

BRS slams Guv's speech, says govt 'forced false claims'

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BRS leaders on Monday strongly criticised the Governor's address at the start of the Telangana Assembly Budget session, alleging the Congress government forced the Governor to present misleading claims.

Former minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy said the speech delivered by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla was "hollow" and failed to reflect the realities in the state.

Addressing the media at the Assembly, he alleged that the Congress government compelled the Governor to present falsehoods while ignoring key election promises such as the party's "Six Guar-



antees" and "420 promises". Prashanth Reddy said the Governor's address contained no reference to welfare promises, including the Rs.2,500 monthly financial

assistance pledged to women. He also claimed that issues concerning farmers, unemployed youth, the elderly, widows and persons with disabilities were completely

absent from the speech.

The BRS leader further accused the government of misleading the public about employment, alleging that while it claimed to have

provided 60,000 jobs, only around 12,000 posts had actually been filled.

Echoing the criticism, BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy said the Governor's speech did not mention the Six Guarantees even though the Congress government was presenting its third budget since coming to power under Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

He alleged that the promised Rs.15,000 assistance under the Rythu Bharosa scheme had not yet been disbursed to farmers.

BRS leaders said they would continue to raise the issue in the Assembly until the Congress government fulfils all the promises made to the people.

Tribal pregnant woman murdered in Kagaznagar

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File photo of Athram Sammakka

A 25-year-old tribal woman, who was seven months pregnant, was found murdered in a forest area between Kondapalli and Sulugupalli villages in Penchikalpet mandal, allegedly by a man after she insisted that he marry her.

Police said Athram Sammakka, daughter of Shankar from Kondapalli, was bludgeoned to death by K Jalapathi from Jahindpur hamlet in the forest area between the two villages on Saturday.

Her body was traced in the forest after Jalapathi's brother alerted the local police about the incident.

According to the police, Jalapathi, who is already married, informed his brother over the phone after murdering Sammakka, stating that he

killed her because she was pestering him to marry her.

Despite being married, he had reportedly maintained a close relationship with the woman for around four years. Sammakka was seven months pregnant and had asked him to marry her. Jalapathi allegedly asked Sammakka to

meet him in Jahindpur and took her into the forest area, where he killed her. Based on a complaint lodged by the victim's family members, a case was registered against Jalapathi under the SC, ST Prevention of Atrocities Act and for murder under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Gas cylinder stolen in broad daylight

CCTV footage puts Kodad on alert



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A daylight theft incident in Kodad town of Suryapet district has raised concerns among local residents and shop owners.

An unidentified person

allegedly stole a gas cylinder from a tractor repair shop, highlighting growing worries about petty thefts in the town. The incident reportedly took place on Sunday afternoon at a tractor repair shop located near the main road in Kodad.

According to local sources, the area had very little public movement at the time. Taking advantage of the situation, an unidentified man entered the premises and quietly lifted a gas cylinder that had been kept outside the shop.

He then left the spot without attracting attention.

The shop owner later noticed that the cylinder was missing and searched the surrounding area, but could not find any trace of it.

Suspecting theft, he checked the CCTV cameras installed at the shop. The footage reportedly showed a man carrying away the gas cylinder, confirming that it had been stolen.

After receiving information about the incident, police initiated an investigation.

Officials said they are examining the CCTV footage to identify the suspect and trace his whereabouts.

The theft has sparked concern among local residents, especially in the backdrop of reported gas shortages.

Police have advised shop owners and residents to be cautious and ensure that gas cylinders are stored safely to prevent such incidents.

Locals say that small-scale thefts have been increasing in Kodad in recent times.

They expressed worry that such crimes are occurring not only at night but also during daytime, creating a sense of insecurity among residents and traders in the town.

