

TRS believes in deeds, not in words: Minister Vemula

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R&B and Legislative Affairs Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy said the TRS government and Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao don't believe in words but in deeds and fulfil his promises to the people.

On Monday, he inaugurated several development projects undertaken with Rs 1 crore in Balkonda constituency and Bheemgal Municipality of Nizamabad district. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Prashanth Reddy said that the people of Bheemgal believed in TRS and elected TRS candidates in all the 12 wards in the municipality, hence they have the responsibility to fulfill the promises given to them.

He assured of sanctioning 100-bed hospital soon, a promise given during Assembly elections. Stating that politics means serving people, he said that their politics should be to improve villages and benefit farmers. Informing that there are still three more years before the next elections, he said one should strive to develop beyond parties and without criticising others.

Later, the Minister participated in the official Jayanti function of Sevala Maharaj.



R&B and Legislative Affairs Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy garlanding Telangana Thalli idol in Balkonda on Monday

Withdraw farm laws, demands Rythu Garjana

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KHAMMAM

RYTHU Garjana demanded the Union government to withdraw farm laws, which are against the farmers and to abolish amendment in power bill.

All India Kisan Mazdoor Sangam general secretary Dr Ashish Mittal, Kechhala Ranga Reddy, State Kisan Mazdoor Sangam general secretary V Venkata Ramaiah, Prof Kodandaram and CPI (ML) New Democracy State joint secretary Potu Ranga Rao alleged that the Union government was trying to suppress farmers' struggle in New Delhi. They faulted the Centre's stringent action against farmers, who are fighting for their justified demands at national capital.

The leaders also found fault

with Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao for not responding to the farmers' struggle and not commenting against the Central government. They called upon intellectuals and people to support farmers' fight against agriculture bills and to become aware that both Central and State governments are not supporting farmers. They gave a call to farmers across the country to come forward to fight against illegal laws brought by the Union government. Coming to local issues, they demanded distribution of pattas to podu cultivators and stop attacking podu cultivators. They also demanded issuance of new ration cards; pension to people, who crossed 57 years; allotment of house sites; and sanctioning of Rs 5 lakh to eligible poor.

Earlier a massive rally was taken out in the town.



Leaders of CPI (ML) and All India Kisan Mazdoor Sangam taking out a rally in Khammam town on Monday

Suspecting fidelity, man kills wife

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A man stabbed his wife to death at Namalapadu forest area under Bayyaram mandal in Mahabubabad district on Monday. The victim has been identified as Saritha (25) of Penugonda village under Kesamudram mandal.

According to police, accused A Naresh, a driver working in Mahabubabad, got married to Saritha some four years ago and used to beat his wife suspecting her fidelity. As a result, Saritha along with her children has been staying with her parents at Jayyaram village of Chinagudur for some time.



Telangana Nayara Petroleum Dealers' Association formed

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TELANGANA Nayara Petroleum Dealers' Association (Regd No. 2136/2018) is an association of dealers/franchise of Nayara Energy Ltd (Formerly Essar Oil Ltd). Dealers are involved in retail

trade of petroleum products (petrol/diesel/ lubricants, etc) with brand of Nayara/Essar petrol pumps. The Association was formed to facilitate, act as catalysts to achieve the aims, goals of the entire family of Nayara Energy Ltd., to reinforce core values of EXCEL (Energetic Xtraordinary Courageous Ethical Lead).

6 hurt in centring collapse

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MAHABUBABAD

WORKERS at a construction site had a narrow escape when the centring for the construction of the building entrance of the new Integrated Collectorate Complex collapsed in Mahabubabad on Monday. However, the mishap left six workers, who were fixing the centring, with injuries. District Collector VP Gautham inspected the construction site and



elicited information about the incident from the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department.

Speaking to reporters, Gautham said that six workers sustained minor injuries and they

are being treated at the Government Area Hospital. According to preliminary information, centring collapsed as iron rods bent. The Collector directed the R&B officials to submit a detailed report on the incident. Municipal Chairman P Rammohan Reddy also visited the construction site. Mahabubabad Town Inspector J Venkataratnam said that they have not received any complaint from the district administration about the mishap.

FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE

Agri Minister buoyed by potato yield in own farm

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HOW about practising before preaching? Exactly this is what the Agriculture Minister, S Niranjan Reddy, seems to be following. The Minister who was irked with the hike in potato prices in recent times had decided to encourage farmers in State cultivate potatoes. But before approaching the farmers, the Minister first wanted to cultivate potatoes in his own farm in Wanaparthy on experimental basis. Soon, he planted potato crop in one-fourth of an acre and ended up gaining reasonably good harvest.

The jubilant Minister is now planning to approach farmers and share his experience backed with agriculture department's feedback, which had said that the land and climate in Telangana were as good as other States where potatoes are being cultivated.

As the potatoes have consistently demand all-round the year, the fluctuation in prices would be minimal and help farmers gain profits, the Minister said,

- Niranjan Reddy gets satisfying yield from one-fourth of acre
- Wants to encourage Telangana farmers take up cultivation of potatoes which has demand all-round the year



adding that on an average a farmer can get a maximum yield of 100 to 120 quintals per acre. "When it comes to prices, the rate per quintal in the market would be around Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,200. Sometimes, it might even touch Rs 2,000. The farmers will gain revenues of Rs 1 lakh per acre after deducting the investment," he said.

