

## 'Issue GOs for poll promises'

**KTR slams Cong govt for delaying 6 guarantees**

STATE BUREAU  
 HYDERABAD

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Thursday demanded that the Congress government issue official orders for the implementation of all 13 promises under its six guarantees before the Lok Sabha poll code is enforced.

In an informal interaction with the media at Telangana Bhavan here on Thursday, Rama Rao slammed the blame game by Congress leaders against the BRS regime, aimed at diverting attention from the six guarantees and the delay in their implementation beyond the promised 100 days. If the State government is sincere about the guarantees, it should issue orders before the model code of conduct comes into force, he said.

Earlier, the BRS working president criticised the State government's decisions, such as transferring the management of Krishna river projects to the Centre, which was detrimental to the State's interests.

The management of the Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar projects was handed over to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) without consulting opposition parties and stakeholders, he said, demanding a discussion on the issue in the Assembly and

**“If the State government is sincere about the guarantees, it should issue orders before the model code of conduct for the LS polls comes into force”**

— KT RAMA RAO, BRS WORKING PRESIDENT



### KCR TO CHAIR BRS MPs MEET

HYDERABAD: The BRS Parliamentary Party meeting will be chaired by party president K Chandrashekhara Rao at his Yerravelli residence at 12.30 pm on Friday. Its focus will be on deciding the strategy for the Budget session in Parliament, scheduled to commence from Jan 31. (REPORT PAGE 5)

### ASSEMBLY SEAT-WISE MEETINGS

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the party will play a decisive role in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls by winning a majority of the seats. The party will convene Assembly constituency-wise meetings commencing from Saturday with an overhaul of the party machinery in the pipeline. (REPORT PAGE 5)

also to constitute an all-party committee to safeguard the interests of Telangana State.

Asking Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to apologise for his false claim at Davos that the Congress govern-

ment was providing Rythu Bharosa financial assistance to farmers, Rama Rao pointed out that even the Rythu Bandhu financial assistance was extended only to farmers having up to two acres so far. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Canada accuses India of poll meddling

OTTAWA

Months after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused India of having a role in the killing of pro-Khalistan leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a designated terrorist in New Delhi, Ottawa has now announced to investigate alleged meddling by India in the country's Federal elections in 2019 and 2021.

The Foreign Interference Commission, which was set up last year by the Trudeau government to investigate interference by foreign governments in the last two federal elections in Canada, said it will also investigate India's alleged interference in the elections. The Commission has asked the Canadian government to give it all the information and documents related to the said accusation.

Earlier, the main target of the Commission's work was alleged interference by China and Russia. (IANS)

## Nitish may dump I.N.D.I.A for BJP

NEW DELHI

Signs of deepening fissures between Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his I.N.D.I.A bloc allies have given rise to the possibility of his return to the BJP fold amid hectic efforts within the opposition camp to stall any such development.

On a day RJD president Lalu Prasad's daughter Rohini Acharya took a swipe at Kumar for "changing his ideology as the wind changes its direction" in posts on X following the JD(U) president's swipe at parties promoting family members in politics, a BJP leader well-versed with the State's politics said the party will be guided by its future political imperatives, and not past bitterness. He, however, noted that any call has to be taken by the party's top brass.

The BJP has been showing signs of warming up to Kumar, who has swapped his alliance preference be-

**Saffron party showing signs of warming up to JD(U) chief, with its leaders toning down criticism**

tween the saffron party and the RJD-Congress-Left camp frequently while remaining in power, with its leaders toning down their criticism of him of late and even praising him at times.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah himself sounded more open to such a possibility in a recent interview. Asked about the likelihood of the Janata Dal (U) president's return to the BJP-led alliance, Shah said the party will consider if such a proposal is ever made. Earlier, Shah had asserted that the doors had been closed for Kumar's return to the ruling alliance. (SEE PAGE 2)

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## Former DGP appointed TSPSC Chairman

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

The State government has appointed former Director



General of Police (DGP) M Mahendar Reddy as Chairman of the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) and five others as members.

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan approved the appointment of the former DGP and the State government issued orders to this effect on Thursday.

A 1986 batch IPS officer, Mahender Reddy served as the DGP during the past BRS rule. He retired in December 2022. The Chairman and members will hold the office for a term of six years or till they attain 62 years of age, whichever is earlier. (SEE PAGE 2)

## 'Gyanvapi built on temple'

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## 'Russia playing with lives of PoWs'

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## ACB SLEUTHS ARREST FORMER HMDA CHIEF

## Schedule for TS CETs announced

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

The dates for the Computer Based Tests of the TS Common Entrance Tests for 2023-25 have been announced by the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE).

The nomenclature of TS EAMCET has been changed to TS EAPCET-2024 and the entrance will be held from May 9-11 (Engineering) and May 12-13 (Agricultural and Pharmacy). TS

## PADMA SHRI FOR TS' SAMAAIH, KONDAPPA

HYDERABAD: Dasari Kondappa, a third-generation Burra Veena player from Damaragidda of Narayanpet, and Gaddam Samaiiah, a Chindu Yakshaganam theatre artiste from Jangaon, have been selected for the Padma Shri awards. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy congratulated them. BRS MLA T Harish Rao posted on X: "This is a rare honour for the most famous ancient art form." (REPORT PAGE 8)

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