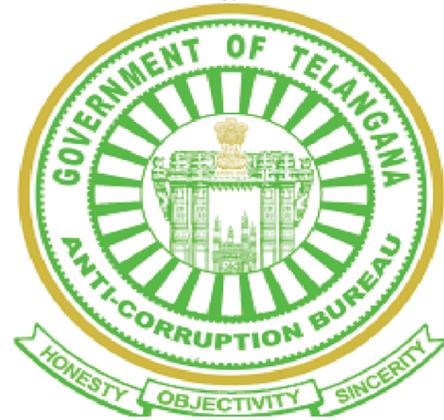
ACB check exposes malpractices in Kamareddy municipality

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OFFICIALS of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Nizamabad Range, conducted a surprise check at the Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Kamareddy Municipality on Monday and detected several administrative and financial irregularities during inspection of records and functioning of the office.

During the inspection, ACB officials found that 47 complaints of unauthorized constructions were received during 2025-26 and notices were issued in most cases. However, no further action was taken even after the stipulated time period lapsed.

The inspection also revealed that over 400 commercial establishments failed



to renew their trade licences during 2025-26, leading to pending dues of around Rs.1 crore to the municipality.

Field verification by ACB officials also detected variations in property tax as-

proper documentation and records, warranting further verification.

In another irregularity, ACB found that some outsourcing employees marked absent for certain days were still shown as having received full-month salaries in payment records.

Officials also noted delays in processing building permissions. Since December 2025, 169 applications were received, of which 18 exceeded the prescribed 21-day processing period.

ACB officials said a detailed report will be submitted to the Government recommending appropriate action against the concerned municipal officials.

The ACB urged the citizens to report corruption by calling its toll-free helpline 1064.

HPV Vaccine can prevent 90% of cervical cancer: Awareness drive for girls in Hyderabad

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ON the occasion of National Vaccination Day, the Press Information Bureau (PIB) Hyderabad organised a 'VARTA' awareness programme to educate adolescent girls about the importance of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in preventing cervical cancer.

The programme was held at a government school in Musheerabad and targeted girls aged 14-15 years as part of the national HPV vaccination campaign launched on February 28 for a 90-day period.

A dramatised presentation was also staged to spread awareness about the vaccine.

Addressing the gathering, PIB Additional Director General Shruithi Patil said the campaign aims to ensure every 14-year-old girl receives the vaccine free of cost as a preventive measure against cervical cancer, contributing to a healthier India. Senior Medical Officer Dr Chandini clarified misconceptions about the vaccine, stating that claims linking it to pregnancy or menstrual issues are false. She noted that the vaccine is safe and can prevent nearly 90 percent of cervical cancer, the second most common cancer among women in India. She added that it can also help prevent oral and anal cancers. Teachers, students and staff from PIB and the Central Bureau of Communication participated in the awareness programme

Karnan conducts surprise inspection in Goshamahal, Karwan circles

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AS part of the State government's 99-day programme "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranali", GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan conducted surprise early-morning inspections in Goshamahal and Karwan circles on Monday. During the visit, the Commissioner inspected the ongoing junction development works at Bhagat Singh Junction. He also reviewed the functioning of the Indiramma canteen at the location and instructed officials to immediately undertake patchwork on the surrounding roads to improve commuting conditions for the public.

The commissioner also reviewed the maintenance of public toilets being managed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. Interacting with the caretaker, he verified the attendance of sanitation staff and directed officials to ensure that the facilities are kept clean and hygienic at all times.

Later, accompanied by Zonal Commissioner (Golconda) Mukunda Reddy, Assistant Commissioner (Sanitation) Ravi Kiran, officials from the engineer-



ing and sanitation wings, and Ramky representatives, the commissioner conducted a walk-through inspection of nearby roads and Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs).

During the inspection, he instructed officials to remove encroachments near the Ambedkar community hall and directed that the facility be made ready for inauguration on the occasion of Ugadi, the Telugu New Year.

Subsequently, Karnan inspected the 100-foot road at Jiyaguda, where he reviewed the progress of sanitation and road maintenance works and directed officials to expedite development activities in the area. Officials including the zonal commissioner, SE, EE, DEEs, AEs and sanitation staff from Karwan circle were present during the inspection.

NAARM hosts national workshop to boost fisheries start-ups

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A two-day national workshop on "Strengthening Academia-Industry Linkage in the Fisheries Sector" began at the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) here on Monday.

