

B-Forms for candidates approved by Cong screening panels: Mahesh

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THE TPCC Election Committee discussed municipal elections in a Zoom meeting held on Monday. The meeting was held under the leadership of TPCC chief B Mahesh Kumar Goud, in which leaders--Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, AICC in-charge general secretary Meenakshi Natarajan, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers, PEC, PAC members, Screening Committee members and DCC presidents--participated.

Later, the TPCC chief informed that the Zoom meeting decided to give B-forms



to the candidates recommended by the Screening Committees. The meeting took a unanimous resolution approving the candidates recommended by the Screening Committees.

On the other hand, the

TPCC started distribution of B-forms to the DCC presidents and in-charge Ministers on Monday.

In fact, the meeting also discussed the strategies to be adopted in the municipal elections.

Cong to take a call on dealing with ‘double trouble’ at today’s meeting

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THE Congress party is likely to take a decision in a meeting to be held at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s old Camp Office on Tuesday on whether to ignore or initiate disciplinary action against rebel candidates, if any remain in the fray after the withdrawal of nomination papers on February 3, sources said.

The meeting will primarily focus on the issue of rebels contesting the elections after the final date for withdrawal, as the polls will be held on the party symbol.

On the other hand, the AICC in-charge general secretary Meenakshi Natarajan has asked the in-charge ministers to attend the meeting with complete details of official candidates as well as rebel contestants, if any.

Party leaders said the rebel issue is a delicate one and needs to be handled cautiously, failing which the party could face double trouble.

“If the rebels are ignored, violations of party discipline may continue. If action is initiated, the rebels may work against the official candidates. Either way, damage is inevitable if rebels remain in the fray. Hence, the Chief Minister, on Monday, has instructed the in-charge ministers to ensure that rebels withdraw their nomination papers by hook or crook,” a senior leader said.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will chair this important meeting on Tuesday evening at his old Camp Office in Jubilee Hills. TPCC chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC in-charge general secretary Meenakshi Natarajan, in-charge ministers, and other senior leaders will attend the meeting.

It is learnt that the meeting will also discuss recent political developments and their impact on the upcoming municipal elections. Strategies to strengthen the party in parliamentary constituencies, implementation of development works, and welfare schemes are also expected to be reviewed.

BJP releases charge sheet against Cong rule in TG

- **BJP President N Ramchander Rao and Maharashtra Minister Ashish Shelar unveil the document**
- **BJP accuses the Congress government of corruption, unfulfilled guarantees and administrative failures**

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AHEAD of the municipal and municipal corporation elections, the Telangana BJP intensified its attack on the Congress government by releasing a charge sheet accusing it of corruption, broken promises and administrative collapse.

Titled ‘Fake Promises – Deceptive Assurances’, the document was released by BJP Telangana unit president N Ramchander Rao along with Maharashtra Minister Ashish Shelar in the presence of senior leaders.

Addressing the media, Rao said the Congress came to power by announcing six guarantees and over 420



promises but failed to implement even basic commitments. He alleged that the state is facing a serious financial crisis, resulting in delays in payment of salaries to government employees and pensions to retired staff. Assurances such as DA arrears, PRC implementation, health cards and restoration of the old pension scheme remain unfulfilled, creating uncertainty among employees and pensioners.

Accusing the Congress of betraying farmers, Rao said welfare schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, farm loan waivers and farmer insurance have been neglected or discontinued. He claimed the Bhoobharati Act has triggered fresh land disputes, pushing farmers into distress and destroying their trust in the government.

Failures in education and healthcare were also highlighted. According to Rao, fee

reimbursement arrears have crossed several thousand crore rupees, while promises of new IITs, schools in slum areas and education security cards exist only on paper. In healthcare, unpaid Rajiv Aarogyasri bills have forced hospitals to stop treatments, affecting poor patients. Promised super-specialty hospitals and maternity hospitals have not materialised.

