



Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N Uttam Kumar Reddy convenes a high-level review meeting on Gauravelli project at his chambers in the Secretariat on Monday

Uttam promises to fast-track Gauravelli irrigation project

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister vows to clear all obstacles before June 2

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EXUDING confidence that the state would receive the environmental clearance soon for the Gauravelli Irrigation project and overcome all the legal hurdles being faced for the completion of works on it, the Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N Uttam Kumar Reddy said that the land acquisition process would be completed as part of a time bound programme.

Joined by the Minister for Transport Ponnamp Prabhakar, he had a high-level review at his Secretariat chambers on the issues coming in the way of the work progress. Gauravelli project is one of the reservoirs constructed

under the Indiramma Flood Flow Canal (IFFC) project. The reservoir was initially proposed with a storage capacity of 1.41 TMC in Siddipet district. The original project was aimed to create an ayacut of 1.06 lakh acres. It was subsequently enhanced to a capacity of 8.23 TMC.

He assured fair compensation and speedy payments to the farmers parting with land for the implementation of project. He asserted that the land acquisition process would put on fast track.

The government is firm on completion of the land acquisition task by releasing required funds well before June 2. He directed Collectors of Karimnagar, Jangaon and Siddipet, who also participated in the review to pay

focused attention to the land acquisition issues according priority to the project.

Referring to the legal challenges, he directed the advocate general to be ready with the required strategies as the Supreme Court case involving the project will be coming up for hearing in two days.

He expressed the hope that that the state would be able to overcome all the legal hurdles in respect of the Gauravelli project. He said that the project has been pending with the works stalled for many years due to multiple reasons. Stating that the state government remained committed to complete the project, he said funds would be released without further delay.

Police seize counterfeit SKF bearings in Secunderabad

HYDERABAD: The police conducted raids at various shops in Ranigum and seized a large quantity of fake bearings. Following a complaint from SKF Bearings, the Mahankali police carried out simultaneous searches at three establishments. Police seized 1,987 counterfeit bearings, along with 2,780 fake packaging materials of SKF label on Monday. The police arrested three people in connection with the case. The accused were identified as Surender, Manmohan and Jaiswal. According to police, two of the shops, SV Tool and Bearing and Bearing International, were located in Ganji Complex in Ranigum, while A2Z Machinery Store was in Secunderabad. Police said the counterfeit SKF Bearings were sold to customers at these shops. The incident came to light when customers raised complaints with the company regarding the product quality. Following an internal assessment, the firm filed a complaint with the police.

Housing Board lands fetch ₹34.27 cr in record auction

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HYDERABAD'S real estate market continued its strong momentum as Housing Board properties in key city locations fetched impressive prices at a public auction held on Monday, generating revenue of Rs 34.27 crore. The Housing Board had issued a notification on February 9 to auction 14 properties located in Gachibowli, Bowrampet, Balaji Nagar (Kukatpally), Chintal and other areas.

The auction was conducted at the KPHB Housing Board Community Hall, where around 50 bidders participated. Among the properties sold, most were MIG and HIG category plots, except for one land parcel in Bowrampet and a flat in Bachupally. Strong competition was witnessed for prime plots, particularly in Gachi-

bowli and Kukatpally. A 263 square yard plot in Gachibowli, with an upset price of Rs 50,000 per square yard, ultimately fetched Rs 1.76 lakh per square yard in the auction. Similarly, a 266 square yard plot in Balaji Nagar, Kukatpally, was sold at Rs 1.64 lakh per square yard. Open plots in Chintal also saw good demand, selling at Rs 84,000 and Rs 74,000 per square yard.

Another plot in Gachibowli fetched Rs 1 lakh per square yard. In Bowrampet, a 2,600 square yard land parcel was sold at Rs 61,000 per square yard. In the residential segment, a Siddhi flat in Nizampet, with a minimum price fixed at Rs 15 lakh was sold for Rs 17.70 lakh in the auction. The strong response to the auction reflects sustained demand for well located Housing Board properties in Hyderabad.

