

Hafez Baba Nagar denizens' cry for better civic amenities gets shriller

Issues like sewage overflow, poor sanitation, garbage piles and dug up roads in lanes and streets irk residents

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THE residents of Hafez Baba Nagar of Chandrayangutta constituency are facing severe hardships due to lack of basic amenities. Commuters and locals are having harrowing times as they are forced to travel on roads which are dug up and filled with potholes.

Issues like sewage overflow, poor sanitation, garbage piles and dug up roads in lanes/streets continue to torment the residents, as civic workers do not bother to clean the area.

In the areas like Baba Nagar A block, B and C blocks, Phool Bagh, most of the roads in these areas are in horrible condition, as officials do not pay attention to level the road. "We have complained many times about the improper roads to the officials concerned, but till date no steps have been taken by them to improve the roads," informed Mohammed Aleem, resident of Baba



Nagar. For any civic works, the civic body digs up the roads and leaves them without leveling. Every internal road in the area is dug up and we do not even remem-

ber when the road was laid," he added.

Additionally, sewage overflow and garbage on roads is a common sight. "The sewage overflow has become a

daily nuisance with the pipes that were laid decades back," said Shaik Usheer, resident of Baba Nagar C Block.

Officials turn a blind eye to basic civic issues as it is a slum area and we are the residents who are affected with lack of civic amenities, says residents.

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it is a slum and is neglected by the officials. However, the south zone GHMC office is located at Baba Nagar even though the officers do not pay heed," he highlighted.

No proper sanitation is maintained in the area to make it look neat and tidy. Neither garbage collection is being done regularly nor do dumping spots exist to dispose of trash.

Bandi Sanjay highlights Hindi's role in national unity and governance

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IN a grand event to mark Hindi Day in Ahmedabad, prominent leaders gathered to celebrate India's linguistic heritage and national identity. The programme was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Union Justice State Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Parliamentary Official Language Committee Deputy Chairman Mahtab, and educationist Professor Vijay Pandya.

Delivering the keynote address, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar said, "Hindi is not just a language—it is the embodiment of the emotions and culture of millions." He emphasised that as India's official language, Hindi plays a vital role in bridging the gap between governance and the people. Sharing his personal journey from Telangana, a non-Hindi-speaking state, he highlighted how Hindi has become a functional and accessible language in government operations, thanks to the leadership of Home Minister Amit Shah.

Speakers at the event echoed Prime Minister Naren-



dra Modi's vision that language is not merely a tool of communication but the soul of culture, tradition, and national consciousness. They noted that under the Prime Minister's leadership, India is rapidly advancing toward self-reliance, with its greatest strength lying in its local languages and mother tongues. The National Education Policy has prioritised education in Indian languages, laying the foundation for inclusive knowledge dissemination.

The event underscored the transformative potential of using Hindi and other Indian languages in science, medicine, and technology. Minister Sanjay Kumar stressed that publishing research in mother tongues would ensure critical knowledge

reaches remote villages and marginalised communities. He added that the use of Indian languages in research and education could democratise access and foster public ownership of knowledge.

The Official Language Department's initiatives were also spotlighted, including the Hindi Shabd Sindhu Digital Dictionary, which now contains over seven lakh words, of which 25,000 are drawn from other Indian languages. This effort not only strengthens Hindi but also builds bridges across India's linguistic diversity. The event reiterated that Hindi Day was not just a ceremonial observance but a reaffirmation of India's commitment to linguistic dignity, cultural pride, and inclusive governance.

BRS leader condemns inhumane treatment of Muslims demanding graveyard

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BRS on Sunday alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's government had betrayed minorities by denying them graveyards and also filing cases against masjid committees.

BRS MLC D Sravan condemned the 'brutal and inhuman act' of the Congress government in Telangana, where poor members of the Masjid Committee of Borabanda, Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency were booked under a suo-moto FIR simply for peacefully demanding a graveyard after 'Jumma Namaz' prayers.

"This is not just a betrayal of minorities, it is a betrayal of humanity itself. A graveyard is not a luxury, it is dignity in death. Denying that dignity and slapping false cases is the height of cruelty," Sravan Dasoju.

Sravan said that for years, Muslims of Borabanda and

surrounding divisions have been pleading with successive governments for allotment of land for a graveyard. The demand is genuine, humane, and constitutionally valid. Yet, instead of addressing this basic right, the Revanth Reddy Government, at the behest of a local Congress corporator, had unleashed police repression on poor people, he said. "This exposes the real face of Congress — suppressing the voice of minorities, while boasting of secularism in speeches. When people prayed and protested with folded hands, the Government responded with handcuffs," Sravan said.

