

Only Cong is secular ‘from Delhi to gulli’, avers Uttam

Minister asserts Congress is the only reliable force against the BJP, predicting BRS will meet the same fate as TDP

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HYDERABAD

STATE Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday asserted that the Congress was the only party that remained truly secular “from Delhi to Gully” and the sole force capable of defeating the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) both in Telangana and across India.

Addressing a minority meeting at Yousufguda as part of the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign in support of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, he argued that regional parties like the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) were politically unreliable and had repeatedly facilitated the BJP’s growth by dividing the secular vote base.

The meeting was also addressed by TPCC President B Mahesh Kumar Goud, Advisor to Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir, Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar and Md Azharuddin, and other senior leaders.



“The BRS will meet the same fate as the Telugu Desam Party (TDP),” Uttam Kumar Reddy stated, recalling that the TDP’s opportunistic alliance with the BJP led directly to its political decline. He stressed: “Wherever regional parties grow,

Congress declines, and BJP gains. BRS too has been acting as a silent partner of the BJP. It never protested when the BJP reduced budgets for minorities or targeted their educational and employment opportunities.”

He said that while the BRS government failed to protect minority institutions and interests, the Congress had a long and verifiable record of empowerment. The Minister alleged that nearly 80 per cent of minority colleges had closed during the BRS regime and welfare schemes for minority men were left incomplete.

“In contrast, the Congress government announced a Minority Declaration with a Rs 4,000 crore budget and a Minority Sub-Plan. Out of this, Rs 1,000 crore subsidy was earmarked for the first two years. Though not fully released yet, the process has started, and the implementation is underway,” he explained. Elaborating on the educational achievements, he said that in the past 22 months of the Congress government’s rule, 2,200 additional engineering seats were sanctioned for minority colleges, while one law college and one pharmacy college were approved exclusively for minority students.



Hyd emerges as innovation hub with Deutsche Börse GCC launch

- The new facility will provide 1000 jobs
- CM Revanth Reddy invites the company for more investments in IT , Pharma and Automobile in Telangana
- CM requests German Consul General to appoint German teachers and provide vocational training in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD

THE most sought after technology development and innovation centre in the country - Hyderabad is set to adorn another big facility of Global Capability Centre (GCC). German company Deutsche

Borse launched its GCC in Hyderabad. This was informed to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy by the company delegation during a meeting today .

A delegation led by German Consul General Michael Hasper met with Revanth Reddy. The German team briefed the CM about the GCC, which is being established as part of the Borse company’s expansion. The new facility will provide at least 1,000 job opportunities in the IT sector in the GCC in the next two years.

Thanking the German company for choosing Hyderabad to set up the GCC, CM Revanth Reddy said that Hyderabad is the best destination for investments and the People’s Government is

ready to extend full support to the global investors. CM Revanth Reddy urged the German companies to invest in IT, Pharma and Automobile sectors. The CM reaffirmed that Telangana is ready to strengthen ties with Germany for more investments.

The CM also appealed to the German team to extend cooperation to promote Hyderabad an innovation hub. The German Consul General was requested to appoint German teachers in Hyderabad and to help teach the German language to the Telangana students. The CM appealed to Consul General to provide vocational education and skills development training through the TOMCOM.

CM dares Kishan to slap CBI case against KCR

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Alleging that the BRS and BJP entered a “secret agreement”, Revanth Reddy said that it was the BJP which made allegations that the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project was an ATM for the KCR family. The Union ministers from Telangana also made comments that KCR and Harish Rao would be sent to jail in 48 hours if the case was handed over to the CBI, he pointed out.

“Now, the Union government took ‘U’ turn and did not take any action despite the state government writing a letter to it to order a CBI investigation into the project case. No case has been filed for the last three months. Even after seeking permission from the Governor to arrest KTR in the Formula E race case, there was no response for the last two

months,” the Chief Minister alleged. Addressing a byelection rally in the city after conducting a roadshow, the Chief Minister said that the car, the election symbol of BRS, was slowly morphing into a lotus (the election symbol of BJP). He further alleged that the BJP was indirectly supporting the BRS in Jubilee Hills byelection. “The BRS will merge with the ruling national party in the coming days. KCR’s daughter Kavitha recently revealed the plans of the BRS to merge with the BJP,” he pointed out.

The Chief Minister also took a swipe at KTR for not doing anything to the Jubilee Hills constituency during his tenure as MA&UD minister. “As the minister, KTR was busy roaming in swanky cars. Now, the BRS leader is shedding crocodile tears by targeting the Con-

gress government,” he said. According to the Chief Minister, everyone was aware of KTR’s conspiracy politics of throwing his own sister Kavitha from the KCR family with an aim to corner the entire ill-gotten wealth. “BRS leaders are trying to win votes in the name of sentiment when their own woman family member was not given due respect. Those who did not give ministerial positions to women for five years while in power should be beaten with a broom,” Revanth said.

