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'Congress job calendar bogus'

KTR calls it another cheap trick to cheat youth of Telangana



BRS working president and IT Minister KT Rama Rao addressing a roadshow in Biknoor of Nizamabad district on Saturday.

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Exposing the hollowness of the so-called job calendar announced by the Congress, Bharat Rashtira Samithi working president KT Rama Rao called it bogus and another cheap trick to cheat the youth in Telangana.

Asking how the Congress could issue job notifications in March, April and May in 2024 when the Model Code of Conduct would be in vogue in the country, Rama Rao also laid threadbare the falsity in the claims and promises of Rahul Gandhi, pointing out that the latter had promised 2.5 lakh government jobs in Karnataka within 100 days of assuming

KTR asks Rahul

- How can Congress issue job notifications in March, April and May in 2024, when MCC will be in vogue in country?
- What happened to the promise of 2.5 lakh jobs in 100 days in Karnataka?
- Who abolished Mulki rules, thereby denying nativity rights to the people of Telangana?
- Who failed in implementing the 6-point formula, GO 610 and Girglani committee report recommendations?
- Who killed 369 students who raised their voices for a separate Telangana in 1969?

Who is responsible for loss of lives of Telangana's youngsters after promising separate Statehood to Telangana in 2004?

power there. Six months have passed and Rahul Gandhi should make it clear how many jobs were provided by the Congress government in Karnataka, he asked, also pointing out that the Congress had played the

same trick on job aspirants in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh as well.

Lashing out at the Congress for its claims on unemployment in Telangana, Rama Rao, who addressed various road shows, said the

BRS government issued notifications for 2.02 lakh jobs, of which 1.60 lakh were already filled. During the Congress regime from 2004 to 2014, only 10,116 jobs were provided in Telangana, which worked out to 1,012 jobs annually. The BRS government had filled 16,850 vacancies annually, he said.

"Can you deny these recruitments in the public sector and prove us wrong? Name one State in India that has filled more government job vacancies than Telangana in 10 years," he said, reminding Rahul Gandhi that it was the BRS government which introduced the zonal system to ensure youth in Telangana get 95% of the jobs here. (SEE PAGES 2, 3, 4)

Telangana Rapid Transit to transform commuting

Conceptualised by BRS govt, major towns in State will be just 1 hour away from Hyderabad

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Shrink the travel time and chug along in complete comfort to any district headquarters or any major town in Telangana from Hyderabad in just about sixty minutes.

A network of transit services that could connect the capital city with different parts of the State, have trains that run faster and cut down the travel time sharply formed the crux of the concept mentioned by BRS working president KT Rama Rao at a CREDAI meeting on Friday.

The Telangana Rapid Transit (TRT), conceptualised by the BRS government led by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, looks at a semi-high speed 'At Grade' rail system with a maximum speed of 180 kmph and average speed of 100 kmph. This would ensure that most district headquarters and important towns of Telangana could be reached in about an hour. This kind of service, when

The next big thing

(COMPARATIVE TRAVEL TIME OF TRT VS BY ROAD)

CORRIDOR	BY RAPID TRANSIT	BY ROAD
Hyderabad—Karimnagar	1:25 hrs	3:30 hrs
Hyderabad—Warangal	1:18 hrs	2:45 hrs
Hyderabad—Nalgonda	0:50 hrs	2:00 hrs
Hyderabad—Khammam	1:45 hrs	4:15 hrs
Hyderabad—Mahabubnagar	0:53 hrs	2:00 hrs
Hyderabad—Vikarabad	0:36 hrs	1:30 hrs
Hyderabad—Zaheerabad	0:43 hrs	2:15 hrs
Hyderabad—Medak	0:42 hrs	2:15 hrs
Hyderabad—Nizamabad	1:34 hrs	3:00 hrs



made available, will ensure that Karimnagar can be reached from Hyderabad in just 1.25 hours instead of the present road travel duration of 3.30 hours. Along with the existing 69 km of three Metro corridors and the Airport Metro Corridor of 31 km under implementation, Metro Rail expansion has been sanctioned to different parts of Hyderabad and along the ORR for a total coverage of 415 km at an estimated cost of Rs 69,000 crore.