Trouble brewing in TG Cong as party netas begin jockeying for RS tickets

- Singhvi, AICC spokesperson in contention for Telangana's Rajya Sabha seat
- BC, SC, ST leaders voice discontent over seat allocation
- Lobbying intensifies as nominations approach
- Jagga Reddy backs BC candidates for Rajya Sabha seats
- CM, TPCC chief to meet high command for final decision

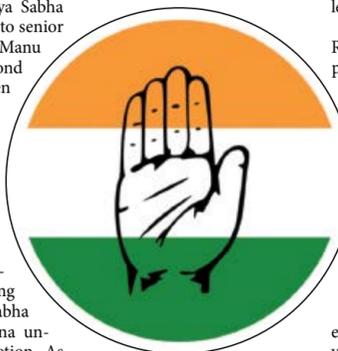
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UNREST is mounting among Telangana Congress leaders amid reports that the party high command is inclined to allocate one of the

two upcoming Rajya Sabha seats from the state to senior leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi and the second to another OC (Open Category) candidate. Of course, Singhvi also belongs to the Open Category.

Meanwhile, reports from Delhi suggest that the party high command is considering taking both Rajya Sabha seats from Telangana under its direct discretion. As per these indications, one seat may go to Singhvi, while the other could be allotted to an All India Congress Committee (AICC) spokesperson.

Although the Congress has not officially finalised the nominees, the circulating "feelers" have triggered dissatisfaction within the state party ranks.



Several Congress leaders have reportedly been expressing their unhappiness privately, questioning the rationale behind the reported allocation pattern. The discontent is particularly visible among leaders from Backward Castes (BC), Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and women

leaders, who feel overlooked.

The notification for the Rajya Sabha elections is expected to be issued on February 26 by the Election Commission of India (ECI), with nominations set to commence the same day. The last date for filing nominations is March 6. Despite the approaching deadline, the party has yet to officially announce its candidates.

According to party sources, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) chief B Mahesh Kumar Goud are likely to travel to Delhi on Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the Chief Minister's schedule, to hold consultations with the party high command and finalise the Rajya Sabha nominees.

BC leaders have been voicing strong objections, assert-

ing that there would be little justification for conducting a caste survey and promising 42 per cent reservations for BCs if the party fails to allocate at least one Rajya Sabha seat to a BC candidate. They feel the leadership should consider aspirants from all communities rather than limiting representation to specific sections.

With lobbying intensifying, several aspirants are reportedly camping in Delhi, while others are in close touch with the Chief Minister and the TPCC chief in Hyderabad, seeking to secure the coveted nomination.

Meanwhile, TPCC working president T Jagga Reddy is in Delhi battling for senior leader V Hanumantha Rao (BC) and former TPCC working president Jetti Kusuma Kumar (OC-Kamma), urging the party high command to allocate one ticket to either of them.

BJP Mahila Morcha condemns Cong protest at AI Summit

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BJP Mahila Morcha state president Dr Mekala Shilpa Reddy has condemned the semi-nude protest staged by Youth Congress leaders during the International AI Impact Summit held in New Delhi on February 20. She said the incident was a disgraceful act that tarnished India's reputation before global leaders and technology giants.

"While the world recognises India as a technology leader, an AI hub, and

a knowledge economy, Congress has stooped to cheap politics that insult the nation's dignity," Shilpa Reddy remarked. She added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is positioning India as a global leader through Digital India and AI missions, but Congress is unable to digest these achievements and resorts to disruptive actions.

In protest against the incident, the BJP Mahila Morcha organised a demonstration at Nampally Exhibition Grounds in Hyderabad on February 23, where Rahul

Gandhi's effigy was burnt. A large number of Mahila Morcha leaders participated, vowing to resist any attempt to undermine India's honour and culture.

The leaders demanded that Congress and Rahul Gandhi issue a public apology to the people of India for lowering the country's image on an international platform. "Our fight will continue against politics that compromise national dignity, women's self-respect, and democratic values," the Mahila Morcha leaders declared.



