

# Kommatireddy senior pitches Jagga Reddy for PCC chief post

Roads and Buildings Minister says the "mass leader" could help Congress win 100 seats in the next Assembly elections

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ROADS and Buildings Minister Kommatireddy Venkat Reddy's statement has stirred a political debate. His comments have put the spotlight back on internal issues within the Telangana Congress. The statement is fueling discussions about the party's leadership and factional dynamics.

Interacting with media persons in the Assembly lobbies on Tuesday, Venkat Reddy asserted that if a mass leader like T. Jayaprakash Reddy, popularly known as Jagga Reddy, is appointed as the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC)



President, the party is certain to win 100 seats in the next Assembly elections.

Describing Jagga Reddy as a leader with deep grassroots connections, Venkat

Reddy strongly backed his elevation to the top party post.

He said Jagga Reddy enjoys widespread popularity across both Telugu states

and has the ability to mobilise support at all levels of the party.

Drawing comparisons with the veteran leader late P Janardhan Reddy (PJR), the minister noted that Jagga Reddy commands a similar mass following. He emphasised that Jagga Reddy is capable of uniting leaders and party workers alike, from the grassroots to the top leadership.

Venkat Reddy also appealed to the party high command to seriously consider appointing Jagga Reddy as PCC President, stating that the current political scenario demands a leader of his stature. He added that Jagga Reddy had earlier been a contender for the PCC post,

including during the appointments of Revanth Reddy and Mahesh Kumar Goud, and had himself expressed interest in taking up the role.

While reiterating that Jagga Reddy's leadership could significantly boost the party's prospects, Venkat Reddy's remarks come at a time when Mahesh Kumar Goud is currently serving as TPCC President, a position that typically carries three-year tenure.

With senior leaders like Kommatireddy Venkat Reddy now openly backing Jagga Reddy for the post, it remains to be seen how the Congress High Command responds to the growing demand within the party ranks.

# Ponguleti dubs KTR 'brand ambassador' of dictators

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REVENUE Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Tuesday lashed out at the BRS MLA KT Rama Rao alleging that he was the brand ambassador for dictators and said that because of this arrogance his party lost successive elections.

The Minister intervening in a discussion on the motion of thanks to the Governor in the Assembly on Tuesday said that the BRS member was showing arrogance. He said that the BRS had lost every other election. On the defection of MLAs, Srinivasa Reddy said that the defections were first encouraged by the BRS itself.

Several Ministers intervened to counter the comments of KTR during the discussion. When the BRS leader said that the government was aiming to create one lakh women as crorepatris, it will be \$100 trillion economy, the Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that the government had fixed a target of making one lakh women as crorepatris in five years and during the last two years, they had spent Rs 57,000 crore giving interest free loans. Responding to this, KTR said that he would resign if the figures were correct. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka), responded to the points raised by BRS leader KTR regarding the promise to turn women into millionaires. Minister Seethakka suggested that women both



within 'your family' (referring to Kavitha) and in society at large should be allowed to grow and prosper.

Legislative Affairs Minister D Sridhar Babu said that while the previous BRS government left pending interest subsidies on loans amounting to Rs 3,000 crore, the current Congress government was now clearing those dues. He questioned why the BRS party was not participating in the programme for the distribution of interest-free loans. Minister Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka) announced that the government disbursed Rs 57,000 crore in various forms of loans availed through the Stree Nidhi and Bank Linkage schemes. She further informed that, specifically under the interest-free loan category, funds amounting to Rs 1,121 crore were released to date. She criticized the previous BRS government, accusing it of deceiving women by failing to pay the Rs 3,000 crore in pending interest subsidies.

# DIG felicitates police athletes for winning 40 medals

DISTRICT-WISE MEDAL  
TALLY:  
MAHBUBNAGAR

TWO gold, three silver, five bronze (total 10 medals); Nagarkurnool: Two gold, one silver (three); Wanaparthy: Five gold, six silver, four bronze (15); Jogulamba Gadwal: Four gold, three bronze (seven); Narayanpet: One gold; mixed events: four bronze medals.

