

FEE REIMBURSEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP DUES

BRS braces for fight with govt if fee issue remains unsettled

- Harish Rao slams govt's attitude on 'fee reimbursement' issue
- Alleges that the govt was calling tenders worth Rs 2.5 lakh crore to collect commissions

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SENIOR BRS leader T Harish Rao said on Sunday that his party will "wage a war" against the government if it fails to address the fee reimbursement issue for students. He alleged that the government's negligence has caused significant problems in the education sector and has led to the closure of numerous educational institutions.

He criticised that it was shameful that the Revanth government was playing dumb even though the managements of private educational institutions had been demanding the release of the fee reimbursement funds for two years.

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institutions across the state are going to be closed. The future of almost 13 lakh students has become unthinkable. If the semester exams are also being postponed, what is the Chief Minister, who is also the Education Minister, doing? Why is he not keeping quiet despite announcing protests, hunger strikes and indefinite bandhs from Monday by the private educational institutions,” he asked.

He questioned the Chief Minister, who also holds the Education portfolio, over the postponement of semester exams. “How is money not available for paying salaries and fee reimbursements to government employees, but it is available for



the Chief Minister's commission projects?” he asked.

Rao alleged that while the Chief Minister claims a lack of funds to give Dearness Allowance (DA) to teachers and employees, his administration is calling for tenders worth lakhs of crores of rupees.

He then detailed several projects, including Rs 20,000 crore tenders for a “Future City,” Rs 7,000 crore to pour Godavari water from Mallanna Sagar to Musi, another Rs 7,000 crore for high-level bridges and flyovers in GHMC, Rs 5,000 crore for a six-lane road in Future City, and Rs

10,000 crore in HMDA. He also pointed to Rs 16,000 crore tenders in R&B, Rs 25,000 crore for integrated schools, Rs 4,400 crore for the Kodangal lift irrigation project, and Rs 1.5 lakh crore for Musi river beautification.

The BRS leader alleged that the government was calling tenders worth Rs 2.5 lakh crore to collect commissions. He demanded that the government immediately address the fee reimbursement issue for the sake of children from the weaker sections, or the BRS would launch another struggle to resolve the

problems in the education sector.

He made it clear that the managements of the private educational institutions and students were not satisfied with the statement given by Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka during a meeting with him held on Saturday in the state capital.

“Already, half of the junior colleges and degree colleges in the state have been closed. The Electricity and water connections are being cut off due to the non-payment of bills. The Managements are grieving as they are unable to pay salaries to employees,” he said.

AISF extends support to private colleges bandh

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AISF Telangana Rashtra Samithi on Sunday supported the indefinite bandh being held by private degree, PG and engineering colleges in Telangana from September 15 demanding the release of pending fee reimbursement and scholarship dues.

It alleged that the Congress government in the state was neglecting the release of the fee dues and was conspiring to lift the fee reimbursement scheme. It said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy should explain as to why he did not release the fee dues that have been pending for 21 months after it came to power.

It said that the government, which boasts that it

was implementing the welfare schemes and election promises even though the state is in debt, should give an answer to the students. “Why are the fee arrears of Rs 8000 crore not being released? The students have come to a situation where they have to pay more fees due to the release of fee arrears. The state government has brought about the situation of closing colleges by providing the funds for beauty pageants, ministers flying around in helicopters and giving newspaper advertisements in neighbouring states. The state government has brought about the situation of closing colleges today by not providing funds for the fee reimbursement scheme that supports the higher education of students. The closure of col-

leges completely hinders the education of the students,” it said.

In a statement, AISF State President and Kasireddy Manikantha Reddy alleged that the state government had neglected the release of the fee arrears without paying attention to the future of the students and added that lakhs of students were facing difficulties due to non-release of the fee arrears. He said that the Private Colleges were also unable to release the fee arrears and manage their colleges and pay salaries to the staff.

He demanded that the state government should immediately hold talks with the college management, end the bandh and release the pending fees without hindering the education of the students.

Revanth extends greetings for Engineer's Day

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday said that engineers had contributed many fruits to human existence with their intellectual power. The Chief Minister extended his greetings to all the engineers, who play a key role in the development of the country on the occasion of Engineers' Day.