Congress is the only party that has given respect and proper place to women and minorities in the governments, the CM said and demanded KTR to apologize by touching his nose on the ground at the Rahmathnagar crossroads for insulting departed Congress leader P Janardhan Reddy.

Mira Nair’s son front-runner in NYC poll

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Current New York City Mayor Eric Adams, whose administration has been plagued by scandals, dropped out of the mayoral race in September. The early voting period, which commenced on October 25, ended on Sunday. Mamdani upset Cuomo in the Democratic primary race for New York City Mayor and was declared victorious in June.

The Board of Elections has said that more than 735,000 people voted early in this election, which is about four times more than the number of ballots cast during the 2021 elections.

Mamdani has emerged as the front-runner in the NYC Mayoral election race and has promised to “lower costs and make life easier”

for New Yorkers as the city gets “too expensive.”

Mamdani has vowed that as Mayor, he will immediately freeze the rent for all stabilised tenants and use every available resource to build the housing New Yorkers need and bring down the rent.

Promising fast, free-fare buses, his campaign said that as Mayor, he’ll permanently eliminate the fare on every city bus – and make them faster by rapidly building priority lanes, expanding bus queue jump signals, and dedicated loading zones to keep double parkers out of the way. Mamdani would also implement free childcare for every New Yorker aged 6 weeks to 5 years, ensuring high-quality programming for all families.

UNDER PRESSURE, GOVT FLOATS PANEL

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The committee will hold detailed deliberations and examine suggestions and proposals before submitting its report to the government within the stipulated three months. Meanwhile, the panel is expected to come up with suggestions to improve the state’s higher education system. Department officials said that the government has taken a serious note of the repeated threats from private educational institutions vis-à-vis payment of fee reimbursement dues.

Reportedly, many educational institutions flouted norms and ran them without maintaining the standards prescribed by the government. The committee is also expected to come up with some bold recommendations to check exploitation of the fee reimbursement scheme through a strict regular scrutiny.

The authorities said that the government was already cracking the whip against institutions that have failed to maintain the mandated standards.

An earlier vigilance commission report has sought the government to take stringent action against erring institutions.

INDIA bloc plans nationwide protest against SIR

NEW DELHI: The INDIA bloc has announced a nationwide protest campaign against the Election Commission’s Special Summary Revision (SIR) of the voter list, coinciding with the start of the second phase of the revision exercise on Tuesday. The ongoing phase will run until December 4. According to sources, the INDIA Alliance plans to launch a nationwide agitation over the SIR after the Bihar Assembly elections.

The bloc is also preparing to approach the Supreme Court collectively once again on the issue.

Sources added that a formal meeting of the alliance leaders will be held after the Bihar polls to finalise the plan for both the legal and the national protest. For now, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren have agreed with the Congress leadership to intensify the movement over the voter list revision issue.

HRC seeks report on Chevella bus mishap

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The tragedy raised serious questions about repeated road safety lapses and alleged state negligence.

Observing the incident as part of a disturbing pattern, the TGHRC, headed by Dr Justice Shameem Akthar, registered the matter as HRC No 7141/2025 and asked for detailed factual and action reports from the Transport, Home, Mines & Geology Departments, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Ranga Reddy District Collector, and the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGRTC). The departments are to submit their reports by December 15, 2025.

The Commission condemned the repeated accidents on this stretch, signaling serious lapses in enforcement, infrastructure, and road safety mechanisms. It emphasized that such negligence amounts to a violation of the Right to Life guar-

anteed under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.

Article 21 explicitly guarantees the protection of life and personal liberty. The Supreme Court of India has expanded the interpretation to include the right to safe and well-maintained roads as an essential facet of this fundamental right.

Courts have held that the state must ensure safe mobility as part of its constitutional duties, linking road safety directly to the dignified right to life itself. Failure by the authorities to maintain roads and enforce safety norms infringes upon citizens’ constitutional rights.

Meanwhile, as investigations continue, families mourn their loss while demanding justice under constitutional protections that mandate the state’s responsibility to safeguard its citizens’ lives not only against crime but also against preventable tragedies arising from systemic failures.

EC begins SIR 2.0 in 9 states, 3 UTs

NEW DELHI

THE second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls started in 12 states and Union Territories on Tuesday, with Booth Level Officers (BLO) distributing enumeration forms door-to-door.

The BLO in Rashbehari Assembly constituency in West Bengal’s Kolkata said that they have been instructed to get the enumeration forms filled within a month.

BLO Rajesh Singh told media, “This is the 160-Rashbehari Assembly constituency. We have to distribute and get enumeration forms fulfilled in one month’s time.”

In Tamil Nadu, District Election Officer and District Collector K. Ilambhagavath inspected the progress of this procedure in urban

areas of Thoothukudi, including Amutha Nagar, Millerpuram, NGO Colony, P&T Colony, Tooviepuram, and Meelvittan.