Niranjan Reddy said that potatoes were one of the vegetables with the highest consumption rate. But, the cultivation of the crop is not preferred in southern States for reasons un-

known. Along with Telangana, all the southern States have to heavily depend on potato supplies from north and this demand can be addressed if farmers here take up potato cultivation, he opined.

Investment to cultivate potatoes in an acre comes to about Rs 45,000 and the crop comes to harvest in 85 to 90 days after the plantation. But, if the time frame goes beyond 90 days, then the yields would be more, the Agriculture Minister said, hoping that farmers in the State take up potato cultivation.

BJP to fly in party bigwigs for Nagarjunasagar bypoll

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THE Bharatiya Janata Party, which had shocked the ruling Telangana Rashtira Samithi with its performance in Dubbaka bypoll and in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections, has shifted its focus to Nagarjunasagar and planning to hold huge public meeting by February end by inviting its national leaders.

The party, which had gone aggressive after Dubbaka bypoll, is now targeting the Sagar constituency where it has little presence. However, the party leaders are hopeful of repeating Dubbaka and GHMC victory in the forthcoming bypoll to Sagar constituency.

While the party had already initiated the exercise to gain foothold in the district, it had also recently taken up protest on tribal lands in Gurrampodu, which had led to a tense situation with police even lathi-charging the protestors. The tribals here make up 40 per cent of the electorate and are crucial in deciding the fate of candidates.

According to State BJP president Bandi Sanjay, the party would soon have a huge

- Plans to hold huge public meeting by February end
- Despite dismal presence, party hopeful of winning the seat

public meeting, possibly by February end, in Nagarjunasagar Assembly constituency. The party would be bringing in senior leaders, including Union Ministers from New Delhi to campaign, as it did for Dubbaka and GHMC polls.

Sanjay said that the party would win the Sagar bypoll along with two council seats going for polls in March, adding that all key leaders would campaign for the party candidates. Meanwhile, the party has decided to appoint one in-charge for every 50 voters who would be in constant touch with them and ensure they vote for the saffron party.

Nine kids from two Telugu States selected for Arithmetic Genius -2020

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NINE kids from the two Telugu States got qualified for SIP Arithmetic Genius. All India Online Contest 2020 to be held on February 21. These kids between the age groups seven and nine will represent Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

These nine kids competed with as many as 5,000 kids at Regional Level and then got qualified after a rigorous four-month selection process. Out of the 5,000 participants 1,000 students were short-listed. From these 1,000 students, the above nine got selected to represent both the Telugu States at National Level informed Uma Swaminathan, Regional Head of SIP Academy in an official release.

These 9 kids include Karri Kranthi Manaswi of Niraj Public School, Begumpet; T. Aasritha of Dev Public School, Safilguda and Sarayu Erukulla of Phoenix Greens International School, Kokapet, Chirag Mohanty - St Michaels School, Marredpally; Anvitha Chapa - Johnson Grammar School Mallapur; D. Saurav - Johnson Grammar School, LB Nagar; G. Satya Hasini - Bharathi Vidya Bhavan, Tirupati; Mandala Nutan



Karri Kranthi Manaswi, T Ashritha, Sarayu Erukulla, Anvitha, Chirag, Saurav, Akshitha, Bhargav, Satya Hasini

Bhargav - Amrita Vidyalayam, Mahendra Hills, Secunderabad; K. Akshitha - The Secunderabad Public School, Malkajgiri.

Out of these 9 kids, 3 kids - Karri Kranthi Manaswi of Niraj Public

School, Begumpet; T. Aasritha of Dev Public School, Safilguda and Sarayu Erukulla of Phoenix Greens International School had emerged as Telugu States' Champions. SIP Arithmetic Genius, All India



Online Contest 2020 was organised by SIP Academy across the country. A total of 27,000 students competed in this competition from across India. Out of which 9 winners from each State will compete at the Nationals. More than 100 students will vie for the national honours at the 5th Season of SIP Arithmetic Genius, All India Online Contest 2020.

Amid the pandemic, this edition was organised online competition for the first time in the past four years. The objective of this year's online contest is to engage home struck students more meaningfully and help them improve arithmetic skills, Arithmetic skills, Uma Swaminathan, Regional Head of SIP Academy said.

3 of a family die as their car plunges into SRSP canal

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JAGTIAL

EVEN before people forgot the incident of car falling in a canal in Warangal district, same kind of mishap took place on Monday morning in Medipally mandal of Jagtial district. Three members of a family were killed after the car they were travelling plunged into SRSP canal and one escaped narrowly. The deceased were identified as Katkuri Amarendar Rao, his wife Sirisha and daughter Shreya. Rao's son Jayanth managed to escape from the water.

Amarendar Rao, an advocate of Jagtial town, along with his family was going to his native place Joginipally village to attend temple festival. When the car reached Medipally, Jayanth, who was driving the car, lost control of the wheel and plunged into the canal.

Jayanth escaped from car by opening the door but the remaining three got stuck in the car and died. Police rushed to the spot and removed the car from the canal with the help of crane and sent the bodies to Jagtial Government Hospital for postmortem. It's learnt that Amarendar was a close relative of MLA Sanjay Kumar. It's also learnt that his daughter Shreya's engagement was conducted recently.



The car that fell into SRSP canal in Medipally mandal on Monday morning