

Rahul Gandhi as PM is only solution to India's problems, asserts Bhatti

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka asserted that if Rahul Gandhi assume the role of Prime Minister, the entrenched challenges confronting the nation will be resolved.

He urged the presidents of the district Congress Committees from both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to engage tirelessly until Rahul Gandhi is appointed Prime Minister, emphasising the importance of striving to secure a maximum number of parliamentary seats across both states.

His remarks were delivered during a training camp for district Congress committee presidents convened in Vikarabad on Monday.

Bhatti Vikramarka addressed the theme, "Caste Issues and Reservations – The Role of Congress Workers in Combatting Caste Discrimination."

He noted that in instances of untouchability or discrimination throughout the country, Rahul Gandhi takes personal initiative to visit af-



fectured areas. Citing the situation at Hyderabad Central University, he recalled that following the tragic suicide of Rohith Vemula, who reportedly experienced caste discrimination, Rahul Gandhi made a direct visit to the university, engaged with students, and played a pivotal role in shaping the ensuing movement.

Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted that during that period, Congress leaders prohibited party workers from accessing the campus, as

Rahul Gandhi maintained that untouchability should be addressed as a social concern rather than being politicized.

He elaborated that initiatives are currently in progress in Karnataka and Telangana to introduce legislation in memory of Rohith Vemula. Bhatti Vikramarka remarked that Rahul Gandhi had pledged to ensure fair distribution of resources and wealth prior to the elections, and since gaining power, the people's government has effectively implemented vari-

ous development and welfare programmes in alignment with this promise.

He indicated that, for the first time since India's Independence, a caste census was completed within 50 days and presented to the Legislative Assembly, where it garnered unanimous approval.

Bhatti Vikramarka accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of conspiring to dismantle the Congress Party, which not only played a crucial role in securing India's independence but also

enacted significant revolutionary laws aimed at achieving economic, social, and political equality.

He remarked that certain political entities aim to perpetuate social and economic divisions within society. Acknowledging the persistent reality of caste in India, the Deputy Chief Minister shared his personal experiences with caste discrimination, reaffirming his commitment to pursue his objectives resolutely, notwithstanding the obstacles posed by such discrimination.

NPDCL rolls out comprehensive plan to ensure seamless power supply during summer

Infrastructure upgraded with new substations, transformers and interlinking lines to handle rising peak demand without disruption

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KARIMNAGAR

WITH electricity demand steadily rising ahead of the summer season, the Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (NPDCL) has undertaken extensive measures to guarantee uninterrupted power supply across the Karimnagar Circle.

Superintendent Engineer V Gangadhar stated on Monday that the department had proactively strengthened infrastructure to meet the anticipated surge in demand. He noted that power consumption within the NPDCL jurisdiction had stood at 5,816 MW in March last year and had already risen to 5,904 MW as of 21 February this year. Adequate arrangements, he assured, had been put in place to handle peak summer loads without disruption.

To manage increasing demand, particularly in urban areas, the capacity of 141 overloaded



Superintendent Engineer Gangadhar

distribution transformers had been enhanced in line with projected growth. Additionally, 116 new distribution transformers had been installed, and nine power transformers had been set up at key locations to improve supply stability.

In a further boost to infrastructure, four new substations had been constructed and 32 new breakers installed wherever required. To strengthen connectivity and enhance reliability, 29 new 33/11 kV

interlinking lines had also been established.

The Superintendent Engineer emphasised that all precautionary measures at various operational levels had been completed to ensure improved quality and reliability of power supply during the summer months. He added that officials and field staff were working in close coordination to deliver seamless electricity supply to consumers without interruption.



MLA lays foundation stone for devpt works in Peddapalli

CC roads, underground drainage, and high-mast lights with MUDA funds

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MAHABUBNAGAR

JADCHERLA MLA Janampalli Anirudh Reddy laid the foundation stone for development works worth Rs 50 lakh in Peddapalli (Sherigudem) Gram Panchayat of Balanagar mandal.

The works, being taken up with MUDA funds, include

construction of CC roads, underground drainage and installation of high-mast lights in the village.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that development of basic infrastructure in villages is the government's top priority. He stated that CC roads and underground drainage would improve sanitation and make trans-

portation easier for villagers. The high-mast lights would enhance safety and convenience during night hours. He assured that more development works would be taken up in phases for the overall progress of the village.

Local public representatives, leaders, officials and villagers participated in the programme.