Hans news service Wanaparthy: Jogulamba Zone-VII DIG L S Chouhan on Tuesdays congratulated the athletes who brought honour to the zone by winning medals at the recently held police sports meet and encouraged them to continue their efforts to bring more recognition to the State and the department. He assured that the depart-



ment would provide all support to the athletes.

Addressing on the occasion, Chouhan said that sports are the best way to overcome stress faced during police duties. Sports not only improve physical fitness, but also help develop mental strength and discipline.

At an event held at the zonal office in Mahabubnagar, the DIG felicitated the police athletes from the five

districts under the zone, who gave excellent performance and won 40 medals (14 gold, 10 silver and 16 bronze), bringing pride to the zone at the fourth Telangana State-level police sports and games meet-2026, held from February 16 to 21 at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate.

He appreciated the athletes for excelling in sports despite the demanding nature of police duties.



# 'Everyone must contribute to plastic eradication'

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NAGARKURNOOL:

AN awareness session on plastic eradication was organised at the Government Science Degree College on Tuesday, as part of the 99-day Public Administration Progress Programme, informed College Principal Madan Mohan.

The programme was conducted under the slogan "Mana Telangana - Parishubhra Telangana" by Telangana National Green Corps and the college Eco Club. Telangana Pollution

Control Board officer Sajeena attended the event as the chief guest.

Students were educated about the harmful effects of plastic usage. They also actively participated by explaining in detail the damages caused by plastic pollution.

Speaking at the event, the Pollution Control Officer Sajeena said that plastic has become a major problem in today's society and emphasized that collective efforts are essential to control it. She urged everyone to take responsibility in eliminating plastic and to spread awareness among others.

# DC spurs officials to fast-track devpt works in CM's native village

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NAGARKURNOOL:

GIVING fresh momentum to development activities in Kondareddipalli, the native village of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, district Collector Badavath Santosh issued strict directions to fast-track all ongoing works in the village and ensure their timely completion.

At a high-level review meeting held at the Collector on Tuesday evening, the Collector took stock of the progress of various development projects being executed by different government departments in the village, which falls under the Achampet constituency.

The Collector emphasised that quality and speed must go hand in hand and warned against any delays. He directed officials to complete all sanctioned works within the stipulated deadlines while maintaining high construction standards. During the review, he closely examined the status

of ongoing projects and sought detailed updates from concerned departments, stressing that every project taken up in the village must be completed within the fixed timeframe without compromise.

Focusing on key infrastructure, the Collector directed the Vangoor Tahsildar to immediately allocate five acres of land for the construction of the newly sanctioned Advanced Technology Centre (ATC) for the Polytechnic College. He also instructed officials to expedite the dismantling of the dilapidated school building and begin reconstruction work at the earliest, with a target to complete it during the upcoming summer holidays. In addition, he ordered the initiation of construction of a new Anganwadi building in the village and called for the early completion of modernization works of the bank building.

In a decisive move, the Collector ordered that all ongoing works already sanctioned in the village be completed within the next two months. He further instructed officials to immediately bring any hurdles to his notice so that they can be resolved promptly without affecting progress.



# Speaker advises BRS to challenge defection ruling in higher court

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SPEAKER Gaddam Prasad Kumar on Tuesday suggested that BRS members should challenge his decision regarding defection petitions against their party MLAs in a higher court if they felt aggrieved. The defection issue surfaced during the discussion on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address when BRS member KT R was speaking about alleged attacks on party workers during recent elections. The Speaker intervened, advising KT R against using newspaper clippings for discussions in the House and urged him to move past mud-slinging tactics to utilise the given opportunity effectively.



Responding to the Speaker, KT R noted that while the party respects the Chair, a BRS MLA had contested on another party's ticket. The Speaker countered by comparing his role to a judge, stating that if a judgment is unsatisfactory, the aggrieved party should approach a different court. He criticised the BRS for levelling allegations without thoroughly reading his judgment and appealed for a decrease in such questioning. He clarified that he

had refrained from addressing the media despite the comments made against his decision.