Chief guest BK Behera, Chief Executive of the National Fisheries Development Board, highlighted the vast start-up opportunities in fisheries, urging the students to utilise government funding schemes and create employment.

The workshop aims to bridge the gap between academic research and commercial application by promoting collaborative research, curriculum development, technology transfer and start-up incubation.

PE Vijay Anand, India Lead for Soy Excellence Centres, stressed the need to update fisheries curriculum with business and entrepreneurship skills.

Guest of honour KR Sreenath, Director General of the Fishery Survey of India, said the sector will witness major changes in standards, certification and production technologies in the coming years.

A publication titled "Workshop Manual on Fisheries Science Curriculum in India" was released at the event.

The workshop features panel discussions on academia-industry convergence, fisheries economics, aquaculture, aquatic animal health and resource management to strengthen long-term partnerships in the sector.

DAK ADALAT on March 24 in Hyd south east postal division

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THE Hyderabad South East Postal Division will conduct a "Divisional Level Dak Adalat" to address public complaints related to postal services on March 24 at 12 noon.

The Adalat will be held at the Office of the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Hyderabad South East Division, located on the first floor of the Charminar Head Post Office building, Hyderabad - 500002.

Members of the public who have grievances regarding postal services under the jurisdiction of the

Hyderabad South East Division can submit their complaints to "The Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Hyderabad South East Division, Hyderabad - 500002" on or before March 23.

The letters and envelopes should be clearly superscribed "Divisional Level Dak Adalat". Complaints can also be sent through email to dohyderabad@southeast.ap@india-post.gov.in or sspshse2005@gmail.com.

Postal officials said the Dak Adalat is aimed at providing a platform for the public to resolve grievances related to postal services quickly and effectively.

TGSRTC plans spl buses to meet Ugadi, Ramadan rush

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THE Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has announced special bus services ahead of the upcoming Ugadi and Ramadan festivals to manage the surge in passenger traffic.

Heavy travel demand is expected on March 17 and 18, with return-journey rush likely on March 23 as people travel back after the celebrations.

Special buses will be operated during these peak days to ensure smooth transportation for passengers travelling to their native places.

As per GO 16 issued in



2003, the corporation is authorised to revise fares for special festival buses to cover diesel and maintenance costs.

Accordingly, TGSRTC has decided to charge up to 1.5 times the regular fare for

these special services.

The revised fares will apply only to the festival special buses operating within Telangana and to neighbouring states during the specified dates, while regular bus fares

will remain unchanged.

The free travel facility for women under the State Government's "Mahalakshmi" Scheme will continue in 'Palle Velugu', 'Express', 'City Ordinary', and 'Metro Express' buses during the festival period.

The RTC management has announced that advance reservations for the TGSRTC buses can be booked via the website www.tgsrtcbus.in.

Furthermore, for comprehensive information regarding the special buses for the Ugadi and Ramadan festivals, passengers are advised to contact the RTC Call Center numbers: 040-69440000 or 040-23450033.

KTR jokes with Raja Singh in Assembly lobby

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A brief but amusing exchange between the leaders from rival parties drew attention on the sidelines of the Telangana Assembly Budget Session here on Monday.

As the session began with the Governor's address to both the Houses, former minister KT Rama Rao spotted Goshamahal MLA T Raja Singh stepping out of the BJP Legislature Party (BJLP) chamber in the Assembly lobby. Noticing him, KTR jokingly asked how a leader currently suspended from the Bharatiya Janata Party could enter the BJLP cham-



ber and playfully told him to "come out" of the room.

BJP MLA Payal Shankar, who was present nearby, responded in a lighter vein by inviting KTR to step inside the BJLP chamber as well. KTR laughed and remarked that if he entered the room, the media might spin a different narrative, before walking away smiling.

Later, Raja Singh described the BJLP chamber as his "old home", saying he could visit anytime as his friends were still there. However, he said he had not yet decided whether to rejoin the party, adding that time would reveal "who will plead with whom". 0