Revanth to launch civic poll campaign in Nalgonda today

Ruling party launches campaign with Miryalaguda public meeting while opposition gears up for intense rallies and door to door canvassing across the State ahead of the February 11 municipal elections

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AMID a looming rebel threat to all major parties, the ruling Congress, BRS, and BJP have geared up to intensify their poll campaigns for the upcoming municipal elections from Wednesday. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will formally launch the Congress campaign with a major public meeting in Miryalaguda. Meanwhile, BRS leaders have organised a series of rallies across towns for a seven-day stretch, and the BJP is focusing on establishing dominance in the northern districts.

The Chief Minister has instructed District Congress Committee presidents to finalise arrangements for public meetings scheduled until 9 February. Leaders were also told to coordinate daily rallies and door-to-door visits in every ward. TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud is set to oversee coordination with district leadership to ensure a seamless campaign.

Concurrently, BRS working president Rama Rao has finalised a rigorous schedule for all districts. He and Harish Rao are expected to personally lead rallies in selected municipalities during the final three days of the campaign, particularly in areas where Congress is posing a significant challenge.

The BJP aims to leverage its recent Lok Sabha successes by fielding strong candidates in Nizamabad, Adilabad, Karimnagar, and Mahbubnagar. Union ministers, MPs, and MLAs will camp in these municipalities for the week to bolster the saffron party's presence. With nominations now finalised, all three parties are deploying their full political might to sway urban voters before the state goes to the polls.

CPM seeks fast-track court for constable Soumya death case

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, allegedly carried out by the drug mafia by staging 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 the crime.

The CPM alleged that the influence of the drug mafia has been growing unchecked in Hyderabad and several major district headquarters and towns across Telangana. Referring to frequent drug seizures during police raids in Rangareddy district, the party described the situation as alarming and indicative of the deep-rooted nature of the narcotics network.

While Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has stated that drugs will be eradicated from the state, the CPM said the ground reality tells a different story. According to the party, the supply and circulation of narcotics continue unabated in every district, exposing the government's failure to effectively curb the menace.

The statement warned that drug abuse is pushing the youth onto a dangerous path, contributing to social unrest and an increase in 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 CPM activist Penchalaiah in Nellore and now the killing of Constable Soumya as evidence of the growing audacity of criminal networks. "If those entrusted with protecting the public are being targeted, one can imagine the plight of ordinary citizens," the statement said. The CPM demanded stringent action to ensure exemplary punishment in the Constable Soumya murder case and called for the complete dismantling of the drug network, rather than limiting action to arrests alone. The party urged senior police officials, including former DGP M. Mahender Reddy and IPS officer V.C. Sajjanar, to go beyond praising the bravery of victims and take decisive steps to eliminate the drug mafia from the state.

SC clears decks for appointment of Azhar, Kodandaram as MLCs

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THE Supreme Court on Tuesday once again clarified that its orders do not pose any obstacle to the appointment of Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) under the Governor's quota in Telangana. The clarification is expected to pave the way for the Governor to take a decision on the names—Prof M Kodandaram and Mohd Azharuddin, recommended by the state cabinet.

The apex court observed that it had already made its position clear in its interim order dated August 13 last year, stating that the Governor is free to act in accordance with the recommendations of the state cabinet.

The observation was made by a bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath while hearing a vacate petition filed by former MLC Amir Ali Khan, seeking to lift the orders issued in connection with his election. The court directed that Amir Ali Khan's petition be tagged with the main petition filed by Dasoju Shravan and adjourned the matter to March 19 for further hearing.

The controversy dates back to 2023, when the Telangana cabinet, chaired by then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, recommended the names of Dasoju Shravan and Kurra Satyanarayana for nomination as MLCs under the Governor's quota. However, the then Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan rejected the nominations, citing their political affiliations and stating that they did not fulfil the criteria laid down under Article 171(5) of the Constitution.

After the Congress government assumed office in 2024, the state cabinet recommended the names of Prof. M. Kodandaram and journalist Amir Ali Khan for the two Governor's quota MLC seats, which were subsequently approved by the Governor.

Challenging these appointments, Dasoju Shravan and Kurra Satyanarayana first approached the Telangana High Court and later the Supreme Court. On August 13, 2025, the apex court set aside the appointments of Kodandaram and Amir Ali Khan, clarifying that the two MLC positions would be filled subject to further orders.

While hearing Amir Ali Khan's plea on Tuesday, the Supreme Court reiterated that its earlier directions were not intended to hinder or stall the selection of Governor's quota MLCs in Telangana.

