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'Attacks on cadre won't be tolerated'

KTR says party will respond with stones if bricks are thrown

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Sounding a stern warning against those unleashing violent attacks on workers and supporters of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), party working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday warned such attacks would not be tolerated.

If the attacks do not stop, the party cadre would not hesitate to respond in equal measure, he said, also advising the Congress leadership to focus on delivering the electoral promises made to the people of Telangana.

"We will wait for some more time. But let me make it clear that we will not hesitate to respond with stones to bricks thrown at us," he said while addressing party meetings of Achampet and Nagarkurnool Assembly constituencies as part of the preparation for the upcoming Parliamentary elections.

Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on TPCP president and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, criticising the Congress government's failure to address



BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing party meetings of Achampet and Nagarkurnool Assembly constituencies as part of the preparation for the upcoming Parliamentary elections.

power cuts and drinking water shortage. The Congress government lacked the intellect to operate existing programmes such as Mission Bhagiratha effectively, he said.

"If the Congress announced earlier that Revanth Reddy would become Chief Minister, the party would not have secured

even 30 seats in Telangana," he said, adding that even the Congress cadres in the CM's native village of Kondareddy were not confident of coming to power.

Questioning the State government's sincerity in implementing its promises, Rama Rao said as the Congress leaders never expected to come to power,

they had made numerous promises without considering the consequences. The State government was keeping people in waiting for delivery of promises such as crop loan waiver, Rs 2,500 financial assistance for women, LPG cylinder at Rs 500 and increased social security pensions for senior citizens. (SEE PAGE 2)

Congress works only for one family, says Modi

PM says he stopped all scams in last 10 years

DEVBHUMI DWARKA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday attacked the opposition Congress, saying its entire strength was used to ensure the progress of just one family.

All kinds of scams used to take place under the Congress regime, Modi said, adding that his government stopped all those things in the last 10 years. The Congress lacked the will and intention to provide amenities to people, he said.

The PM was speaking after inaugurating and laying the foundation for various projects in Dwarka, including India's longest cable-stayed bridge between Okha and Beyt Dwarka here in Gujarat. "Those who ruled the country for a long time did not have the willpower, intention and dedication to provide amenities to the common people," Modi said.

"The entire strength of the Congress has been used to take one family forward. If everything was to be done only for one family, how would one remember to build the country? Its (Congress) entire energy was focused on how to run the government for five years and hide scams," Modi said.

No 'Mann ki Baat' for three months

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' broadcast will not be aired for the next three months in line with political ethics in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. In the 110th episode of the programme, he asked first-time voters to poll in record numbers in the elections and said their maiden vote should be cast for the country. With the general elections expected in April-May, he said there is a possibility that the Model Code will be enforced in March, a reference to the expected announcement of the poll schedule next month. PTI

Divine experience, Modi after scuba diving

DEVBHUMI DWARKA:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday went scuba diving off the Panchkui beach coast here in Gujarat and performed prayers as he witnessed the ancient Dwarka city of Lord Krishna, which is submerged in the waters. To pray there was a "very divine experience," he said. Wearing a white diving helmet and ochre robes, Modi sat cross-legged on the sea bed, folded his hands in prayers while being helped by the Navy divers and waved peacock feathers before offering them to Lord Krishna. PTI



The Congress could make India's economy only the 11th largest because the party did not have the capacity to fulfil big dreams of the people of a vast nation, he said. His government's commitment to put an end

to all scams has resulted in the country's progress and the creation of grand infrastructure, like the longest cable-stayed bridge connecting Beyt Okha and mainland Okha, the PM pointed out. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

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Telangana focused on enhancing revenue collection

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 Hyderabad

In a bid to fulfil its electoral promises and meet the budgetary requirements, the Congress-led State government has begun efforts to enhance revenue collections. Besides focusing on improved tax collections, it aims at maximising Central grants and funds allocated under Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Telangana has been consistently witnessing an increased State Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) over the last few years. Between 2014-15 and 2022-23, the State revenue grew from Rs 29,288 crore to Rs 1.06 lakh crore by an average 18.3 per cent, which is significantly higher than the national State average of 10.9 per cent.

Till December of this fiscal, the SOTR was recorded at Rs 99,693 crore, an increase of Rs 7,626 crore

“The focus is on achieving cent per cent tax collections and necessary instructions have been issued — OFFICIAL, Finance Dept

compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year. The State government plans to build on this growth and improve its revenue sources.

Officials have reportedly drafted proposals to increase certain taxes and charges, encompassing areas such as land registration, excise, mining, RTC fares, transport, property taxes and electricity tariffs, among others. (SEE PAGE 2)

Country's longest cable bridge inaugurated



NEW LANDMARK: Sudarshan Setu, India's longest cable-stayed bridge, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday in Gujarat. The bridge, connecting Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka island, boasts of a unique design, featuring a footpath adorned with verses from the Srimad Bhagavad Gita and images of Lord Krishna. — Photo:PTI

Register online for EAPCET from today

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Online registration for the Telangana State Engineering, Agriculture and Pharmacy Common Entrance Test (TS EAPCET) 2024 will commence at 10 am on Monday with the deadline to submit applications without a late fee being April 6. Candidates can apply on eapcet.tsche.ac.in/.

According to the TS EAPCET notification issued by the JNTU-Hyderabad, wrongly entered data, if any, in applications can be edited from April 8-12. The last date for submission of online applications with a late fee of Rs 250 and Rs 500 is April 9 and 14, respectively. The registration can

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also be done with a late fee of Rs 2,500 and Rs 5,000 up to April 19 and May 4, respectively. Those who have applied can download the hall tickets from the website from May 1 onwards. The entrance tests will be held from May 9 with the engineering test scheduled for May 9-10, while the agriculture and pharmacy courses entrance tests are on May 11-12. (SEE PAGE 2)

'The Real Van Gogh Immersive Experience' comes to Hyd

RUCHI RAI SOHNI
 Hyderabad

Get ready to dive headfirst into a whirlwind of colours, shapes and emotions as Hyderabad hosts 'The Real Van Gogh Immersive Experience', showcasing legendary artist Vincent Van Gogh's mesmerising masterpieces.

The immersive experience, which is not just an exhibition, but a full-blown adventure through the mind of one of history's most iconic artists, will begin from March 22 and go on till April 10. Visitors can witness Van Gogh in Full Brilliance:



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20k Lumens Projectors illuminate India's Immersive Showcase from 10 am to 10 pm. One can see the artist's vibrant strokes and

swirling colours in all their glory as they immerse themselves in his tumultuous life and extraordinary body of work. (SEE PAGE 2)

Many flock lake to see rare bird

T KARNAKAR REDDY
 Sangareddy

Bird lovers from across the nation are making a beeline to the Ammavaripet Lake near Warangal town to catch a glimpse of the rare Spur-winged Lapwing or Spur-winged Plover, which was sighted in India for the first time recently.

Bird-watchers from Bengaluru, Pune, Jodhpur, Delhi and other parts of the country are flying down to Hyderabad before driving to the Ammavaripet Lake. Advisor to the World Wide Fund for Nature, headquartered in Switzerland, Biksham Gujja, flew down from



The Spur-Winged Lapwing at the Ammavaripet Lake near Warangal town.

Switzerland to get a glimpse of the bird. The bird's sighting in India has left wildlife experts with a puzzle they are working to solve now.

The sighting of the Spur-Winged Lapwing has become a point of discussion in several global wildlife communities. (SEE PAGE 2)