

JH ASSEMBLY BYPOLL

Vote theft: KTR skewers Cong for deploying dubious methods

BRS working president accuses Congress of "conspiracies and machinations" to manipulate the voter list, highlighting 23,000 new votes and the illegal distribution of voter IDs

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THE political atmosphere in Telangana intensified on Tuesday with the BRS Working President K T Rama Rao launching a frontal assault on the ruling Congress party, alleging massive electoral fraud and a blatant disregard for democratic principles ahead of the upcoming by-election.

In a detailed presentation to the media, K T Rama Rao accused the Congress of employing various "conspiracies and machinations" to manipulate the voters' list, insisting that despite these illegal attempts, the BRS would still emerge victorious.

K T Rama Rao initiated his critique by pointing out "abnormal" changes in the electoral rolls. He stated that while the voters' list saw an addition of 23,000 new votes, a simultaneous and unexplained deletion of 12,000 existing votes occurred, stressing that the sudden increase in voters raised "many doubts." The BRS specifically alleged that the Congress party candidate had "taken over the duty of the Election Commission" and engaged in



the illegal distribution of voter IDs, even extending these cards to minors.

K T Rama Rao further questioned the direct involvement of the Chief Minister and PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, noting that their photographs were prominently displayed during the related voter list distribution event. He confirmed that the Election Commission (EC) itself has already registered a case regarding the distribution of 'fake ID cards' by the Con-



gress candidate.

BRS party workers conducting a field analysis over just two days uncovered nu-

merous instances of alleged fraud. K T Rama Rao cited specific examples: a visit to the Sanskriti Avenue Apart-

ments, where 43 votes were registered, found that the owner explicitly denied any connection to the individuals listed; a small 80-square-yard house in Booth Number 125 was found to have 23 listed votes; and the house of a local Congress party leader was alleged to contain 32 "bogus votes."

The BRS highlighted the case of Srinivas Reddy, a resident of Sircilla, who discovered his vote was registered in the Jubilee Hills constituency without his knowledge, confirming the practice of "vote theft." K T Rama Rao asserted that all these "atrocities" were committed in a hurried manner and filled into the voters' list by the Congress government in a single day, adding that the Congress candidate, Naveen Kumar Yadav's, own brother, Venkat Praveen Yadav, holds three votes.

Recalling that the party formally met and submitted a letter to the CEO detailing all the evidence and objections, K T Rama Rao expressed dissatisfaction there was no response from the EC. He threatened the party would approach the High Court on the issue.

Ministers accuse BRS candidate of 'sympathy drama' in Jubilee Hills bypoll

BC Welfare and Agriculture Ministers allege Maganti Sunitha's public tears are being used for political mileage, while BRS leaders dismiss criticism as mudslinging

BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao alleged that BRS was exploiting Maganti Sunitha's grief for political gain in the Jubilee Hills by-election

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A war of words between state ministers and BRS leaders on BRS candidate M Sunitha crying in public triggered a political row. The ministers alleged that BRS was trying to garner sympathy votes on the death of MLA Gopinath by forcing Sunitha to weep at the first public meeting organised as part of the launch of the by-election campaign in Jubilee Hills assembly

constituency.

BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar alleged that BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha was enacting dramas and trying to seek votes through emotional appeals in the Jubilee Hills by-election.

Taking part in party programmes at Yousufguda on Tuesday, Prabhakar said he sympathised with Maganti Sunitha, who lost her husband and sitting BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath. "But by crying on stage and during political speeches, she is trying to seek sympathy votes. The BRS leaders are not ready for a debate on the development of Jubilee Hills in the last ten years. Instead, sympathy dramas are being enacted like in cinemas," Prabhakar said. He alleged that a few BRS workers were instructing her to cry on every stage and at every programme, labelling it "artificial crying."

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao alleged that the BRS was trying to derive political mileage through Maganti Sunitha's emotions. "The BRS is not leaving any opportunity, even a woman's tears. They want to get back to power through sympathy and loot," he said.

Countering the two ministers, BRS leader and former minister Srinivas Goud charged that the Congress leaders were not in a position to tolerate the growing popularity of the BRS in the by-election bound Jubilee Hills constituency. He claimed the ministers had resorted to mudslinging and personal attacks on the BRS candidate.

On the issue of fake votes, Prabhakar clarified that the state government had not interfered in any way, alleging that BRS and BJP were responsible for "vote chori" and "dada giri."



CM to inaugurate Komatireddy Prateek govt school

Bottuguda school in Nalgonda renamed as 'Komatireddy Prateek Govt School'

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THE government has officially renamed the Bottuguda Government School in Nalgonda as 'Komatireddy Prateek Government School' and will soon be inaugurated by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

The initiative led by Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy aims to transform the old primary and high school buildings into a modern, world-class educational institution. Constructed at a cost of Rs 8 crore through the Komatireddy Prateek Foundation, the school is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and advanced learning facilities on par with corporate institutions.