Nine TRT Corridors are envisaged from the new Metro nodal points on the

ORR/outskirts to cover almost all parts of the State. These TRT Corridors will be at road-level rail lines but with advanced RRTS technology.

Estimated to cost between Rs 70 crore to Rs 75 crore per km, these corridors can cover a length of about 792 km with a funding of about Rs 55,400 crore.

During a detailed survey, the distances could be further reduced as they are proposed across open fields but connecting important towns, road junctions and the existing railway stations.

Paper leaks rampant in Congress-ruled Rajasthan

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The reality behind all the hype and hoopla over government job recruitment promises being doled by the Congress can be seen if one takes a look at Rajasthan.

The Congress rule in Rajasthan since 2018, according to multiple media re-

ports, has seen at least half a dozen major cases of question paper leaks for recruitment to various government posts. The Ashok Gehlot government's claims of corrective measures to prevent such incidents are under question with the leaks continuing unabated.

According to the reports, there were 26 instances of

paper leaks between 2011 and 2022, 14 of them in the last four years alone. The paper leaks were a regular phenomenon during the BJP regime in Rajasthan as well.

However, the frequency has now become such that even Congress Ministers are questioning the Gehlot government to hold exams successfully. (SEE PAGE 2)

Now, DKS says 5-7 hours of power enough for ryots

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After TPCC president A Revanth Reddy, who drew flak for his statement that three hours of power was sufficient for farmers, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said on Saturday that five to seven hours of power was sufficient for farmers.

The Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister had earlier landed the Congress in Telangana in the soup when he admitted that only five hours of power was being supplied to farmers in Kar-

The video of the Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister went viral on different social media platforms

nataka. Sticking to his stance, Shivakumar, while addressing the media persons here on Saturday said: "We are not giving 24 hours of power to everyone. There is some relief for farmers. Earlier, we started (this scheme). Five, six and seven

hours and that is sufficient for farmers..."

Users take a dig
The video of the Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister went viral on different social media platforms, with many pointing out what lay ahead for farmers in Telangana if the Congress managed to come to power.

Taking a dig at Shivakumar's remarks, a user on X, Ultron, said: "One of the top campaigners from Congress to BRS. He is fighting hard to make BRS win the elections from his side. Thank you sir."

Four students killed in Kerala stampede

KOCHI

Four students were killed, and over 60 were injured in a stampede during Cochin university annual festival on Saturday night.

Officials said that the stampede occurred before well known singer Nikita Gandhi was to perform for a musical festival in the open air auditorium of Cochin University of Science and Technology. Four students, including two boys and two girls, lost their lives, while over 60 others are undergoing treatment at Kalamassery Medical College Hospital, said officials. PTI

Tunnel rescue may take several weeks more

UTTARAKASHI/NEW DELHI

The blades of the auger machine drilling through the rubble of the collapsed Silkyara tunnel were on Saturday stuck in the debris, forcing officials to consider switching to options that could drag on the rescue of 41 trapped workers by several days — even weeks.

On day 14 of the multi-agency rescue mission, officials shifted focus to two alternatives — manual drilling through the remaining 10- or 12-metre stretch of the rubble or,

Blades of the auger machine drilling through the rubble gets stuck in debris; "This operation could take a long time," says NDMA member

more likely, drilling down 86 metres from above. "This operation could take a long time," National Disaster Management Authority member Lt Gen (ret'd) Syed Ata Hasnain said at his media briefing.

'By Christmas'
At the disaster site, international tunnelling expert Arnold Dix repeated his

promise of getting the workers out "by Christmas," which is a month away. Manual drilling would involve individual workers entering the already bored 47-metre stretch of the rescue passage, drilling for a brief period in the confined space and then coming out to let someone else take over. This, according

to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, could begin as soon as the equipment stuck in the planned escape passage is brought out. Heavy vertical drilling equipment, already brought to Silkyara, was on Saturday moved up a one-and-a-half-kilometre hill road constructed in a couple of days by the Border Road Organisation. The vertical drilling would begin in the "next 24 to 36" hours, Hasnain said. He indicated that this was quicker of the two main options now being considered. PTI

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