He said that September 15, the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, who laid a strong foundation for the economic development of the country and the progress of India, was being celebrated as the Engineers' Day in his memory. Revanth said that Mokshagundam Visves-

varaya distinguished himself as an engineer, visionary, educationist, expert and driver of industrial progress. The CM said that Visvesvaraya's work in various fields with excellent engineering technology had become an example for the engineering sector of India. Reddy said that Visvesvaraya showed special initiative in undertaking water control plans and many great constructions to save Hyderabad city from Musi river floods.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister called upon all engineering students, technicians, and researchers in the state to take inspiration from Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya and play their part in the development of the state.

Bhim Army calls for unity of the poor

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A new Bhim Army Mandal Committee was formed in Gattu mandal headquarters with the participation of Bhim Army's Joint Mahabubnagar District In-charge, Macherla Prakash, who presided over the meeting and made key appointments.

As part of the programme, Jammi Ched Suresh was appointed as the President of the Bhima Army Students Federation, Jogulamba Gadwal District. Salkapuram Raju was appointed as the President of Gattu Mandal Bhima Army.

Addressing the gathering, Prakash stressed on the importance of strengthening the Bhim Army in every village of Jogulamba Gadwal



district. He stated that the Bhim Army is committed to working for the underprivileged and urged marginalized communities to unite as a collective force to gain political power and achieve social and economic equality.

He stressed the need for awareness on voting rights, discouraging the practice of selling votes, and promoting social and political

consciousness. He called on leaders and activists to question injustice and exploitation wherever it occurs. He also advised members to avoid alcohol and dedicate themselves to working for social change, equality, and economic justice.

After the meeting, participants paid floral tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar's statue at the Gattu mandal centre.

Pillion rider Seethakka reviews preparations for Medaram jatara

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MINISTER Seethakka set aside her official position and rode as a pillion rider on a motorcycle to review the preparations for the Medaram Jatara in Mulugu district on Sunday.

Accompanied by Mulugu SP Shabarish, she traveled around the Medaram area on the bike to assess the road conditions. Anticipating the arrival of millions of devotees during the festival, she recommended identifying alternate routes to prevent traffic congestion. Seethakka instructed police officers to establish special routes for emergencies and emphasised the need for designated pathways to en-



sure that devotees experience minimal disruption from the movement of dignitaries.

The Minister instructed the officials to work in coordination with all departments as per the comprehensive plan

without any obstructions to the movement of vehicles, parking facilities and emergency vehicles in the Jatara area. She rode the SP's bike and inspected the arrangements for the Maha Jatara.

Dattatreya invites CM for Alai Balai function

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FORMER Governor of Haryana Bandaru Dattatraya on Sunday called on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at his residence in the city in a courteous meeting. On this occasion, Dattatraya extended an invitation to the Chief Minister to grace the 'Alai Balai – 2025' programme scheduled to be held on October 3 at the Exhibition Grounds in Nampally of Hyderabad.



SHOCKING! Man kills ailing son, throws body in Musi River

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IN a shocking incident, a man killed his three-year-old son and dumped his body in the Musi River here. The incident took place in the Bandlaguda area of Chandrayangutta on Friday night, but came to light late Saturday after the father confessed to the crime when grilled by police.

Police, with the help of HYDRAA and Disaster Response Force (DRF), were searching for the body in the Musi River on Sunday.

According to police, Mohammed Akbar (35), a vegetable seller, confessed to killing his younger son, Mohammed Anas, and throwing the body into the river from Nayapul bridge. The child was reportedly ill, and there used to be frequent fights over this between Akbar and his wife, Sana Begum.

On Friday night, when Sana, who works as a caretaker at a hospital, left for her duty, Akbar strangled Anas to death by using a pillow. He then wrapped the body in a bag, carried it on the bike and dumped

it into the river from Nayapul.

Akbar later lodged a complaint with the police that his son had gone missing. He told police that his relatives, who had taken Anas to their home, called him saying they dropped him near the house, but he was not seen.

