

BRS leaders, rank and file likely to skip Kavitha's 'Rail Roko'

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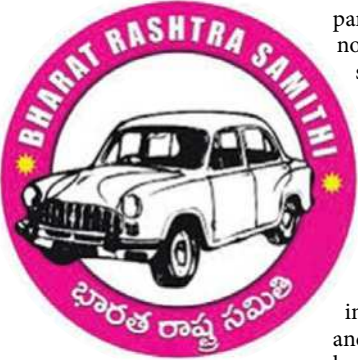
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THE BRS leaders are likely to stay away from the 'Rail Roko' call given by the party's MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha demanding providing 42 per cent reservations to the BCs in the local body elections, which is supposed to be held on July 17.

The BRS leaders have been staying away from the programs of the party and this was evident during the dharna call given by the Telangana Jagruthi president protesting against notices being served to party president K Chandrashekar Rao.

There were neither BRS flags nor leaders of the party in the protest program which was held on June 3. Only the Telangana Jagruti leaders were present in the protest program. Now, the big date is approaching for the big call given by the party's MLC. It is less than a week for the scheduled program of 'Rail Roko' and there is no clue whether the party leaders would be part of the program. When asked, senior leaders were tight lipped and said that a decision was not taken in this regard.

However, a senior leader of the party said that the party may not participate



in the Rail Roko program. It is a call given by one MLC of the party and not by the party leadership. If this was a call by the leadership, all the party

leaders would have actively participated but they may not attend unless there are specific directions from the top leadership.

Demanding the Central government to approve the bills passed by Telangana Assembly for providing 42 per cent reservations to Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies, education and employment, Kavitha has given the call for Rail Roko. She has met several leaders including BJP R Krishnaiah seeking their support to the Rail Roko. "This Rail Roko will not just be a protest, but a dec-

laration of 'Telangana BCs' strength to the rulers in Delhi. We will take All BC organizations and leaders together in this protest", MLC Kavitha said, calling upon the people to postpone their travel in Telangana. The BRS MLC had criticized the Congress-led state government, alleging it was conspiring to conduct local body elections without implementing the proposed 42 per cent reservations for BCs. "We will not allow elections without these reservations. The Congress government has merely sent the bills to the Centre and washed its hands off the responsibility," she said.

City civic chief takes stock of SNDP works at Musheerabad

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THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) commissioner RV Karnan inspected the Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP) drain from Nagmaiah Kunta to Padma Nagar in Musheerabad circle under Secunderabad constituency.

During the inspection, RV Karnan directed engineering officials to send proposals for sanction of necessary funds and to complete the unfinished drain works immediately.

He also ordered the construction of slab work and boundary walls on the open drain to prevent any untoward incidents.

Karnan warned the engineering officials that in case of accidents due to failure to put up warning boards, either during the rainy season or during road repairs, disciplinary action would be taken



against the concerned engineer.

The commissioner issued directions to the teams to initiate safety infrastructure measures including a safety link mesh and parapet wall to safeguard residents and ensure compliance with urban standards.

PCC chief slams 'Operation Kagaar' as cover for corporate greed

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EXPRESSING deep concern over 'Operation Kagaar', Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president B Mahesh Kumar Goud has alleged that it is being used as a cover by those at the helm of affairs in the Union government to hand over forest and mineral wealth to corporate entities.

Addressing the reopening ceremony of the CPI's Makdoom Bhavan office, the PCC president underscored that even when Maoists expressed willingness to hold talks, the Centre launched "brutal operations," "disregarding humanity" and resulting in the "deaths of women and children." He added that following his participation in a round-table conference criticising Operation Kagaar, he was unjustly



branded an "urban Naxal" and "anti-national."

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) chief voiced serious concern over the functioning of the Election Commission. "It is unfortunate that the Commission has become a tool to benefit certain individuals. In Bihar, the elimination of votes under the guise of surname discrepancies clearly benefited one particular party. This is now a matter before

the Supreme Court," he said. Goud welcomed the INDIA bloc's united protest against this "undemocratic" elimination process and stressed the need for all democratic forces to unite.

He also criticised the BJP-led Centre for weakening constitutional bodies. "Since coming to power, the BJP has systematically undermined institutions. The Election Commission is one such casualty. Even honest officials within the institu-

tion are now being forced to bend under political pressure," he remarked.

Citing the BJP's failed employment promises, Goud said, "The Prime Minister had promised two crore jobs. Instead, existing jobs are being eliminated and public sector units are being shut down to be handed over to private individuals."

Mahesh Kumar Goud called for unity among secular and democratic forces. "This is the time to come to-

gether. To protect the future of this nation, secular forces must strengthen. We must rise above party lines and ideological divides to defend the rights of the people and the democratic fabric of this country," he urged.

Earlier, he paid rich tributes to the legacy of poet-revolutionary Makhdoom Mohiuddin, describing Makhdoom as a symbol of literary brilliance and revolutionary politics. "His bond with the Singareni coal mine workers was legendary. Alongside comrades like Baddam Ella Reddy and Venkat Reddy, Makhdoom called for armed struggle against oppression," Goud recalled. He also highlighted Makhdoom's multifaceted talents, noting that he was not only a poet but also a skilled stage actor who translated George Bernard Shaw's plays into Urdu.

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