The BRS leader demanded withdrawal of false FIRs without delay, allot graveyard land immediately to ensure dignity in death. "If this oppression continues, people will rise in unity against Congress misrule. Telangana was not won for minorities to live in fear and humiliation," Dr. Sravan warned.

Govt makes last-ditch efforts to end professional colleges' strike

Professional colleges body FATHI called for indefinite strike from today demanding fee reimbursement

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IN a last-ditch effort to avert disruption in higher education, the state government held late-night talks with representatives of private professional college managements, hoping to persuade them to withdraw their indefinite strike from Monday. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, IT Minister D Sridhar Babu, and Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao led the discussions, signaling the government's intent to resolve the crisis through dialogue. However, no final decision was made till 10.30 pm.

The Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Institutions (FATHI) earlier called for indefinite strike from September 15 in protest against the government's failure to release long-pending fee reimbursement dues. This



decision was ratified at the FATHI general body meeting held on Sunday, where members also resolved to observe Engineer's Day as a 'Black Day'. The strike, if it happens, will result in the closure of all private engineering, pharmacy, nursing, BEd, DEd, and other professional colleges across the state, affecting thousands of students and faculty members.

According to FATHI, faculty and staff across institutions have gone unpaid for

several months, leading to severe hardship for their families - especially with the Dasara festival approaching. "We deeply regret the inconvenience caused to students and parents, but the responsibility for this unprecedented crisis lies squarely with the government," said Dr N Ramesh Babu, Chairman of FATHI. The FATHI placed a charter of six key demands before the state government. They include: Immediate release of Rs

1,200 crore in budgeted fee reimbursement before Dasara; Clearance of all pending dues from previous years by December 31, 2025; Release of the feasibility report on the proposed Trust Bank by October 31, 2025; Issuance of a Government Order (GO) on the new reimbursement system for 2025-26 by year-end; Full reimbursement for the academic year 2025-26 by March 31, 2026 and unified handling of admission policy, fee reimbursement, and fee fixation by the government.

Multiple associations under the FATHI umbrella, including the Telangana Engineering & Professional Institutions Management Association, Telangana Pharmacy Colleges Managements Association, and Telangana Private BEdand DEdColleges Managements Association, were spearheading the agitation.

Congress dares KTR to prove allegations of Group-1 post sale

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THE ruling Congress on Sunday challenged BRS working president K T Rama Rao to prove allegations that the ruling party has sold away Group-1 seats. AICC secretary and former MLA Sampath Kumar asked KTR to show evidence that the Chief Minister or any of the Ministers were engaged in such misconduct.

Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy alleged that KTR was attempting to prevent the Congress government from providing jobs through Group-I examinations.

In a media statement, the former Alampur MLA demanded KTR should avoid making sweeping remarks against the government. Over his allegations made at Gadwal public meeting, he said that KTR tried to transform the football grounds, the venue of event, as a place of falsehoods through his ill conceived notions against

the government.

Meanwhile, Kiran Kumar Reddy strongly criticised KTR for his comments on the Group-I recruitment process. In a video statement, the MP dismissed allegations that 563 candidates were selected by paying three crore rupees each, questioning whether any parent could afford such an amount. He urged the families of the selected candidates to come forward and clarify the truth, adding that KTR was trying to mislead people for political gain. He asserted that the Congress government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, was working sincerely for the welfare of unemployed youth.

The MP said that the government had taken the advice of legal experts before conducting the exams to ensure transparency and to avoid any hurdles. Chamala accused KTR of speaking irresponsibly despite having studied abroad and holding ministerial office in the past.

Drug offender deported to Sudan after 12-yr visa overstay

HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW) has apprehended a foreign national from the Republic of Sudan and, in coordination with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), has successfully deported him. The individual, Mohamed Yagoub Mohamed Ali Jabal, a 34-year-old from Garsala, Sudan, was involved in two drug-related cases in Hyderabad.

Yagoub first arrived in India on a student visa in July 2012 to pursue a BCA course

at P G College, Osmania University. He discontinued his second year due to financial problems. In 2018, Kusaiguda Police arrested him in a ganja case, seizing eight wet ganja plants from his possession. He was sent to Chanchalguda Jail and was released on bail in 2019 after facing trial.

