

## Bhongir MP among 8 suspended from Lok Sabha for flinging papers at Chair

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CONGRESS Bhongir Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy was among the eight opposition MPs suspended from the Lok Sabha on Tuesday for the remainder of the ongoing session.

The other suspended MPs are Hibi Eden, Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, Manickam Tagore, Gurjeet Singh, Prashant Padole, Dean Kuriakose, and CPI (M) MP S Venkatesan.

The suspensions followed disruptions in the House after Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi raised issues related to Chinese aggression, citing references from the autobiography of former Indian Army chief General MM Naravane, during the discussion on the motion of thanks to the President's address.

Rahul Gandhi said he intended to speak on national security concerns, but proceedings were disrupted when opposition members protested, including tearing papers and flinging them towards the Speaker's chair. Taking serious note of the disorderly conduct, the Speaker suspended eight



Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy

opposition MPs for the remainder of the session. Subsequently, the Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day and scheduled to reconvene the next day.

Speaking to the media after the suspension, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said the MPs were suspended for questioning the Speaker's decision to cut off Rahul Gandhi's microphone. He alleged that whenever Rahul Gandhi attempts to raise key issues, the proceedings are disrupted in a manner that leads to adjournment of the House.

Chamala accused the BJP of misleading the public by claiming that Congress MPs were responsible for the adjournments. He further alleged that the suspension of

the eight MPs was deliberate and aimed at silencing the opposition.

"When Rahul Gandhi was speaking during the debate on the President's address, his microphone was cut off. We went to the Speaker's podium to question this action. The BJP is trying to suppress our voices," Chamala said.

He added that while the suspended MPs would stage a protest in the Parliament premises on Wednesday, other opposition MPs would continue to raise the issues in the House.

Alleging that microphones were being deliberately switched off during opposition speeches, Chamala accused the BJP of engaging in "petty politics."

## Cong leader vents ire over suspension of Opposition MPs

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TELANGANA Pradesh Mahila Congress Vice President Rekha Boyalapalli on Monday criticised the suspension of Opposition MPs for seeking a discussion on former Army Chief Gen M.M. Naravane's book, describing it as a threat to parliamentary democracy and national security. She said the issues raised in the memoir, including alleged political pressure on military decisions and interference in strategic auton-

omy, were of serious national importance. "The Army is a sacred institution that must remain above politics. Any attempt to silence debate on matters concerning defence endangers the nation," she stated.

Rekha asserted that Rahul Gandhi sought a parliamentary discussion not for partisan reasons but to protect the dignity of the armed forces and ensure transparency in defence decision-making. "Citizens have the right to know whether professional military advice was ignored



Rekha Boyalapalli

and whether national security was compromised due to political considerations," she said.

Criticising the government's response, she alleged that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reacted with aggression instead of providing clarity. Amit Shah avoided the core issue, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi remained a silent spectator to the disruption. Suspending MPs, she added, was an attempt to evade accountability.

### A NIGHTMARE FOR COMMUTERS



Though pipeline works were completed three weeks back in Kavadiguda, road is not levelled up to ensure passage of traffic, posing a nightmare to commuters. **Photo: Ch Prabhu Das**

# Over 2.5 cr devotees attended Sammakka Jatara: Seethakka

Panchayat Raj Minister elated over hassle-free arrangements at the sprawling Jatara venue

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PANCHAYAT Raj Minister Dhanasri Anasuya Seethakka on Tuesday stated that over 2.5 crore devotees attended the Sammakka Sarakka Medaram Maha Jatara this year. During an informal interaction with the media, the Minister announced plans to widen roads before the next Jatara to effectively overcome persistent traffic problems. She described the festival as a grand success, noting that arrangements and temple works proceeded smoothly despite false propaganda spread by certain individuals.

The Minister clarified that the event concluded without any untoward incidents, dismissing misinformation regarding a single theft. Seethakka highlighted that

even opposition leaders praised the management. People from all walks of life arrived in large numbers for the darshan of the goddesses. The Tirugu Jatara is scheduled to take place within a day or two.

Furthermore, the Minister confirmed she would soon review ongoing works in the Mulugu district with officials to prepare for the ensuing Godavari Pushkarams. This proactive approach aims to ensure better infrastructure and crowd management for all future religious congregations in the region. The government remains committed to enhancing devotee facilities while maintaining the spiritual sanctity and safety of these massive tribal gatherings across the state of Telangana.



## KTR lobs job failure salvo at Revanth; says jobless furious

BRS working president demands apology from Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for failure to provide 2-lakh jobs

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Tuesday demanded an apology by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for not giving 2 lakh jobs as promised two years ago.

Rama Rao warned the Congress government that the anger of the unemployed youth in Telangana was reaching its breaking point after the Chief Minister shamelessly backed out of another guarantee he gave – providing two lakh jobs in the first year itself. Rao said that Revanth, who came to power through dishonest means by promising two lakh jobs in the first year of his term, is now having the PCC chief to claim that it was a five-year promise, and the youth were disgusted by this.