The distribution of enumeration forms marks the beginning of the SIR exercise covering the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) had announced the second phase of the SIR exercise on October 27, with the final voter list to be published on February 7, 2026. According to the Election Commission, printing and training took place from October 28 to November 3, followed by an Enumeration Phase from November 4 to December 4.

‘10% of population controls Army’

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He went on to assert that these groups - forming the vast majority of India’s population - remain largely excluded from power and privilege.

“All the wealth goes to them, all the jobs go to them. Look at the judiciary - they have control there, and even in the Army,” Rahul said, in one of his most direct attacks on the country’s social and institutional hierarchy. He further said, “90 per cent of India’s population is nowhere to be found,” suggesting that marginalised communities have been systematically denied access to leadership and opportunity.

“We want the data. How many Dalits, OBCs (Other Backward Classes), women, minorities... are there. We are trying to protect the Constitution through this demand for a caste census. If 90 per cent people don’t have participatory rights, the Constitution can’t be protected,” he said.

The BJP hit back at Rahul Gan-

dhi over his remarks on the Army. Party spokesperson Suresh Nakhua, in a post on X, said, “Rahul Gandhi is now searching for caste in the Armed Forces and says 10% of people control it. In his hate for PM Modi, he has already crossed the line into hating India.”

Directing his attack on the NDA government in Bihar, Rahul painted a picture of unemployment in the state, blaming the Nitish Kumar government for pushing its youth into low-paying, menial labour across the country. “The people of Bihar are doing manual labour across the entire country. In different parts of the country, people from Bihar are building large buildings, roads, tunnels, and factories,” he said. Accusing the state government of failing its people, Rahul added, “In other words, the truth is—that Nitish Kumar has wiped out employment here and turned the people of Bihar into the country’s labourers.

Speaker to resume hearing of turncoat BRS MLAs from tomorrow

HYDERABAD: Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar will take up the hearing of the remaining BRS MLAs, who are facing defection charges from November 6. The BRS MLAs facing the charges of defection to Congress including Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao and Jagtial MLA M Sanjay Kumar will be called on November 6 while Bhanswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy and Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagen-dra will attend the hearing on November 13. The Speaker has been taking up hearing of the petitions filed by the BRS party against its ten MLAs who had joined the Congress party. While hearing and cross-examination has been completed for four MLAs so far, hearing of other six MLAs is yet to be taken up. The four MLAs had appeared along with their advocates. There was cross examination from both sides before the Speaker. The Speaker’s office sources said that out of the ten MLAs facing charges, only eight of them have responded to the notices and hearing of only four MLAs was completed.

Mamata leads SIR stir in Bengal

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Launching a sharp attack on the BJP, Banerjee said, “Many unorganised sector workers are thinking whether their names will be removed. Talking in Bangla does not mean Bangladeshi, just like speaking in Hindi or Punjabi does not mean Pakistani. Whoever is talking in Bangla is branded as Bangladeshi. These idiots who have not fought the freedom fight... where was BJP at that time? That is why they don’t know that India, Bangladesh and Pakistan were part of the same land before independence.”

The Bengal CM added, “BJP is a lootera party. They have used several agencies, spread fake news and misinformation. But you will not

be in power in the future.” Banerjee, accompanied by her nephew and party’s national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, led thousands of supporters through the heart of the city. The 3.8-km march started at the statue of BR Ambedkar on Red Road and made its way towards Jorasanko Thakur Bari, the ancestral residence of Rabindranath Tagore, where it was set to conclude.

Roads along the route were packed with TMC workers and sympathisers waving party flags, chanting slogans, and carrying bright placards condemning the SIR process.

Clad in her familiar white cotton saree and slippers, the chief minister walked at

the front of the procession, pausing occasionally to greet residents who leaned out from balconies or stood by the roadside to catch a glimpse.

Addressing supporters, Abhishek Banerjee launched a sharp attack on the BJP. “The BJP must think, if we can arrange such a huge gathering in two days, what will be our turnout when we go to Delhi for our protest,” he said, adding, “We won’t bow down to the zamindars of Delhi.”

He alleged that fear surrounding the SIR process had already claimed several lives. “In the last seven days, the family members of those who died due to SIR fear are present with us in today’s rally. All seven people who

have lost their lives feared their voting rights would be snatched,” he said.

Warning the BJP against voter deletions, he added, “If a single legal voter loses his name, TMC will show the power of the people of Bengal in Delhi.” He also accused the Centre of “doing drama by setting up CAA camps” and cautioned that “if you fall in their trap, you will lose everything, just like 12 lakh Hindu Bengalis lost their voting rights in Assam due to NRC.”

“Be ready for a mega protest in Delhi,” he declared, alleging that “PM Modi, as per his whims and fancies, is dictating terms to common people, be it demonetisation or asking for documents for citizenship.”