Victims protesting in front of the jewellery shop

Gold trade betrayal: Fake biscuits sold in Huzurnagar

The owner of Sri Sairam Jewellers allegedly colluded with a private gold mortgage dealer and sold rolled gold disguised as authentic to unsuspecting victims

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HUZURNAGAR (SURYAPET)

A major fraud by the owner of sri sairam jewellers in Huzurnagar of Suryapet district has come to light belatedly. Under the guise of selling gold biscuits, the jeweller allegedly supplied fake (rolled gold) biscuits, cheating victims of a significant amount.

According to local sources, the owner of Sri Sairam Jewellers colluded with a private gold mortgage dealer. The victims reportedly purchased gold biscuits worth around

Rs 10 lakh.

However, when the biscuits were tested due to an urgent need, it was revealed that they were merely rolled gold pieces. The victims were shocked to discover that the very trader they trusted had deceived them.

Protesting the injustice, the victims staged a demonstration in front of the jewellery shop, demanding immediate repayment of their money and strict action against the owner responsible for the fraud. The protest led to brief tension in the town.

Rain alert in Telangana for next three days

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THE Meteorological Department has issued a three-day weather alert for Telangana, forecasting light to moderate rainfall in several districts.

Officials said a trough has

formed from South Interior Karnataka to Marathwada at an altitude of 0.9 km above mean sea level. Another trough extends from Gangetic West Bengal to the Andhra coast over Odisha at the same altitude.

Meanwhile, the trough linked to the earlier low-

pressure area over the Southwest Bay of Bengal has weakened.

Light to moderate rains accompanied by thunder and lightning are likely at isolated places across the state on Monday and Tuesday, with similar conditions expected on Wednesday.

CPI slams Centre over Indo-US trade deal

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NALGONDA

CPI National Secretary Palla Venkat Reddy strongly criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his stance on the Indo-US interim trade agreement. Addressing a district executive meeting held in Nalgonda on Monday, Reddy alleged that the Prime Minister's approach was against national interests and that the Centre failed to adopt a firm stand against tariffs imposed by the United States, adversely affecting India's economy.

He warned that the agreement could harm domestic industries, particularly farm-



ers and small traders, as increased imports may shrink markets for local products. The meeting was held at the CPI district office, Makhdoom Bhavan, in Nalgonda.

CPI District Secretary and MLC Nellikanti Satyam urged party cadres to prepare for the upcoming MPCTC and

ZPTC elections in Telangana, expressing confidence of winning more seats.

Leaders also criticized the state's urea distribution app, saying farmers face severe hardships due to lack of awareness, and demanded restoration of the old transparent supply system.



Paddy storage facility inspected in Nizamabad

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NIZAMABAD/KHAMMAM

CHAIRMAN of the State Warehousing Corporation, Rayala Nageswara Rao, on Monday inspected the Corporation's warehouse at Lakora village in Nizamabad district and reviewed the storage of fine rice stocks.

During the inspection, the Chairman examined the quality of the fine rice stored at the facility and verified whether the stock quantities matched the entries recorded in official registers.

He also checked the stock registers and other relevant

documentation to ensure proper maintenance of records.

Rao warned that strict action would be taken against anyone found involved in irregularities related to the storage of fine rice. He stressed the need for transparency and adherence to established norms in maintaining warehouse stocks.

The Chairman also reviewed the methods adopted for the use of chemicals in preserving the stored grain and directed officials to follow all prescribed safety measures to prevent damage and ensure quality standards.

Tension at 'Chalo Hyd': Asha workers clash with police

The protestors were demanding immediate payment of pending January salaries, a fixed monthly pay of Rs 18,000, and allocation of sufficient funds in the upcoming Assembly budget to resolve their problems

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TENSION prevailed in the city as thousands of ASHA workers staged a massive dharna at the Koti Commissioner's Office under the banner of 'Chalo Hyderabad', demanding immediate payment of pending January salaries, a fixed monthly pay of Rs 18,000, and allocation of sufficient funds in the upcoming Assembly budget to resolve their problems.

Despite heavy restrictions and reported arrests across the state, large numbers of ASHA workers reached the protest venue. A scuffle broke out between the protesters



and police, leading to several workers sustaining injuries. Protesters alleged that police personnel dragged women

workers, resulting in torn clothes and some falling unconscious.

The dharna continued

from 12 noon to 3 pm. The Union leaders criticized the state government for not even being ready to listen to their

problems and for allegedly suppressing their democratic right to protest and warned of intensified agitation if their demands are not addressed.

The leaders criticized the government for not even being ready to listen to their problems. The leaders warned the government that if it does not resolve the problems faced by the ASHA workers soon, they would intensify the struggles in the future.

Prominent participants included ASHA Union CITU State President P. Jayalakshmi, General Secretary R. Neela Devi, Treasurer P. Gangamani, CITU State Secretary J. Venkatesh, and other union leaders.