** Skipper Pat Cummins poses with the trophy after Australia wins the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup final against India, in Ahmedabad on Sunday. —Photo: AP (REPORT PAGE 10)

**Free heart surgeries for poor**

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## Vertical drilling begins at tunnel

NEW DELHI

The government said on Sunday that as rescue operation continues for the eighth day to save the lives of 41 workers trapped at Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakashi, the Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL) will do vertical drilling to rescue the labour-

ers for which equipment have been mobilised from Gujarat and Odisha through the Indian Railways. ONGC has started initial work for vertical drilling from the Barkot end. Meanwhile, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said he expects rescuers to reach the victims in two to two-and-a-half days. AGENCIES (REPORTS PAGE 7)

### HOUTH REBELS HIJACK INDIA-BOUND SHIP

JERUSALEM: Israel said Yemen's Houthi rebels seized an Israeli-linked cargo ship headed to India in a crucial Red Sea shipping route on Sunday, raising fears that regional tensions heightened over the Israel-Hamas war were playing out on a new maritime front. In another development amid the Israel-Hamas war, 31 premature babies were safely transferred from Gaza's main hospital to another in the south on Sunday, and will be moved to Egypt. (REPORTS PAGE 9)

### MANY FALL SICK AFTER EATING MANDI FOOD

HYDERABAD: Several persons have fallen ill after consuming mandi food at a hotel in Mir Alam Mandi in the old city. According to police, some people had food while a few picked up parcels from the hotel on Mir Alam Mandi road on Thursday. But after having food, they developed health issues and started visiting hospitals. "My family members have been admitted to Fever Hospital for the last two days," Mohd Ashraf, a resident, said. (SEE PAGE 2)

### SAM ALTMAN PLANS NEW AI VENTURE

SAN FRANCISCO: Sam Altman, the ousted CEO of ChatGPT developer OpenAI, has reportedly told investors he is planning to launch a new AI venture. On Sunday, he posted on X, "I love the OpenAI team so much". Former OpenAI co-founder and president Greg Brockman (who also resigned following Altman's sacking) is also likely to join the effort and the project is still in development, reports *The Information*. IANS (REPORT PAGE 8)

### INDIA A \$4 TN ECONOMY? NO OFFICIAL WORD YET

New Delhi: Billionaire Gautam Adani to two Union Ministers and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, among others on Sunday, hailed India crossing \$4 trillion mark though there was no official confirmation if the country has achieved the landmark. The Finance Ministry and the National Statistical Office did not immediately comment on the viral social media post. Highly placed sources said the viral news was incorrect. PTI

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