In 2020, while staying with his cousin, he became addicted to ganja and began associating with a Tanzanian national who was a drug user. Rajendranagar Police later

raided their premises and seized seven grams of charas and heroin from Yagoub. He was arrested, sent to Chanchalguda Jail in 2021, and again released on bail after one year. H-NEW noted that Yagoub had overstayed his visa for over 12 years, with his passport having expired in 2016 and his visa in 2013. YVS Sudheendra, DCP, H-NEW, said that due to his lack of valid travel documents and his involvement in drug trafficking, a decision was taken to deport him.

KTR raps govt for cold-shouldering kin of SLBC tunnel collapse victims

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TARGETING the government on Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel collapse and failure of the government in coming to the rescue of the victim families, the BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Sunday said that the day BRS comes into power the government would provide justice to the families of six men.

The BRS Working President said

that more than 200 days since the Srisailem Left Bank Canal tunnel collapsed, killing 8 hapless workers due to the criminal negligence of the corrupt Revanth government. This inefficient Congress government couldn't even retrieve the bodies of six victims, and hasn't paid any compensation to the families, said Rama Rao.

The BRS leader further said that shockingly, the Union Government, which created 'hungama' by sending the National Dam Safety Authority

team over minor issues in Kaleshwaram Project, didn't send any team to probe the SLBC lapses nor a single question was raised by the BJP, he alleged. The BRS leader asked why was BJP 'Bade Bhai' always shielding Congress 'Chote Bhai' in Telangana? What kind of unholy nexus is this, he asked? "Six people buried alive but no one in the government bothers! Let me promise you today, the day BRS comes back to power, we will ensure that all those six families get



justice and those who buried those six men alive will pay for it. We will get answers for the SLBC tunnel collapse along with everything that has been destroyed by the Congress. This is BRS's promise," said KTR.

Dr Vamshi Krishna Reddy honoured with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Excellence Award

HYDERABAD: Dr. A. Vamshi Krishna Reddy, Assistant Professor (Contract) at the Centre for Environment, University College of Engineering Science and Technology, JNTUH, was conferred the prestigious Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Excellence Award - 2025. The award ceremony, held at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hitech City, Madhapur, was organized by the ACT NOW voluntary organization, an NGO committed to social welfare, environmental conservation, and educational advancement.

The Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Excellence Awards recognize individuals who exemplify the spirit of innovation, service, and leadership—values championed by the late former President of India. Dr.

Reddy was honored for his outstanding contributions to higher education and research, particularly in the domains of environmental pollution monitoring, sustainable development, and geospatial technology applications. Dr. Reddy's work has had a transformative impact on how environmental challenges are addressed in academic and practical contexts. His research in pollution control and sustainable practices has not only advanced scientific understanding but also offered actionable solutions for natural resource management. His innovative use of geospatial technology to monitor and manage environmental systems stands out as a model for integrating science with sustainability.

Post Vaktha, participants recount tales of transformation

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WHILE emphasising what they have achieved after attending the 2-day training on public speaking, the Vaktha participants felt like the training not only provided important tips but brought about a major change in them. They termed the training as a lifetime experience, which will transform them to become good public speakers.

The training programme was jointly organised by hmtv and Kaushalya School of Life Skills on September 13 and 14, inspiring scores of aspiring politicians, social workers and businessmen.

While expressing satisfaction after the conclusion



of training, the participants who attended the 132nd batch of Vaktha termed this training as a lifetime experi-

ence. They felt a complete change in their attitude and body language within two days of training. They as-

serted to maintain poise obtained through tips.

The faculty of the programme, D Bal Reddy, said

that public speaking was a skill, which could only be honed by regular practice. He gave important tips, do's, don'ts and techniques related to public speaking. He explained to the participants that they ought to practice regularly to become good speakers. He also asked the participants to note down and practice them regularly if they were seriously aiming to transform themselves into good orators.

"People neglect to hone their skills, but there are occasions in their lives which compel them to speak out. Therefore, to face such any kind of situation, everyone should get themselves prepared, lest they face failure," said Bal Reddy.

While providing their

feedback, G Pavan Kalyan of Anantapur who was encouraged to attend through hmtv advertisement, felt that he shed all his inhibitions on stage. He felt highly motivated and also found his place in society. J Chenna Veraiah Swamy of Vikarabad who used to avoid speaking on stage and remained hesitant, found a lot of change, with increased confidence levels. He vowed to reach heights in his political career by practicing the tips provided by the faculty. Another participant Md Jahangeer of Sangareddy found the training programme packaged well to suit the people who wish to overcome stage fear and express their views without inhibitions in front of huge audiences.