



K T Rama Rao, Working President of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi, along with party MLAs, arriving in the Assembly on the first day of the session on Monday

BRS braces up to take on Cong over failure of 6Gs

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Monday criticised the Congress government in Telangana for betraying the farmers and the people of the state, alleging that the administration had deceived every section of society by failing to fulfil pre-election promises. KTR stated that the BRS would forcefully raise these issues during the ongoing Assembly budget session to expose the betrayal of the Congress party.

He particularly criticised the alleged plan of the government to allocate Rs 1,000 crore for Rahul Gandhi while neglecting the farmers of the state. Continuing the tradition of paying homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the

formation of Telangana, the BRS Legislature Party visited the Telangana Martyrs Memorial at Gun Park before attending the session. BRS MLAs and MLCs paid tributes and staged a protest at the memorial, raising slogans against the government.

Speaking to the media later, KT R noted that the Congress party promised to implement the Six Guarantees within 100 days of coming to power and had declared that legal status would be granted to them in the very first Cabinet meeting. However, he stated that even after two and a half years in power, the government has failed to provide legal backing to these guarantees.

He recalled that during the first Governor address after the Congress government assumed office, the

state had announced that legal status would be granted. The Chief Minister had approved the speech, and then Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan had conveyed it in the Assembly. Despite this, he said, the government has failed to fulfil its commitment even after multiple sessions. He further criticised the failure to implement key welfare schemes for farmers.

He confirmed that the BRS will question why the government is prioritising political expenditures over agricultural needs. Highlighting the grievance, he raised the slogan demanding Rythu Bandhu instead of what he termed as Rahul Bandhu, asserting that allocating Rs 1,000 crore for political purposes represents a significant betrayal of the farming community in Telangana.

TPCC chief urges Cong MLAs to counter Oppn in Assembly

- Urges strong defence of six guarantees scheme
- Calls for punctual attendance during Budget session
- Tells MLAs to highlight gov welfare programmes

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasised that Ministers, MLAs, and MLCs must provide fitting and appropriate responses to questions raised by opposition parties in the Assembly.

He directed Ministers to strongly counter false propaganda regarding the Six Guarantees scheme during the Congress Legislature Party meeting held on Monday. Goud issued clear



TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud in the council on the first day of the Assembly session on Monday

instructions for members to attend sessions punctually,

warning that negligence during the Budget Session

would not be tolerated. The TPCC chief asked

BAC finalises Budget session schedule

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In the BAC meeting at the Speaker's chambers, representatives of parties discussed the schedule of the Budget session. On March 17 and 18, a debate is scheduled to take place on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's address.

The State Government is set to present the Budget in the Assembly on March 20. On March 31, a debate

Budget to be presented on March 20; debate from March 23-26

on the Appropriation Bill is scheduled. Holidays for the Assembly are to be declared for the festivals of Ugadi, Ramzan and Sri Rama Navami.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Dudilla Sridhar Babu and Whip Beerla Ilaiah attended the BAC meeting. From the Bharat Rashtira Samithi, T Harish Rao and KP Vivek were present. Aleti Maheshwar Reddy represented the Bharatiya Janata Party, while Akbaruddin Owaisi from the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen and Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao from the Communist Party of India also participated in the meeting.

A few bills would also be tabled in the budget session. The agenda of the bills will be presented in the House soon.

Harish Rao urges detailed debate on public issues in House

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THE main Opposition Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) on Monday demanded that the ongoing Budget session of the Assembly be continued until March 31 and sought detailed discussions on a wide range of public issues during the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting.

The State Budget is scheduled to be presented on March 20, with the government proposing to run the session until March 30.

Speaking to mediapersons after the BAC meeting at the Assembly, BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao said the effective working days of the session would be fewer due to two holidays and two festivals.

The BRS urged Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar to increase the number of sitting days, even suggesting that the House function on Sundays, and requested that the session be extended at least until March 31.

Harish Rao said the party objected to the absence of



T Harish Rao, Deputy Leader of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi Legislature Party, arriving at the House on the first day of the session on Monday

Question Hour in the schedule and raised concerns over delays in replies to unstarred questions and Zero Hour issues. He warned that the party would boycott future BAC meetings if decisions taken were not implemented during the current session.

The BRS also sought permission to introduce a Pri-

party leaders to effectively communicate development and welfare initiatives of the people-centric government to the public. He stated that these efforts should be explained clearly using relevant statistics. Additionally, Goud advised all legislators to gather comprehensive information related to every government department.

He stressed the importance of remaining prepared to respond to issues whenever required during the proceedings. By ensuring a strong presence and factual communication, he believes the party can successfully highlight its achievements while silencing critics. He concluded by reiterating that the responsibility of defending the mandate of the government rests on every elected representative present in the House.

Member's Bill seeking statutory backing for the six guarantees and requested that its members be allowed to speak on the issue.

The party further complained that the privilege motion moved against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was not being taken up. It also pointed out delays in the formation of House Committees and the appointment of a Deputy Speaker. Objecting to frequent disruptions by the treasury benches, the BRS urged the Speaker to allow only the Chief Minister, the Legislative Affairs Minister and the minister concerned to speak during discussions.

