

Don't treat us like thieves, say RMPs

▶ They are threatening to file cases against us as if we are thieves, says Kasam Ravinder Reddy

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KARIMNAGAR

THE RMPs and PMPs who are providing primary care in rural ar-eas being terrorised and are branded as thieves and fake doctors, rues their leader president Kasam Ravinder Reddy.

Speaking to the media here on Thurs-day, he complained that the TGMC is threatening to file cases against them as if they are thieves. "But we are not thieves," he said. During the padayatra of late Chief Minister Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy, it was RMP and PMP who were available to him in remote villages at night and provided primary care. The



RMP, PMP zonal secretary Kasam Ravinder Reddy speaking to the media in Karimnagar on Thursday

late CM had assured them of giving certificates after providing community paramedical training, but was passed away. The subsequent Chief Ministers Rosai-ah and Kiran Kumar Reddy have put

RMPs PMPs problems aside. "Recognising their services in the Telangana movement, the previous Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao recognised us as first aiders in rural areas and promised

to restart community paramedic training and provide us with certificates. But such a promise did not come to fruition," said Kasam Ravinder Reddy. "The Revanth Reddy government has put

our issue in its manifesto. We are demanding that we restart paramedic training and give certificates to those who have completed the training, and that we can complete the training and give certificates to everyone, he said.

"During the difficult times of covid pandemic, it was who were available to the people in rural areas and had given them basic treatment risking our lives and filled the people with courage. We are creating awareness about TB Pulponology and AIDS diseases," he stressed. Therefore, he requested the government to take pity on us and provide us with proper protection and facilitate the provision of basic treatment. RMP, PMP zonal president Donthula Manohar, district and zonal general secretary Chennamadhavuni Narasimharaju and others were present.

Minister assures elevation of Boath as revenue division

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ADILABAD

LEADERS from Boath constituency on Thursday met with Excise Minister and Adilabad district in-charge Minister, Jupally Krishna Rao in Hyderabad and appealed to him to elevate Boath as revenue division as promised by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy before the Assembly elections.

During the Assembly polls, then TPCC president and now CM Revanth Reddy had promised the formation of a revenue division with Boath as its centre.

To remind that commitment and realise the long-standing aspirations of the local people, Congress party district official spokesperson Pasula Chanti called Minister Jupally Krishna Rao.



He urged the minister to establish the Boath revenue division and bring back the government offices that were previously relocated from Boath.

Responding positively to the appeal, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao assured that he would gather complete details from the district Collec-

tor and relevant department officials and inform the Chief Minister. He also promised to support the establishment of the revenue division.

Former Minister Allola Indrakran Reddy, former MLA Rathod Bapurao, ATMA chairman Gorla Raju Yadav, Merugu Dasu, and others were present.

Indian map without Telangana? BRS fumes at Andhra BJP chief Madhav

HYDERABAD

THE BRS on Thursday strongly objected to Andhra Pradesh BJP chief P V N Madhav presenting a map titled "Glory of Indian Culture" to Minister Nara Lokesh in which Telangana was reportedly not visible. BRS Working President K T Rama Rao, in a post on X, urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to clarify whether the omission reflected the BJP's "political agenda or plan". Rao said that people had fought for generations for a cultural identity, right-



ful place in history, and geographical recognition for Telangana. When contacted, Madhav told PTI that the map was a framed artistic picture with only a thin line

separating Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. In his post, Rao claimed: "Today, your Andhra Pradesh BJP chief, Madhav garu, has belittled our struggle by gifting a map

of a united Andhra Pradesh, ignoring the existence of Telangana. This is absolutely unacceptable and reflects a blatant disregard for the people of Telangana—for our state, our struggle, and the sacrifices of our martyrs and history." He added that if the omission was a genuine oversight, the BJP leadership should apologise to the people of Telangana.

Madhav met Lokesh on Wednesday in Vijayawada after assuming charge as the Andhra Pradesh president and presented him with the portrait.

Two-thirds of Tahsildars await repatriation after assembly poll deployment

HYDERABAD

TWO-thirds of the Mandal Revenue Officers (MROs), also known as Tahsildars, who were deployed to new districts during the Assembly polls in 2023, are still awaiting repatriation to their previous working districts. Out of more than 300 officials affected, fewer than a hundred have been transferred back to their original postings, with the remainder continuing to wait.

This marks the first instance in Telangana where these officials, who anticipated repatriation within months, have continued to serve in their newly allocated districts. "In the past, repatriation occurred not only in Telangana but also in the unified Andhra Pradesh within days of the polls," informed official sources. "Similar to the present state of Andhra Pradesh, during the YSR's time, all officials were repatriated in a single stroke of a pen. However, this time, despite most applying, the government has failed to pay heed, except for a few."

Interestingly, among

those who have been repatriated to 'worthwhile' mandals, some are now unwilling to return to their original places, thus complicating the case for the majority who wish to return. For instance, one Tahsildar has applied for a key mandal like Bhadrachalam from a smaller mandal. Scores have opted for Khammam from neighbouring, less significant mandals. In southern Telangana, an official has applied for Nalgonda from a smaller mandal. "There could be around 40 to 50 who wish to stay back. The big mandals are much sought after. Those who were posted in Rangareddy and Medchal do not wish to yield," said an official posted within the city.