Women’s welfare was described as another major failure. The BJP alleged that promises of Rs 2,500 monthly assistance, gold for brides, Anganwadi wage hikes and electric scooters remain unimplemented. Similarly, unemployed youth were promised Rs 4,000 monthly allowance and two lakh jobs within a year, but the BJP claimed no major fresh recruitment has taken place.

On urban governance, Rao alleged corruption worth Rs 2,500 crore in municipal bodies. He pointed to overflowing garbage, damaged roads and poor street lighting, alleging development is sustained mainly by Central government funds.

The charge sheet further accused the Congress of neglecting SC, ST and BC welfare, failing to resolve podu land issues and allowing encroachment of temple lands. Rao alleged law and order has deteriorated with rising thefts, drug abuse and communal tensions.

Concluding the press meet, Rao urged voters to reject Congress and BRS and support BJP, asserting it alone can ensure corruption-free governance in Telangana state.

Kavitha slams KTR’s remarks, calls them dictatorial

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TELANGANA Jagruthi President Kavitha has strongly criticised BRS working president Rama Rao, describing his recent political comments as dictatorial. Addressing a press conference, she argued that his appeal for citizens to vote for candidates based solely on the face of Chandrashekar Rao, even if the candidate is unsuitable, reflects a monarchical mindset. She urged the public to vote based on individual character rather than caste or money in the upcoming municipal elections. Kavitha encouraged supporting good candidates regardless of their

party affiliations, noting that Telangana Jagruthi representatives are contesting on the Forward Bloc symbol.

The leader also targeted Harish Rao, alleging that he is colluding with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to stage political dramas. Regarding the phone tapping case, Kavitha demanded a fair investigation and supported the SIT summons issued to Chandrashekar Rao. She maintained that anyone called for questioning must cooperate with the law, drawing from her own experience with national agencies.

Kavitha further criticised the Modi government for neglecting Telangana in the central budget and slammed the state administration for failing to address frequent fire accidents and the rise of ganja gangs. In a final sharp query, she questioned whether Revanth Reddy funded his Harvard University fees personally or utilised government resources. These remarks highlighted a deepening rift within the political landscape as the state prepares for local body polling and ongoing judicial inquiries into past governance.



GHMC cancels trade licence of gutted furniture showroom

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FOLLOWING the tragic fire that claimed five lives in Nampally, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has cancelled the occupancy certificate and trade licence of a furniture showroom. The establishment is now permanently restricted from starting business anywhere within GHMC limits. Meanwhile, the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) has granted a one-month reprieve to commercial complexes failing to comply with fire safety regulations before initiating further seizures.

Authorities have strongly advised shopkeepers against storing large quantities of flammable materials such as textiles, plastics, paints, and chemicals. Officials emphasised that watchmen’s families must not reside in cellars, and cooking facilities are strictly prohibited in basements. Earlier, the city witnessed the sealing of eight major establishments, including Neerus in Jubilee Hills, Standard Furniture in Nampally, and showrooms belonging to Royal Oak, Bantia, Anu, and Looking Good Furniture.

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MAKING it clear that leaders should take responsibility for the victory of candidates if they want to recommend them for the ongoing municipal elections, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said that the party should give B-forms only to winning candidates. The Chief Minister exuded confidence that the party is going to win the elections with a good majority as all surveys have come in favour of the Congress party.

While participating in a Zoom meeting on Monday, along with AICC in-charge general secretary Meenakshi

Natarajan, TPCC chief B Mahesh Kumar Goud, in-charge Ministers, Political Advisory Committee (PAC) members and DCC presidents, CM Revanth Reddy said that all leaders should work together diligently, taking the municipal elections as a challenge since the polls are being held on party symbols.

The Chief Minister suggested that leaders prepare a local manifesto and go to the people to explain the party’s programmes and initiatives. He asked the DCC presidents to take responsibility for issuing B-forms to party candidates and ensuring coordination at the grassroots level.



The Chief Minister directed the in-charge Ministers to ensure that there would be no rebels in the elections and that all leaders work in

unison. The CM said that the party would give nominated posts to leaders who did not get tickets in the municipal elections.