The BRS leader maintained his individual respect for the Speaker, acknowledging their friendship, but asserted his right to question the decision as a member.

He argued that in a democracy, questioning is a fundamental responsibility. KT R concluded by affirming that the BRS would definitely challenge the ruling in the High Court. This exchange highlights the growing tension over legislative defections and the procedural boundaries within the Assembly as both sides defend their respective constitutional and democratic mandates.

# SEMINAR ON CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS HELD

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A legal awareness seminar on consumer protection laws was conducted at Nandigama Gram Panchayat in connection with Consumer Rights Day observed on March 15. The event was organised under the guidance of Mandal Legal Services Authority Chairperson Swathi Reddy, with Additional Junior Civil Judge Malyala Sahithi attending as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Malyala Sahithi said every individual is a consumer and highlighted the importance of understanding consumer rights and legal protections. She advised people to exer-



cise caution while purchasing goods, ensure they buy quality products, always obtain receipts and avoid expired items. She also warned the public to stay vigilant against online frauds and refrain from visiting suspi-

cious websites. She informed the gathering that consumers who face losses due to fraud or defective goods can approach consumer forums at the district, state and national levels for redressal and compensation. She noted that seeking compensation after being cheated is a rightful legal remedy available to every consumer.

The chief guest was felicitated during the programme by Nandigama Sarpanch Kommu Krishna, Deputy Sarpanch Venkatesh Goud, ward members and villagers. CI Prasad, Bar Association President Narva Venugopal Rao, advocates, police personnel and local residents also took part in the seminar.

# Rajgopal Reddy pine for Cabinet berth

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CHOUTUPPAL (YADADRI-BHONGIR)

A felicitation ceremony for the newly elected municipal chairman and councillors was held at Choutuppal municipal centre in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, drawing political attention after remarks made by MLA Kommatireddy Rajgopal Reddy.

Attending the event as the chief guest, Rajgopal Reddy congratulated the newly elected representatives and urged them to treat power as a responsibility rather than a privilege. "Authority is not a crown but a duty. Leaders must fulfill the promises made to the people and earn their trust," he said, emphasising accountability in public service.

However, the highlight of

SAYS JUSTICE WILL BE DONE AT RIGHT TIME



his speech was his candid reference to not being inducted into the State cabinet despite assurances from the party

leadership. The MLA revealed that he was promised a ministerial berth but did not receive it, which had caused

him disappointment at the time. He acknowledged that in certain moments of frustration, he had made strong

remarks regarding the issue.

Reflecting on his political journey, Rajgopal Reddy asserted that the party leadership is well aware of his commitment and integrity.

"They know I am a sincere leader who works for the people and the party. At the right time, justice will be done to me," he stated, expressing confidence in the high command.

He also underlined that the people of the region are expecting development and believe that granting him a ministerial position could accelerate progress in the constituency.

The MLA's remarks have sparked fresh political discussion in the district, indicating that internal aspirations and expectations within the party continue to remain a subject of interest.

# Youth found dead under suspicious circumstances

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SHALIGOURARAM (NALGONDA):

A youth was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Perkakondaram village of Shaligouraram mandal in Nalgonda district on Tuesday, creating concern among locals.

According to information provided by villagers, the incident came to light in the early hours of Tuesday when the body of a youth was discovered on National Highway 365 on the outskirts of Perkakondaram village. The deceased has been identified as Mallepaka Srikanth (25), a resident of Vangamarthi village.

Upon receiving the infor-



mation, police immediately rushed to the spot and conducted a preliminary investigation (panchanama). The circumstances surrounding his death appeared suspicious, prompting further inquiry by the authorities.

Sub-Inspector Saidulu

stated that a case has been registered based on a complaint filed by the family members of the deceased. He confirmed that an investigation is currently underway to ascertain the exact cause of death and the sequence of events leading to the incident.

The body of Srikanth was shifted to the Government Hospital in Nakrekal for postmortem examination. Police officials said that further details would emerge after the autopsy report and completion of the investigation.

The incident has raised questions among locals, and authorities are examining all possible angles, including accident and foul play.