Harish Rao said the BRS had submitted a list of 19 issues for discussion, including farmers' problems, delays in welfare schemes, demolitions under the Musi River project, Singareni tenders, unemployment, pending dues to employees, irrigation issues, rising crime, fee reimbursement arrears, RTC workers' demands and alleged irregularities in land and municipal administration.



MIM MLAs stage a walkout from the Assembly when Vande Mataram was being played on the first day of the session on Monday

AIMIM MLAs stage walk out during 'Vande Mataram' in Assembly

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SOME members of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) walked out of the House while the song Vande Mataram was played before the start of the session on the first day of the Telangana Legislature.

As the Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla was escorted to the podium by Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy and Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, the State anthem "Jaya Jaya He Telangana" and the National Anthem were played. In between, the full version of Vande Mata-

ram was also played.

When the song began, AIMIM MLA Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala initially remained seated and soon left the House. AIMIM MLC Mirza Rehmat Baig also followed him. However, AIMIM members Mirza Riyaz-ul-Hassan Effendi and Jaffar Hussain Meraj were seen standing in the House.

After the Governor's address concluded, the three songs were again played one after the other. Following the Telangana anthem, AIMIM members left the House without standing for Vande Mataram.

Meanwhile, MLAs of

the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), who arrived at the Assembly after paying tributes at the Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park, registered their protest by standing at their seats while the Governor delivered the customary address.

Some senior members, including S Madhusudhana Chary, Manik Rao, Mutha Gopal, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy and L Ramana, were seen seated. BRS leaders also raised slogans during the Governor's address, alleging that the government was making him present false claims and unfulfilled promises.



Bandi Sanjay and Ramachander Rao condemn AIMIM walkout

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A controversy arose after AIMIM MLAs walked out during the singing of Vande Mataram in the State Assembly on Monday. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar and State BJP Chief Ramachander Rao have come down heavily on the party, terming the act an insult to national symbols.

Bandi Sanjay took to the X platform to slam the conduct of the party, calling it shameful and a direct insult to the nation. He accused the party of consistently opposing Indian national symbols and questioned their loyalty to the country.

BJP Telangana State Chief Ramachandra Rao also condemned the walkout in strong terms. In a post on X, he stated that the entire society is observing the disrespect shown by the Majlis party towards Vande Mataram. He described the deliberate walkout of the legislators as a most despicable act.

He further reminded the public of instances where leaders raised slogans such as Jai Palestine in Parliament, arguing that such actions raise serious doubts about their allegiance to India. Ramachandra Rao asserted that Telangana society will never condone the insulting of national symbols.

The walkout has reignited the debate over the stance of

the party on national songs, with BJP critics alleging that these actions reveal their true colours. Supporters of the party maintain that their position remains consistent with their ideological beliefs.

The BJP leadership vowed to hold the party accountable in the court of public opinion for what they perceive as a failure to uphold national honour.

The incident has added tension to the legislative session as leaders demand greater accountability regarding the conduct of elected representatives during official ceremonies and the rendition of songs that celebrate the heritage of the nation.

SHE teams apprehend 141 offenders

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TO ensure women's safety across the city, the Hyderabad SHE Teams intensified their efforts by registering multiple cases and securing convictions in February. As many as 141 offenders were caught red-handed, while police registered 12 FIRs and secured jail terms for two individuals.

According to the units, during the current month, SHE Teams actively processed complaints received through various modes including WhatsApp, direct petitions, and social media platforms.

A total of 88 petitions were received for February. Of these, 30 petitions were referred to police stations, resulting in 12 FIRs, while 18 remain pending for further legal action, said Lavanya NJP, DCP of the Women Safety Wing. The DCP stated that through continuous field surveillance, decoy operations, and technical monitoring, 141 offenders were caught red-handed. Among these, 122 are majors and 19 are minors. Furthermore, 111 offenders were warned and released after counselling in the presence of their family members.

As many as 24 cases were booked as petty cases for serious misconduct. Legal action resulted in two convictions with two-day jail sentences and fines, while 22 other convictions resulted in fines only. Notable cases included a woman who was harassed

and abused by a stranger on a two-wheeler while waiting at a traffic signal in Himayatnagar. In another instance, an auto-rickshaw driver in Nampally was booked for using abusive language toward a complainant following a dispute over an excess fare. Another respondent harassed a victim by following her daily and using photographs to blackmail her, while a separate case involved a man pressuring a petitioner to marry him despite clear rejection.

In addition to enforcement, SHE Teams focused on awareness and preventive education. During the month, the teams conducted 232 awareness programmes in schools, colleges, and public places. They also carried out 1,002 observation drives across crowded areas and 230 audio-visual vehicle programmes to reach thousands of citizens. For assistance or to report incidents, the public is encouraged to contact the SHE Teams helpline via Dial 100 or WhatsApp at 9490616555. These comprehensive measures reflect the commitment of the department to eradicating harassment and fostering a secure environment for women in urban spaces. By combining swift legal action with community education, the teams aim to deter potential offenders and empower victims to come forward without hesitation, ensuring that public spaces remain respectful and safe for all residents of Hyderabad.