KTR said that if Priyanka Gandhi's words, who came all the way from Delhi to say that the government should be overthrown if it failed to provide two lakh jobs in the first year, had been implemented, this deceitful government would have collapsed a year ago. KTR criticised the Congress government's job recruitment process, stating that the CM, after giving appointment letters for 65,000 jobs that were in the final stages during KCR's tenure and posing for photos, has completely given up on the process, resulting in 'zero recruitment' in Telangana.



It has become clear to everyone that the mudslinging campaign launched by Revanth against the BRS government, which had already filled 165,000 jobs, was all a pack of lies aimed at gaining power through deceit. He said that not only the unemployed youth but also their parents were condemning the incompetent and useless administration that hasn't even issued notifications for ten thousand new jobs.

KTR said that the Telangana society was constantly observing how the Revanth government was filling its pockets through a series of scams after burying the job calendar. He warned that it would be a mistake to think that the four crore people of Telangana would remain silent and forget the deception perpetrated by the Chief

Minister just because he has gone back on his promise of two lakh jobs.

He asserted that there was no question of forgiving the Chief Minister, even if he apologizes profusely or prostrates himself, for deceiving and betraying the unemployed youth of Telangana.

KTR said that all six guarantees were nothing but mere tricks, and all 420 promises were nothing but deception, and that the Revanth government, which had revealed its true nature, will surely face the wrath of the unemployed.

He added that every unemployed person, from Adilabad to Ashok Nagar Chowrasta, was ready to teach a lesson to the government for the deception in the name of Mega DSC and the betrayal regarding unemployment allowance.

## CPM sees red over killing of Excise cop; seeks fast-track court for trial

CPM State secretary John Wesley demands strict action against drug mafia

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THE Communist Party of India (Marxist) State Committee has strongly condemned the brutal murder of Excise Department woman constable Soumya, a resident of Mopal village in Nizamabad district. The officer was allegedly killed by the drug mafia after being run over during a vehicle inspection, an incident initially staged to appear as a car accident. In a statement issued on Tuesday, CPM State Secretary John Wesley demanded that the state government immediately constitute a fast-track court to ensure swift and severe punishment for those responsible for this heinous crime.

The CPM alleged that the influence of the drug mafia has been growing unchecked in Hyderabad and several major district headquarters across Telangana. Referring to frequent drug seizures during police raids in Rangareddy district, the party described the current situation as alarming and indicative of a deep-rooted narcotics network. While Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has stated that drugs will be eradicated from the state, the CPM argued that the ground reality tells a different story. According to the party, the supply and circulation of narcotics continue unabated in every district, exposing a failure to effectively curb the



menace.

The statement warned that drug abuse is pushing youth onto a dangerous path, contributing to social unrest and increased crimes, including sexual violence and atrocities against women. The CPM further alleged that the drug mafia's influence is expanding across the Telugu states, leading to a series of violent incidents and murders. Citing previous cases, the party pointed to the murder of activist Panchalaiah in Nellore and now Constable Soumya as evidence of the growing audacity of criminal networks.

The CPM demanded stringent action to ensure exemplary punishment and called for the complete dismantling of the drug network, rather than limiting action to individual arrests. The party urged senior police officials to go beyond praising the bravery of victims and take decisive steps to eliminate the mafia. As a result of this tragedy, the party insists that unless those entrusted with public safety are protected, the plight of ordinary citizens will continue to worsen under the shadow of organised crime.

## CS directs officials to secure maximum central funds in Union Budget 2026-27

Ramakrishna Rao demands systematic action plan to claim Telangana's ₹25,000 crore share from centrally sponsored schemes while prioritising pharma and semiconductor sectors for state development

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STATE Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao has instructed top officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan to secure pending central funds for Telangana in the Union Government's budget for the 2026-27 financial year. At a meeting with secretaries from all departments, he emphasised that officials must work systematically to obtain the maximum possible allocation from centrally sponsored schemes. He clarified that the central government has proposed a budget of Rs 5 lakh crore under these schemes. Based on population figures, the Chief



Secretary noted that Telangana should receive at least Rs 25,000 crore as its rightful share.

Ramakrishna Rao pointed out that the central budget prioritises the development of the pharma sector, semiconductor manufacturing, and various agricultural aspects, suggesting that the state take appropriate meas-

ures in these directions. He identified a significant opportunity to develop a temple corridor connecting Khammam, Warangal, and Karmannagar districts. With the Mamunoor airport project progressing in Warangal, he highlighted the substantial potential for tourism, industrial, and commercial growth in these specific regions.

Furthermore, the Chief Secretary stated that the state is yet to receive another Rs 10,000 crore during the current financial year. He briefed officials on the 16th Finance Commission, noting that fund allocations are based on 2011 population data alongside criteria such as demographic area, implementation capacity, and fund

utilisation. Priority is given to development-oriented indicators. He suggested that special measures be taken to ensure that surplus unutilised funds remaining with the central government are made available to the state. Secretaries have been directed to make special efforts to ensure no funds are lost due to administrative delays.