An architectural view of the newly constructed Komatireddy Prateek Government Primary and High School at Bottuguda, Nalgonda

In a statement on Tuesday, Venkat Reddy emphasised his vision to provide quality education to children from underprivileged families in

a government school setting comparable to private schools. "The school will introduce digital classrooms, computer education, and bi-

lingual teaching (English and Urdu), with highly qualified faculty appointed through the Foundation," said the statement. Deeply moved by the school being named after his late son, Komatireddy Prateek, he expressed gratitude to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for his support.

The minister reaffirmed his commitment to improving education and healthcare in Nalgonda, announcing phased development of all Anganwadi centers, schools, and colleges with modern amenities.

The Minister also cited projects like the Rs 10 crore Komatireddy Prateek Junior College Complex and ongoing efforts to upgrade Thipparthi and Kanagal Junior Colleges.

JH bypoll: KCR hands over B-form to Maganti Sunitha

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BRS Party chief K Chandrashekar Rao on Tuesday handed over the B-form to Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, who is contesting as the party candidate in the bypoll for the Jubilee Hills constituency.

Along with the B-form, BRS chief handed over a cheque of Rs40 lakh on behalf of the party toward election expenses. Late Maganti Gopinath's daughter and son, former minister Maheshwaram MLA P Sabita Indra Reddy, Secunderabad MLA T Padmarao Goud, Amberpet MLA Kaleru Venkatesh, Musheerabad MLA Mutha



BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao hands over the B-form to Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, the party's candidate for the Jubilee Hills bypoll, in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

Gopal, former Miryalaguda MLA N Bhaskar Rao and other party leaders were present on the occasion.

The BRS candidate will be filing her nomination papers in a simple manner on Wednesday with just

four leaders. The party has decided to take up a massive rally in her support on October 19.

20 days and no water supply from Kodandarama Swamy LIS

Farmers distressed as crops dry up in Akupamula village



A farmer of Akupamula village showing the dried up of fields

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AKUPAMULA (SURYAPET)

FARMERS in Akupamula village of Munagala mandal

are distressed as their crops are drying up due to the lack of water supply from the Kodandarama Swamy Lift Irrigation Scheme. For the past

20 days, there has been no water supply owing to the lift's transformer that burned out. The motors are under repair bringing irrigation to a complete halt. As a result, paddy fields have developed cracks and the crops are withering.

Tenant farmers, who heavily by borrowing lakhs of rupees, are in tears watching their hard work go to waste. Despite repeated complaints, officials have not taken any action.

The farmers urged authorities to immediately repair the lift scheme and restore water supply to save their standing crops from total loss.

Photography & short film contests to mark Police Flag Day

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MAHABUBNAGAR: To honor the valiant sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty, Mahabubnagar District Police has announced a Photography and Short Film Competition ahead of the upcoming Police Flag Day on October 21.

Addressing the media on Tuesday District Superintendent of Police D Janaki, said the initiative aims to inspire young people and showcase the dedication, service, and sacrifice of the police force.

Explaining the details of the competitions, she said that in the photography category, participants can submit a maxi-

mum of three photographs on themes such as police service, sacrifice, and public protection. The photo size must be 10 x 8 inches. In the short film category, participants are required to submit films with a maximum duration of three minutes, focusing on themes like police services, duty commitment, or community safety.

Serious allegations have been raised regarding irregularities in the Indiramma Housing Scheme, with claims that beneficiaries have been deprived while politically connected individuals received houses. Speaking at a press conference at the Nadigadda Human Rights Struggle Committee (NHPS) district office on Tuesday, District Chairman Gongalla Ranjith Kumar

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accused officials and local political leaders of misusing their power in the allocation process. Addressing the media, Ranjith Kumar pointed out that the number of houses

allotted to each village was insufficient, and lists of beneficiaries have been announced only for those with political backing, leaving many eligible poor families excluded.

He criticised the government for keeping beneficiary lists confidential and violating transparency norms. According to him, several individuals who already own assets

and houses have been granted new houses again, while truly deserving families continue to suffer. He alleged that local political leaders and officials have violated the scheme's guidelines, and demanded an immediate inquiry and strict action against those involved in these irregularities.

Ranjith Kumar also called for the beneficiary lists to be made public in all Gram Panchayats, ensuring that every villager has access to the information.

DLSA rescues six child labourers

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UNDER the supervision of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), officials conducted an inspection on Tuesday in Dharur mandal, where three child labourers working in agricultural fields were identified. The children were immediately enrolled in the Zilla Parishad High School to ensure their continuation in education.

Similarly, in Nallagattu Thanda village under Gattu mandal, another three child labourers working in fields were identified as school dropouts.

The officials from the District Legal Defense Council and the Child Welfare Department visited the site and took necessary action to re-enroll them in the Mandal Parishad Primary School. During the visit, officials conducted an awareness session for the parents, explaining the rights of children and the laws prohibiting child labour. They emphasized that employing children in labour is a punishable offense and warned that it could ruin the future of the children. The officials urged everyone to cooperate in encouraging children to pursue education and lead better lives.