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# Give strong counter to false propaganda, KCR to leaders

#### Releases BRS first list of 4 candidates for Lok Sabha elections

BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao on Monday released the first list with four candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He congratulated the candidates on the occasion and urged the party cadre to work unitedly for the party's

After holding comprehensive discussions with senior party leaders for the past two days, the BRS leadership declared the candidates former MP B Vinod Kumar from Karimnagar constituency, former Minister Koppula Eshwar from Peddapalli constituency, BRS Lok Sabha floor leader Nama Nageswara Rao from Khammam constituency and sitting MP Maloth Kavitha from Mahabubabad constituency.

Addressing the party leaders during the strategy meetings of the Khammam and Mahabubabad constituencies at Telangana here, Bhavan



BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao addressing party leaders at Telangana Bhavan on Monday.

drashekhar Rao instructed the party leaders to constitute a three-member coordination committee dedicated to each Assembly segment in every Parliamentary constituency. He asked the party leaders to reach out to every household and organise meetings in every mandal as well as Assembly constituency headquarters. He wanted the party leaders to give a strong counter to the false propaganda of the op-

## First list of candidates



B Vinod Kumai



Koppula Eshwar





against the Congress rule among people. "Victory and defeat are common in politics. The BRS will regain its past glory in a short period,"

Minister said Modi's guarantee has enabled the creation of a 'turmeric board' for farmers in Telangana and facilitated a record Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton farmers while also establishing Targeting the I.N.D.I.A seven mega textile parks with one in Telangana, empowering its farmers.

'Telangana is the land of the brave Ramji Gond and Komaram Bheem. Our government aims to honour Ramji Gond through a museum in Hyderabad," the Prime Minister said.

STATE BUREAU

HYDERABAD

Stating that his government was committed to the de-

velopment of Telangana, Prime Minister Narendra

Modi said the dreams of the

people of the State were his vision and the pillar of

Addressing a BJP rally in Adilabad after laying the

foundation and dedicating

several projects to the na-

tion on Monday, the Prime

"Modi's guarantee"

Stating that even after several decades post-Independence, the contribution made by the people of Telangana was never given due respect, he said after 2014, the BJP government at the Centre gave great importance to the development of Telangana and the honour of the tribal community. Commenting about the Ram temple in Ayodhya, Modi said Telangana had played a pivotal role in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy during the meeting in Adilabad on Monday. — Photo: IANS

the Pran Pratishtha of the Ram Mandir and has a bigger role to play in realising a 'Viksit Bharat'.

bloc over nepotism and corruption, Modi alleged that the leaders of the opposition alliance were engrossed in corruption, nepotism and appeasement and that they were more concerned about their families and least bothered about the people of the country. The "dynasty parties" might have different faces, but "jhoot and loot" was their common character, he asserted. "When I questioned their 'Parivarvad', they started saying Modi has no family. My life is an open book, 140 crore people of the country are my family. Crores of daughters, mothers and sisters of the country are Modi's family."

#### **Cong-BJP** nexus out, says Palla

**HYDERABAD:** BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy said the secret nexus between the Congress and the BJP was exposed during PM Modi's visit to Adilabad on Monday. He pointed out that while Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy addressed the PM as an elder brother, he did

not utter a word against the latter for not extending any support to Telangana. Reddy said there had been an inseparable bond between Congress and BJP in TS for decades. (SEE PAGE 2)

### Foundation for **Old City Metro** to be laid on Friday

CITY BUREAU

The foundation stone for the Hyderabad Metro Rail works in the 5.5-km stretch will be laid on Friday.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) managing director NVS Reddy on Monday said around 1,100 properties will be affected by road widening at the Metro station locations. The project is expected to cost around Rs 2,000 crore. which includes the cost of road widening and shifting

The Metro rail alignment will pass through Darulshifa – Puranihaveli – Etebarchowk - Alijakotla -Mir Momin Daira - Haribowli – Shalibanda Shamsheergunj - Aliabad and end at the Falaknuma Metro station as originally planned. There will be four stations — Salarjung Museum, Charminar, Shalibanda and Falaknuma.

