

## 'Stop blaming, start working'

**KCR says Congress govt busy with abusive rhetoric, not governance | Expresses disappointment over the unfulfilled promises of Congress | Calls for forward-looking approach to tackle inherited challenges**

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Last days don't often feel like this, says Pooja Bhatt



**Ramzan Timings**

Iftar Wednesday 6:31 PM  
 Saher Thursday 5:03 AM

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm	Rs. 114
Retail live	Rs. 136
With skin	Rs. 197
Skinless	Rs. 224
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 524



BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao, along with party candidate from Karimnagar Lok Sabha constituency B Vinod Kumar, at the 'Kadana Bheri' public meeting held at the SRR College grounds. (right) A section of the crowd at the venue.

**STATE BUREAU**  
 KARIMNAGAR

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao on Tuesday trained his guns on the poor performance of the Congress government, stating that it was neglecting the plight of farmers who were forced to grapple with power and water shortages, leading to the distressing act of burning crops or feeding it to cattle.

"Rather than addressing such issues, the Chief Minister and his Ministers are blaming the BRS regime and using abusive rhetoric and intimidation tactics against

those questioning their failures," he said. Sounding the BRS poll bugle for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections at a massively attended 'Kadana Bheri' public meeting held at the SRR College grounds in Karimnagar, Chandrashekhara Rao expressed disappointment over the unfulfilled promises of the Congress and condemned the hostile response of Congress leaders to queries on delayed deliveries, citing instances of threats and derogatory remarks.

"As a leader of the Telangana movement, I used some strong language against the rulers of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh to

highlight our issues. But I never made abusive remarks against my political opponents after becoming the Chief Minister of Telangana. But the current Chief Minister has made it his daily business to blame the previous regime and launch verbal assaults, rather than focusing on delivering his promises," he said, asking whether Revanth Reddy's language was befitting that of a Chief Minister.

Emphasising the need for constructive governance, the BRS chief called for a forward-looking approach to tackle inherited challenges, urging the current administration to emulate the BRS' proactive policies

rather than trying to blame it. He pointed out that Telangana was facing multiple challenges when the BRS came to power in 2014 including power and water shortage, financial constraints and administrative chaos. "I did not spend my tenure blaming the previous governments for the issues plaguing the State. Instead, we took up the challenge and resolved them," he said. Chandrashekhara Rao cited the uninterrupted delivery of several schemes, including Rythu Bandhu, supply of power, drinking and irrigation water among others even during the Covid-19 pandemic as a testament to effective governance by the

BRS. But under the new Congress government, all the facilities created by the previous BRS government were stopped as if someone had pressed a switch, he said, also questioning the police action on social media posts, wondering what the police had to do with politics.

He questioned the State government over not placing orders for Bathukamma sarees, school uniforms and other clothing needs that would have benefited the weavers. He feared that weavers were facing a dire situation due to the absence of orders that were initiated by the BRS regime. The former Chief Minister also

called attention to the BJP-led Centre's apathy towards Telangana's developmental needs including sanction of Navodaya schools, medical colleges and other institutions to the State. He pointed out that the BJP MPs, including Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay, had neither got any work done for the constituency nor raised any issues pertaining to its people in the Parliament.

Chandrashekhara Rao said the BJP failed the nation despite having abundant resources such as 360 billion tonnes of coal, 70,000 TMC of water and over 40 crore acres of cultivable land. With an effective government, he said uninterrupted

power could be supplied for the entire country. "People applied the brakes and stopped me in the recent Assembly elections, or else I would have already started touring the entire country to sensitise the nation. No problem. As fighters, we have loads of patience to endure it and more courage to move forward until our goals are achieved," he added.

The BRS chief reiterated the significance of continuing the agrarian as well as industrial policies pioneered by the BRS, contrasting them with the Congress' failure to honour commitments such as the promised paddy bonus. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

**Khattar resigns, Saini takes charge as Haryana CM**



CHANDIGARH

Haryana BJP chief Nayab Singh Saini was on Tuesday sworn in as State's new Chief Minister, hours after the surprise resignation of Manohar Lal Khattar from the post along with his Cabinet Ministers.

Five MLAs — four from the BJP and one independent — were also sworn in as Ministers. However, former Home Minister and six-term MLA from Ambala Cantt, Anil Vij, has not found a place in the new Cabinet. Saini, the 54-year-old OBC leader, was administered oath by Governor Bandar Dattatreya. BJP's Kanwar Pal, Mool Chand Sharma, Jai Prakash Dalal and Banwari Lal and Independent MLA Ranjit Singh Chautala took oath as Ministers. All five were Ministers in the outgoing Khattar Cabinet. Besides Vij, BJP legislators Kamal Gupta, Om Prakash Yadav, Kamlesh Dhanda, and Sandeep Singh did not find their names in the Saini-led Cabinet.

Dushyant Chautala, Davinder Babli and Anoop Dhanak of JJP were other Ministers in the Khattar Cabinet. PTI

## Judicial panels to probe Kaleshwaram, power plants

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

The State Cabinet, which met here on Tuesday, decided to constitute a judicial commission led by former Supreme Court judge, Justice PC Chandraghosh, to probe alleged irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project.