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

THE SUSPENSIONS FOLLOWED DISRUPTIONS IN THE HOUSE AFTER LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION RAHUL GANDHI RAISED ISSUES RELATED TO CHINESE AGGRESSION

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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 M M 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 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."

A fire mock drill was conducted at the State Secretariat in Hyderabad on Tuesday

Cong leader vents ire over suspension of Oppn 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 autonomy, 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 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.

GHMC 3-day jt induction trg prog for MSU staff begins

Commissioner Karnan emphasises critical role of frontline health teams in safeguarding vulnerable populations through timely reporting and rapid response as staff from Hyderabad Bengaluru and Thane undergo specialised three day programme

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general are hereby informed that Smt Rapala Soundarya, W/o. Rajashekar, R/o. Bapuji Nagar, Godavarikhani, Peddapally District made an application for availing house purchase loan before my client LIC Housing Finance Ltd, Karimnagar Branch to purchase the Newly constructing RCC house in the land admeasuring 222.04 Sq. Yards in Sy.No. 103/A situated at Chandrababunaidu Colony, Malkapur, Godavarikhani, Ramagundam Mandal, Peddapally District and entered in to agreement with Sri Kunchala Murali, S/o. Narsimha, R/o. Krishnanagar, NTPC, Ramagundam, Peddapally District. The said Sri Kunchala Murali has purchased the said house plot from Sri Bandarapu Raju, S/o. Buchaiah Goud, R/o.Rajiv Swagruha, Kundanpally, Peddapally District through Registered Sale Deed No. 342/2025. It is represented by Sri Kunchala Murali that he was lost its link document, i.e. Original Registered Sale Deed No. 2297/2016 the same was not traceable. Therefore general public are hereby informed that if anybody has got any claim or right over the said deeds they may submit objections with documentary evidence within 15 days from this publication to the undersigned. If no objections are received within the above stipulated time, it shall be deemed that there are no objections and my client will proceed further. Later no objections entertained.

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THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Karnan emphasised the critical role of Metropolitan Surveillance Units as the frontline defence in safeguarding public health in urban environments. During the three-day Joint Induction Training Programme for MSU staff from Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Thane at the MCR HRD Institute in Jubilee Hills, the commissioner underlined that the primary responsibility of personnel is to ensure timely reporting, verification, and effective response to outbreak-prone diseases.

The training programme is scheduled from 3 February to 5 February. Addressing the participants, the Commissioner highlighted key focus areas including the surveillance of water-borne diseases such as Acute Diarrheal Diseases, Cholera, and Viral Hepatitis. He also noted the importance of monitoring vector-borne diseases like Dengue, Chikungunya, and Malaria, along with emerging threats including food poisoning and zoonotic diseases aligned with the One Health approach. Karnan stressed the need to prioritise vulnerable populations residing in slums, high-density settlements, and migratory clusters where disease transmission risks remain high.

Explaining the progress of the Hyderabad unit, functioning under the Prime Minister Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, Karnan stated it is emerging as the central hub for urban disease surveillance. Of the 17 sanctioned posts, 14 personnel have already been recruited, with remaining vacancies expected to be filled shortly. The newly appointed staff is currently undergoing departmental orientation. He further noted that laboratory services are operational at the Institute of Preventive Medicine with additional strengthening through procurement of Biosafety Level-II equipment. The Command Control Centre being established at Harihara Kala Bhavan will further enhance disease monitoring.

Highlighting technological interventions, the Commissioner pointed out that Hyderabad utilises a dedicated Vector Borne Disease application for real-time surveillance, GIS mapping, and coordinated field response. During the programme, participants will undergo hands-on training on the Integrated Health Information Platform, enabling real-time disease reporting through specific forms along with event-based surveillance. Sessions will cover epidemiological investigations, data security, and risk communication.

Karnan reiterated that public health is a collaborative effort involving health, water supply, and sanitation sectors. He urged participants to strengthen interdepartmental coordination. Additional Commissioner Patil, Raghu Prasad, Zonal Commissioner Priyanka Ala, Joint Director Shubhangi Kulsange, Pradip Awate, and Chief Medical Officer Padmaja attended the programme. This collaborative initiative marks a significant step towards a unified urban health security framework that ensures cities can effectively mitigate risks, manage medical emergencies, and protect the overall well-being of all residents through professional expertise and advanced technological integration within the existing municipal infrastructure and healthcare delivery systems.