Though the alignment and the stations are about 500 m away from the monuments, two of the stations are named after Salarjung Museum and Charminar due to their historical importance, the managing director said. (SEE PAGE 2)

# BRS to protest against LRS charges

ponents. The former Chief

Minister instilled confi-

dence among the party

cadre that the future be-

longed to the BRS as there

was widespread resentment

STATE BUREAU

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will stage protests in front of all municipal offices, including those of the HMDA and GHMC, on Wednesday, demanding that the State government fulfil its electoral promise

and implement the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) free of cost. Later, they will submit representations to the District Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers in this regard.

Speaking to media persons at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, BRS working president KT Rama Rao slammed the Congress for going back on its promise and imposing a nearly Rs 1 lakh burden on each applicant for regularisation of land. He questioned the purpose of fixing the LRS deadline of March 31. He said the BRS will pursue legal course against the State government's decision. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Riding a wave



PERFECT STANCE: A contestant competes in the 2024 International Surfing Association's World Surfing Games off La Marginal Beach in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The event is a qualifier for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. — Photo: AFP

## **Bribery: Lawmakers** can't claim immunity

NEW DELHI

MPs and MLAs taking bribe to vote or making a speech inside the legislature are not immune from prosecution, the Supreme Court ruled on Monday in a landmark verdict overturning its 1998 judgement, and said bribery and corruption by lawmakers "erode the foundation" of Indian Parliamentary

democracy. Setting aside a five-judge constitution Bench judgement of 1998 in the JMM bribery case, a larger Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud also said corruption and bribery by MPs and MLAs eat into probity in public life. In the JMM bribery case, the SC had, by a 3:2 majority, held that lawmakers have immunity

against criminal prosecution for any speech made and vote cast inside the House under Articles 105(2) and 194(2) of Constitution.

In a unanimous judgement on Monday, a sevenjudge Bench held that Articles 105 and 194 of the Constitution, which deal with the powers and privileges of MPs and MLAs in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, seek to sustain an environment in which debate and deliberation can take place within the legislature. PM Modi welcomed the verdict in a post on X: "SWAGATAM! A great judgment by the Hon'ble Supreme Court which will ensure clean politics and deepen people's faith in the system." PTI

# Six Inter students kill study in-charge

STATE BUREAU

In a shocking incident, a first-year degree student, staying at a BC hostel in Bodhan town, was killed allegedly by six Intermediate students early on Monday.

According to reports, the deceased, Venkat (19), who was the 'study hour incharge', had asked the students to stop chatting and focus on their studies on Sunday night. Irked, they

picked up an argument with him, and thrashed and strangled him to death. Hearing noises from

Venkat's room, other students staying at the hostel rushed in and found him unconscious. They took him to hospital where doctors declared him brought-dead. The hostel inmates caught hold of the accused students and handed them over to police. At least six been students detained. (SEE PAGE 2)

## **Tapas Roy** quits TMC

KOLKATA

Dealing a blow to the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress, veteran leader Tapas Roy quit his party and resigned as its MLA on Monday, citing disillusionment with the TMC leadership.

Roy submitted his resigto Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee and stated that he had already put in his papers on March 1 for the multiple party and government po-

sitions he held. PTI

## Beware of digital house arrest, warn cops CITY BUREAU

n a novel cybercrime, fraudsters are looting people by impersonating law enforcement officers and making them victims of 'digital house arrests'.

The rampant rise of digital house arrests has prompted the Hyderabad police to warn residents and issue an advisory.
The Telangana Police, in

the advisory, has asked people to be careful and avoid accepting or believ-

#### What's the scam

DIGITAL HOUSE ARREST REFERS TO A FRAUD WHEREIN SKILLED IMPERSONATORS PRETEND TO BE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS — POLICE, CUSTOMS, CBI OR NIA OFFICERS

 They tell the victim that an inquiry has been ordered against him/ her for unlawful use of their account, SIM card, Aadhaar card or other cards linked to their bank account

ing calls from unknown

arrest scam refers to a

fraud wherein skilled im-

personators pretend to be

law enforcement officers

such as police, Customs,

- The gullible victim is not allowed to leave the house and forced to disconnect from their friends, relatives and acquaintances for a few hours
- On pretext of questioning, the fraudsters collect bank details, con the victim into downloading mobile/computer-based apps/



CBI or NIA — and tell the victim that an inquiry has numbers. The digital house been ordered against him/her for the unlawful use of their account, SIM card, Aadhaar card or other cards linked to their bank

account. The gullible victim is not allowed to leave the house and forced to disconnect from their friends. relatives and acquaintances for a few hours.