BJP Mahila Morcha organises a demonstration at Nampally Exhibition Grounds in Hyderabad on Monday condemning the protest staged by Youth Congress leaders at International AI Impact Summit in New Delhi on February 20



BJP to launch protests in Telangana over unfulfilled poll promises

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UNION Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar has launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, accusing Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his cabinet of neglecting public welfare while focusing on safeguarding positions by allegedly sending funds to the "Gandhi family."

In a statement on Monday, Sanjay questioned why the government has failed to implement its key election promises. He cited delays in providing Rs 2,500 monthly support to women, enhancing Aasara pensions to Rs 4,000 for senior citizens, issuing Rs 5 lakh Bharosa cards for students, and delivering monthly unemployment allowance to jobless youth.

The Minister also highlighted the plight of retired employees denied benefits, noting that 61 have died without receiving their dues. He pointed out that govern-

ment staff and teachers are facing hardships due to five pending DA installments and arrears, while the delay in fee reimbursement has caused distress for lakhs of students and thousands of institutions.

Non-payment of Aarogyasri dues, he added, has deprived poor patients of treatment in corporate hospitals.

Sanjay accused the Congress of ignoring its six guarantees and 420 manifesto promises, despite completing half its five-year term. He demanded that the cabinet announce timelines and financial allocations for their implementation.

Warning of intensified protests, Sanjay declared that the BJP, under the leadership of state president N Ramachander Rao, will launch a mass agitation across Telangana until the guarantees are fulfilled. "We will push the government to fulfill its promises to the people, even if it means applying pressure," he asserted.

Eatela slams govt over poor state of 2BHK houses in Nagarkurnool



BJP MP Eatela Rajender speaking to residents in Muraripalli, Nagarkurnool district, during his visit to the site on Monday.

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BJP MP Eatela Rajender has once again raised concerns over the poor state of double-bedroom houses in Muraripalli, Nagarkurnool district, during his fifth visit to the site.

Speaking to residents on Monday, Rajender expressed disappointment that despite repeated appeals, officials

have failed to respond. He pointed out that the houses lack electricity, drainage systems, drinking water supply, and proper transport facilities. He also noted that lifts remain non-functional and several civil works are still pending, making the houses unsuitable for living.

"Though houses have been allotted, residents are facing severe hardships as basic amenities are missing. This is

not just negligence but a denial of dignity to the beneficiaries," Rajender said.

He demanded that the government resolve these issues within a week, warning that otherwise he and his party would be prepared for direct action. He assured the residents that he would stand by them until the problems were resolved.

Rajender's visit underscored the growing frustra-



tion among beneficiaries of the housing scheme, who continue to struggle due to incomplete infrastructure. He reiterated that the gov-

ernment must act swiftly to ensure the houses are livable and fulfil the promise of providing secure housing to the poor.

Aruna condemns attack on Kamareddy MLA's residence

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BJP National Vice-President and MP DK Aruna condemned the attack on the residence of Kamareddy MLA Kattapalli Venkatarama Reddy, accusing the Congress government of deliberately obstructing his work and conspiring against him. Speaking to the media at the MLA's camp office on Monday, Aruna said that despite being elected with people's blessings after defeating former Chief Ministers K Chandrashekar Rao and A Revanth Reddy, Venkatarama Reddy was being de-

nied protocol and excluded from official development programmes. "Ministers attend events without informing the MLA and claim central schemes as their own," she alleged.

Aruna criticised Congress leader Shabbir Ali, stating that he instigated the attack on the MLA's house and spread false allegations. "If there is truth in the charges, come forward for debate. Otherwise, withdraw and apologise," she challenged.

She warned that the BJP will not remain silent against false accusations and political vendetta. "Democracy is being undermined when

ruling party leaders misuse police power and encourage attacks," Aruna said, adding that incidents like the Banswada episode and the Kamareddy attack raise serious concerns about law and order.

Calling on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to take responsibility, Aruna demanded immediate accountability for those behind the attack and urged the government to ensure such incidents are not repeated. "The people of Kamareddy voted for development. It is the CM's duty to fulfill promises and respect democratic values," she asserted.



BJP National Vice-President and MP DK Aruna speaks to the media at the Kamareddy MLA Kattapalli Venkatarama Reddy's camp office on Monday