- **The Chief Minister is confident of Congress winning with good majority**
- **Leaders told to work together, treat polls as a challenge**
- **Prepare local manifesto; engage with people on party initiatives**
- **In-charge Ministers to prevent rebels and ensure unity**
- **Nominated posts for leaders who don’t get tickets**

BJP launches LED campaign vehicles for municipal polls

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THE BJP has introduced a new campaign strategy ahead of the upcoming municipal and municipal corporation elections by unveiling specially designed LED campaign vehicles. The initiative was formally launched at the party’s state headquarters by BJP Telangana President N Ramchander Rao, in the presence of senior leaders and party workers, on Monday.

Speaking at the event, Rao said the LED campaign vehicles would play a crucial role in effectively communicating the party’s vision and policies



to the people. He emphasised that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central government has implemented several development and welfare programmes, and these vehi-

cles will help highlight those achievements at the grassroots level.

“Through LED screens, citizens will be able to clearly understand the BJP’s proposals for urban development and

the solutions we are offering to local problems,” he stated.

Rao further underlined that the BJP’s primary agenda in the municipal elections is to address public issues and ensure transparent governance. He noted that the vehicles will showcase details of Central schemes such as housing, sanitation and welfare programmes, alongside the BJP’s roadmap for strengthening municipal infrastructure.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Maharashtra Minister and BJP’s Telangana municipal election in-charge Ashish Shelar, Rajasthan’s former minister and co-in charge Ashok Parnami, Ra-

jya Sabha member and co-in charge Rekha Sharma, and former Rajya Sabha MP GVL Narasimha Rao. Their presence underscored the party’s commitment to intensifying its campaign efforts in Telangana.

Large numbers of party leaders and workers also participated in the event, signalling strong organisational backing for the initiative. The BJP leadership expressed confidence that the innovative campaign vehicles would enhance voter engagement and help convey the party’s message more effectively across urban and semi-urban areas.

With this launch, the BJP has set the stage for a high-tech, people-centric campaign, aiming to strengthen its presence in Telangana’s municipal polls campaign and position itself as a credible alternative for development-focused administration. Rao added.

Collectors told to finalise ex-officio voter lists

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THE State Election Commission has directed District Collectors to compile details of ex-officio members, including MPs, MLAs, and MLCs, for the indirect election of chairpersons and mayors.

This data collection is scheduled from February 11

to 14. Officials must submit details of both previously registered voters and new members eligible for the February 16 ballot. State Election Commissioner Rani Kumudini discussed these preparations during a video conference with district authorities on Monday.

Meanwhile, the commission confirmed that following a thorough scrutiny of

over 28,000 original submissions, the total number of validly nominated candidates stands at 19,608.

These measures ensure transparency in the administrative process as the state moves toward the final stages of the municipal polling cycle, ensuring all eligible representatives can exercise their franchise properly.



TG BJP moves into action mode; to douse rebel fire ahead of polls

Rebel nominations attract suspension from the party for 15 years, says BJP chief

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BJP State President N Ramachander Rao has delivered strong warning directing party cadres to rally behind officially nominated candidates in the upcoming municipal elections.

He said on Monday that only those candidates, who have been allotted the party’s B-form, should contest. He urged all other BJP leaders, who filed nominations independently to withdraw them immediately in the interest of party



unity and success.

Rao warned that any member choosing to contest as a rebel candidate would face strict disciplinary action. “If anyone contests independently without withdrawing their nomination, they will be suspended from the party for 15 years, with no chance of rejoining in the future,” he declared. Acknowledging the disappointment of those who did not receive tickets, Rao assured that the party values their contributions.

“Those who have worked tirelessly for the growth of the BJP will be duly honored, even if circumstances prevented them from receiving tickets this time,” he said.

He highlighted that candidate selection was based on survey reports, social factors and party-specific considerations, ensuring that only those with strong winning prospects were chosen.

Rao expressed confidence that, just as in past panchayat elections, the BJP would continue its winning streak in municipal polls through the dedication of party workers and the trust of the people. He called on all leaders to withdraw nominations and work collectively in their divisions and wards to secure victory for the party’s official candidates.