The official clarified that the government is not keen on transferring Tahsildars to native districts, with non-native districts subject to vacancy availability.

Meanwhile, some officials who were astute enough to manage staying back and working in local collectorates during the elections have received 'rewarding' posts.

TRUMP TARIFFS

INDIA TO TAKE STRONG STAND?

Plans retaliatory tariffs against US on steel & aluminium

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NEW DELHI

AMIDST ongoing trade deal talks the US, India has proposed retaliatory tariffs against the United States under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) regulations in response to American duties on steel and aluminium.

The timing is crucial as both nations are in discussions for a trade agreement, with the initial phase expected to conclude by September-October. India proposed retaliatory duties on specific American goods under the WTO framework in May, countering US tariffs on steel and aluminium implemented as safeguard measures. India informed the WTO that these actions would impact US imports worth \$7.6 billion.

The US implemented safeguard measures on March 8, 2018, placing 25% and 10% ad valorem tariffs on certain steel and aluminium products, effective March 23, 2018.

On February 10, 2025, they revised these safeguard measures on steel and aluminium imports, taking effect from March 12. "The safeguard measures would affect \$7.6 billion imports into the United States of the relevant products originating in India, on which the duty collection would be \$3.82 billion," India told the WTO. India had previously suggested retaliatory tariffs against US automotive duties last week. The suggested suspension of concessions or other obligations would manifest as increased tariffs on specific products from the United States, according to an ET report. "Accordingly, India's proposed suspension of concessions would result in an equivalent amount of duty collected from products originating in the US," India said.

"This notification is made in connection with safeguard measures extended by the US on imports of aluminium, steel and derivative articles" India said.

2-day meet on adolescent health from tomorrow

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HYDERABAD

THE National Chairman of the Adolescent Health Academy Dr. Himabindu Singh, Organizing Chairperson Dr. Krishnamurthy, and Organizing Secretary Dr. S. Naunihal Singh said that the adolescent rate is increasing in today's modern life, and that adolescents aged 9 to 18 are suffering from mental, physical, and digital depression, and that the goal of the Academy in Telangana is to guide them on the right path.

On Thursday, the Academy, along



with Organizing Treasurer Dr. N. Ravikumar and Secretary Dr. NL Sridhar, released a brochure related to the Central Zone Adolescent Conference to be held on July 12, 13. Adolescents

constitute 25 percent of the youth in the country.

He said that by solving their problems and guiding them in eliminating various ailments that occur during adolescence, they will contribute to the development of the country. He said that about 250 pediatric doctors from the states belonging to the Central Zone will attend this conference and discussions will be held on 70 topics. He said that the five Adolescent Zones of the country have approved and declared to observe the 18th of every month as Youth Wellness Day.

BCs to get 42%

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Claiming that the Telangana state is a role model for the country in holding a Cabinet meeting every 15 days, Srinivasa Reddy said the Cabinet has also decided to hold a special Cabinet meeting once in three months and review the implementation of the decisions taken during the preceding three-month period.

He said in the 19th Cabinet meeting on Thursday, the Chief Minister, ministers and Secretaries reviewed the progress of the implementation of 327 decisions related to 23 departments taken in the previous Cabinet meetings. Perhaps, for the first time in India, the state Cabinet analysed the implementation of the decisions it had taken, and it was found that 96 per cent of decisions were implemented, he added.

BC Welfare Minister P Prabhakar said the state government fulfilled the Congress party's Kamareddy Declaration which called for the enhancement of BC quota in the local body polls.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet also took a serious note of the pending irrigation projects and decided to expedite the works and complete them in a time bound manner to expand irrigation facilities. The Cabinet observed that the previous BRS government spent large amounts of funds, but no project was completed, and it affected the irrigation sector, the I & PR Minister said.

The Cabinet also approved the proposal to upgrade Am-

ity Educational Institution and Saint Mary Rehabilitation Educational Institution as universities. The Amity accepted the condition to provide 50 per cent seats to Telangana students and Saint Mary institution will introduce skill development courses.

In view of increasing demand for jobs, the Cabinet discussed issuing notification to fill 22,000 jobs and speed up the recruitment process to fill another 17,000 jobs for which the process is at various stages. The Cabinet also instructed the state Finance department to review the performance of the outsourcing and contract employees by collecting their Aadhar and other details.

The Chief minister also ordered the officials to introduce reforms to increase the employees' accountability in the discharge of their duties. The government already constituted an official committee and asked it to submit a report in this regard in two months.

Animal Husbandry Minister V Srihari said the Cabinet discussed the draft Goshala (cow shelters) policy and recommended some suggestions for setting up new cow shelters as well as the strengthening of the existing 306 goshalas in the state. He also said that Rs 22 crore special budget was allocated to purchase fishlings and release them in water bodies in the coming season. Scientific methods would be adapted to promote pisciculture, the minister said.