This apart, another commission led by retired Judge L. Narasimha Reddy will investigate the alleged irregularities in the Bhadradi and Yadadri power plants, besides power purchase agreements made with the Chhattisgarh government by the previous government.

A deadline of 100 days has been set for these commissions to submit reports, I&PR Minister Ponguleti

**Key decisions**

- 100-DAY DEADLINE SET FOR COMMISSIONS TO SUBMIT REPORTS
- White ration cards for all eligible poor soon
- Approved establishing 16 corporations, including Reddy Welfare Corporation
- Rythu Bandhu to be disbursed to remaining farmers in a couple of days

**25 to 30 acres** around ORR to be earmarked for setting up district-wise SHG bazaars

Srinivas Reddy said here on Tuesday. Briefing the media on the Cabinet decisions, the Minister said white ration cards would be issued to all eligible poor shortly. To help women Self Help Groups increase their income, the Cabinet decided to facilitate them to sell and market their products effectively. Accordingly, 25 to 30

acres of land around the Outer Ring Road would be earmarked for setting up district-wise SHG bazaars, he said. "The State government has distributed Rythu Bandhu financial assistance to 83 per cent of farmers across the State and in another two days, this will be increased to 93% of farmers," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

## SBI submits details of poll bonds to EC

**NEW DELHI**

State Bank of India (SBI) on Tuesday evening submitted details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India in compliance with the Supreme Court order. The Supreme Court on Monday ordered SBI to disclose the details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission by close of business hours on March 12. As per the order, the Election Commission will have to publish the details shared by the bank on its official website by 5 pm on March 15.

"In compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions to the SBI, contained in its order dated Feb 15 & March 11, 2024 (in the matter of WPC NO.880 of 2017), data on electoral bonds has been supplied by the State Bank of India to the Election Commission of India, today, March 12, 2024," Election Commission said in a post on X. According to sources, SBI has complied with the orders of the apex court and submitted the details of the electoral bonds to the EC.

The SBI has issued Electoral Bonds worth Rs 16,518 crore in 30 tranches since the inception of the scheme in 2018. The Supreme Court, however, in a landmark verdict on February 15 scrapped the Centre's electoral bonds scheme that allowed anonymous political funding, calling it "unconstitutional" and ordered disclosure by the EC of donors, the amount donated by them and recipients. PTI

## Kaynes Semicon exits Telangana, shifts to Gujarat

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Close on the heels of Corning International Corporation relocating its unit from Telangana to Tamil Nadu, another multinational major, Kaynes Semicon, is reportedly shifting its chip assembly unit from Telangana to Gujarat.

One of the leaders in Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facilities, Kaynes Technology in October last signed a pact with the State government for setting up its OSAT and compound semiconductor manufacturing facility in the State.

The Rs 2,800 crore investment project was expected to generate employment for 2,000 persons. The proposed facility was to come up in Kongara Kalan, adjacent to the upcoming electronics manufacturing facility of Foxconn.

**Growing ecosystem**  
 This was after the company initially planned to set up the unit in Karnataka. However, the previous BRS government convinced the management to set up its unit in the State. However, in a span of six months, the company is now relocating the unit to Gujarat. The OSAT unit is now being set up with an investment of Rs 5,000 crore (including Rs 1,000 crore working capital) at Sanand, Gujarat, accord-


**CHANGE OF PLANS**

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- Proposed facility was to come up in Kongara Kalan, adjacent to Foxconn

**WE HAD PUT IN TENACIOUS EFFORTS TO CONVINCING KAYNES TO MOVE FROM KARNATAKA TO TELANGANA...NOW TO SEE THIS NEWS THAT THEY ARE MOVING TO GUJARAT IS TRULY SADDENING**

—KT RAMA RAO, BRS working president



## Powerloom worker ends life in Sircilla

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Rajanna-Sircilla

A powerloom worker was found hanging in his residence in Sircilla on Monday night. Thadaka Srinivas, (42), is suspected to have ended his life due to ill health and worsening financial crisis.

According to relatives, Srinivas, who used to work in power looms, was staying with his mother after his wife Lavanya along with their daughters Anusha and Akshya began staying sepa-

rately. Apart from a liquor addiction, Srinivas had other health issues as well and was purchasing medicines by working in powerloom units.

However, for the last three months, he was unable to find any work as the looms had stopped working after the usual government orders stopped coming for the units. As there was no work, his financial situation deteriorated, and he was not able to buy medicines, relatives said. (SEE PAGE 2) (RELATED REPORT PAGE 5)

## Tejas crashes in Raj, pilot safe

**Jaisalmer/NEW DELHI**

A Tejas light combat aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed near a residential colony in Jaisalmer on Tuesday during an operational training sortie, the first such incident involving the indigenously-built jet since its induction around eight years back. There were no casualties.

The pilot ejected safely and a court of inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident, the IAF said. The crash took place around 100 km from the Pokhran desert in Rajasthan. PTI

ing to reports. The company was looking at a different location since the semiconductor ecosystem in Gujarat was growing with a couple of Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging coming up. The company has plans to convert the Hyderabad facility into an Electronics Manufacturing Services facility, as per reports. Telangana Industries officials said there was no official communication from the Kaynes management. "We are trying to speak to them," a senior official said. (SEE PAGE 2)