Police grew suspicious after they checked Akbar's mobile phone, as he had not received any calls. They also scanned the footage from the CCTV cameras near his house and saw him leaving the house early in the morning with a bag. When grilled by the police, Akbar confessed to the crime.

Police registered a case and arrested Akbar. Though police started searching the child's body in the Musi River on Saturday evening, it was not found. The search resumed on Sunday morning.

The HYDRAA and DRF personnel were continuing their efforts. Officials believe that the body might have washed away, as there is a good flow of water following the release of flood water from the twin reservoirs.

TPCC Legal Cell launches free online coaching for APP aspirants

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TPCC Legal Cell has launched an important initiative to support young lawyers from the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. It has decided to provide free online coaching classes for the upcoming Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP) examination.

The programme is being organized under the guidance of Chairman of the TPCC legal cell Ponnamp Ashok Goud, Vice Chairman Mekala Kamalakara and Chairman of the High Court Legal Cell Abhilash.

As part of this initiative, a special seminar on Assistant Public Prosecutor Examination Guidance was organized on Sunday at Vedika Grand in Vidyanagar. A large number of the lawyers participated enthusiastically in the program. The session focused on providing practical insights and exam strategies to succeed in the competitive process. TPCC Legal Cell reiterated its commitment to empower the legal community by providing educational and professional support through such structured programmes.

Cops deport Sudanese after arrest in drug cases



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HYDERABAD Police have deported a Sudanese national, who was arrested in two drug cases and was overstaying in India.

Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW), which arrested Mohamed Yagoub Mohamed Ali, said he was deported to prevent him from indulging in undesirable activities detrimental to national security.

According to police, he came to India on a student visa in July 2012 and took admission in the BCA course at PG College, Secunderabad, Osmania University. Later, he moved to ECIL and rented an independent house. However, he discontinued his BCA second year due to financial problems and got associated with a Tanzanian national residing in another portion of the same house.

In 2020, he got associated with a Tanzanian national, a drug consumer, and moved

to Paramount Colony, Toli-chowki. The Rajendranagar Police raided the premises in 2021 and seized seven grams of charas and heroin from Mohamed Ali. He was arrested, sent to jail and released on bail after one year.

According to YVS Sudheendra, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Task Force/HNEW, he continued indulging in drug trafficking and maintained links with drug peddlers. On the intervening night of October 24 and 25, 2024, acting on credible information, the HNEW team apprehended him and another Sudanese national, Mohammed AbdulRhaman Osman. Osman was found in possession of a narcotic drug (MDMA). Mohamed Ali was overstaying in India for over 12 years despite the expiry of his passport in 2016 and the visa in 2013. As he had no valid travel documents, he was indulging in the illicit trafficking of drugs. Therefore, a decision was taken to deport him to his country.

KTR to Revanth: When will you retrieve bodies from SLBC tunnel?

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BHARAT Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday slammed the Congress government in Telangana for 'failing' to retrieve bodies of six workers from the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel even 200 days after a portion of the tunnel roof collapsed.

He promised that if BRS returns to power, it will ensure justice to the six families and will make those who buried the workers pay for it.

“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,” KTR posted on ‘X’.

“This inefficient Congress govt couldn't even retrieve the bodies of 6 victims, and hasn't paid any compensation to the families,” he said.

“Shockingly, the Union BJP government, which created hungama by sending the National Dam Safety Authority team over minor issues in the Kaleshwaram Project, didn't send any team to



probe the SLBC lapses nor a single question raised by the BJP. Why is BJP Bade Bhai always shielding Congress Chote Bhai in Telangana? What kind of unholy nexus is this?” he asked. “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,” KTR added.

A section of the tunnel roof had collapsed on February 22, trapping eight workers. The bodies of only

two workers were found. The accident occurred about 14 km inside the tunnel when about 50 workers were doing digging work with the help of a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM).

The body of Gurpreet Singh, a TBM operator from Punjab, was recovered on March 9, while the body of project manager Manoj Kumar of Uttar Pradesh was retrieved on March 25.

Bodies of Sri Niwas (Uttar Pradesh), Sunny Singh (Jammu and Kashmir) and Sandeep Sahu, Jegta Xess, Santosh Sahu and Anuj Sahu, all from Jharkhand, could not be retrieved.