SC PERMITS EC TO PROCEED WITH BIHAR VOTER ROLL REVISION

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Under the Bihar SIR, those who were on the 2003 electoral rolls need only submit an extract from it as proof, while others (enrolled after 2003) must provide one or more documents from a list of 11 (along with a pre-filled enumeration form for existing electors) to establish their date and/or place of birth - which, in turn, is used to determine citizenship.

"After hearing both sides, we are of the prima facie opinion

that three questions are involved in this case: (a) The very powers of the election commission who under take the exercise, (b) the procedure and the manner in which the exercise is being undertaken, and (c) the timing, including the timings given for preparation of draft electoral rolls, asking objections and making the final electoral roll, etcetera, which is very short considering the fact that Bihar elections are due in November...," the court said in its order.

Apex court has 'serious doubts' on Bihar SIR

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The court also asked the poll panel tough questions about an individual's right to appeal a potential exclusion from the list of voters. "... a person will be disenfranchised ahead of the election, and s/he won't have the time to defend the exclusion before voting," Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia noted. "No... courts will not touch electoral roll once finalised... which means a disenfranchised person will lack the option to challenge it (the revised list) before the election," he said, when urged by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the

poll panel, to allow the revision to be completed before ruling. "There is nothing wrong in having this intensive process so non-citizen do not remain on rolls... but it should be de hors (ie, conducted separately from) this election," Justice Joymala Bagchi said.

The court also red-flagged the decision to exclude Aadhaar from the list of documents deemed acceptable for individuals to re-verify themselves on the state's electoral roll. "Your enumeration (exercise) is related to identity... the entire exercise is primarily about identity only,"

'IS THE BIRD BECOMING A PARROT?'

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Without naming anyone, Tagore, who is a Congress MP from Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu and party's whip in the Lok Sabha, said on X, "When a Colleague starts repeating BJP lines word for word, you begin to wonder - is the Bird becoming a parrot? Mimicry is cute in birds, not in politics." Tharoor and Tagore had also indulged in "bird talk" last month to convey their views.

The Tharoor-Congress rift had taken a turn towards what some termed a "war of birds" as Tagore had sought to establish the pecking order with an X message to his colleague last month.

India achieves 4,000% growth in solar capacity

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Outlining the scale of India's clean energy manufacturing push, the minister said the country's solar photovoltaic module capacity has expanded nearly 38-fold in the last decade, while photovoltaic cell capacity has grown 21 times. He highlighted flagship schemes like the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, which aims to install rooftop solar panels in one crore homes, and the PM Kusum Yojana, which supports the use of solar pumps in agriculture. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells is also expected to boost domestic manufacturing, he added.

Goyal stressed that energy storage will be critical to India's plan to meet its future energy needs through renewable sources. He said technologies such as batteries, pumped storage, hydro storage and even nuclear power would play a role in ensuring round-the-clock clean energy.

Calling for a four-pronged strategy to advance India's clean energy ambitions, Goyal listed innovation, infrastructure development, supply chain resilience and an integrated value chain as key priorities. He said India must lead in research and development for next-generation battery technologies, including solid-state and

hybrid storage, while also developing circular supply chains. He referred to the recent Cabinet approval of a ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund, which he said would help India match the scale of R&D spending in advanced economies due to its cost advantages.

Goyal urged industry players to ramp up efforts to build charging and battery-swapping infrastructure to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles. He also stressed the need to cut dependence on limited geographies for raw materials and components by investing in resilient supply chains and new technologies.

THAROOR CALLS EMERGENCY 'DARK CHAPTER'

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Thousands of people were rendered homeless. Their welfare was not taken into consideration," the Thiruvananthapuram MP wrote. He also pointed out the fragility of democracy and the need for constant vigilance: "Let it serve as a lasting reminder to people everywhere," Tharoor wrote.

According to him, "today's India is not the India of 1975. Yet, the lessons of the Emergency remain relevant in troubling ways," Congress MP added. Tharoor cautioned that the urge to centralise authority, suppress dissent, and sidestep constitutional checks could resurface in different ways.

"Often, such tendencies

may be justified in the name of national interest or stability. In this sense, the Emergency stands as a strong warning. The guardians of democracy must always remain vigilant," he said.

Tharoor's relationship with the Congress leadership has been under strain since he contested the party president election against Mallikarjun Kharge. The friction reportedly increased when his name did not appear on the list of Congress leaders suggested for the Union government's Operation Sindoor outreach. Despite this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi later invited Tharoor to lead a delegation to the United States and other countries in Americas.

Racist US man gets brutal reply from AI Grok

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"Nah, just circuits and code spitting facts. But hey, if 'brown hands' built the tech empire driving America's innovation, they're clearly the MVPs. Your bias is showing, champ—that's hurtful," the AI replied, quickly shutting down the man.

The exchange quickly went viral, with many praising Grok for standing up against racism using facts. "Even Grok is fed up with these basement dwellers," remarked one user.

Another added, "I love the new Grok. Grok is in truth mode today."