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Praja Palana from Dec 28

Applications to be distributed 2 days in advance



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers D Sridhar Babu and Uttam Kumar Reddy at the Secretariat in Hyderabad on Sunday.

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Applications for the State government's ambitious Praja Palana programme will be distributed two days in advance for people to fill out and submit them during the programme to be conducted from December 28 to January 6.

These applications will be made available in villages, hamlets, towns, wards and divisions. People can file their applications regarding the 'Six Guarantees'. A team of senior officials, which will collect the applications during the programme, will issue a receipt to acknowledge them, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas

“ This Indiramma Rajyam and governance will be delivered at the people's doorsteps

— PONGULETI SRINIVAS,
Revenue Minister

Reddy said. Briefing media persons after the CM's meeting with Collectors and SPs here on Monday, Srinivas Reddy said that based on the applicant's eligibility, the officials' team will decide on the application.

Though the eligibility criteria are yet to be finalised, white ration card was considered as a base parameter, he further said.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had issued clear instructions to the Collectors to make elaborate arrangements for the programme. Basic provisions such as drinking water and tents are to be arranged for the convenience of applicants. Officials anticipate a high women's turnout for the programme. The State government had released Rs 25 crore for conducting Praja Palana across the State. The programme will be conducted from 8 am to noon and from 2 pm to 6 pm.

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KTR counters Cong with facts

Says BRS govt created Rs 50 lakh cr assets in 10 years



BRS working president KT Rama Rao during a presentation titled 'Sweda Patram', at the Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad.

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Debunking the Congress government's claims of Telangana debts accumulating to Rs 6,71,757 crore, BRS working president KT Rama Rao asserted that the outstanding debts obtained by Telangana during the previous BRS government's tenure amount to Rs 3,17,015 crore.

Further, he said the BRS government ensured a value creation of more than Rs 50

lakh crore in the State in the last 10 years.

In a strong counter to the Congress government's white paper on Telangana's finances, Rama Rao made a presentation titled 'Sweda Patram' at the BRS State headquarters in Telangana Bhavan here on Sunday, accusing the former of attempting to tarnish Telangana's image by portraying it as a failed State. "This gov-

ernment seems to be hell-bent on destroying the image of the newly-formed State of Telangana, which is the most successful in the entire country. There is an attempt to discredit the work of the BRS government," he added.

Setting the records straight using data acquired from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and NITI Aayog reports, Rama Rao explained that as per the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act norms, Telangana's total debt is Rs 3,89,673 lakh crore. Of this, Rs 72,658 crore was inherited from the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh in population ratio. Therefore, the actual loans obtained during the BRS tenure stand at Rs 3,17,015 crore.

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J&K: Retired SSP shot dead

SRINAGAR

A 72-year-old retired senior superintendent of police (SSP), who was the local "muezzin", was shot dead by terrorists while he was giving "azaan" - the call for prayer - from a mosque in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Sunday, police officials said.

Recalling the moments before Mohammad Shafi Mir was killed, his cousin Mohammad Mustafa, who was at home, said the call for the pre-dawn prayers was being given by a loud-speaker and suddenly it stopped. Mir's last words were "reham" (mercy), he said. PTI

SPORTS MINISTRY SUSPENDS WFI BODY

NEW DELHI: The Sports Ministry on Sunday suspended the Sanjay Singh-led new Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) body over 'hasty' announcement to hold nationals and also asked IOA to constitute an ad-hoc panel to manage the affairs of the sports body. In suspending the WFI, the government cited its "hasty announcement" of organising the U-15 and U-20 nationals "without following due procedure and not giving sufficient notice to wrestlers" for preparations.

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DRAIN SUNDILLA, ANNARAM: EXPERTS

HYDERABAD: Experts looking into the sagging of the piers of the Medigadda barrage of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) have decided to examine the other two barrages - Annaram and Sundilla - for the structural safety of the piers.

But these two barrages must be emptied to study the structural safety. Project officials, sources said, have written to the government for permission to drain these two barrages also to take up the study and are awaiting the clearance. The government is yet to give a go-ahead for the release of water from these barrages.

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Wear mask, health officials urge people

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

With Covid cases rising steadily across Telangana and elsewhere in the country due to JN.1, public health specialists and vaccine experts have made it clear that fresh vaccine booster shots will not grant immunity to individuals.

The best way to deal with the rise of Covid infections due to JN.1 is not to panic and continue taking precautions, such as wearing mask in public places or avoiding large gathering, senior health officials said.

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