

Parties gear up for graduates' MLC poll

• Janasena announces former Health Director Gadala Srinivas Rao as candidate
• Congress and BJP yet to finalise candidates
• BRS leader Rakesh Reddy, whose candidature is yet to be confirmed, begins campaigning

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KHAMMAM

POLITICAL parties in Telangana have begun preparations for the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduates' MLC election, with the process for preparation of fresh electoral rolls set to begin.

Chief Electoral Officer C Sudharshan Reddy has issued the schedule, with the public notice for voter registration issued on September 28 and the final electoral roll scheduled for publication on December 30.

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BRS leader A Rakesh Reddy (likely candidate)

The term of sitting MLC Chintapandu Naveen, popularly known as Teenmar Mallanna, ends in March 2027.

In the May 2024 biennial election, Congress candidate Mallanna defeated BRS nominee A Rakesh Reddy.

The results were declared



Janasena candidate Gadala Srinivas Rao

on June 8. The seat had fallen vacant after then MLC Palla Rajeshwar Reddy resigned following his election to the Jangaon Assembly constituency in 2023.

Rakesh Reddy, whose candidature is yet to be formally announced, has already begun campaign-

ing, meeting graduates and organising programmes across the constituency. Issues relating to government recruitment, jobs, education, and the concerns of unemployed youth are expected to figure prominently in the contest.

Meanwhile, the Jana Sena Party has named former Health Director Gadala Srinivas Rao as its candidate. He has also begun his campaign.

The Congress and BJP are yet to announce their nominees.

Several names are doing the rounds in Congress circles, including Telangana State Tourism Corporation Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy, Vijaya Dairy Chairman Gutta Amith Reddy, Osmania University JAC leader Lokesh Yadav, Singapuram Indira, Ramireddy Sarvothama Reddy, son of

former minister Damodar Reddy, Ponguleti Prasad Reddy, brother of Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Nalgonda DCC president Punna Kailash Neta and RTI Commissioner PV Srinivas.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka reportedly held a meeting with key leaders from the erstwhile Warangal, Khammam, and Nalgonda districts in Hyderabad earlier this month to discuss the party's election strategy.

According to party sources, Vikramarka asked the leaders to abide by the high command's decision on the candidate and work together for the party.

With the electoral roll exercise now scheduled, political activity in the graduates' constituency is likely to intensify in the run-up to the election.

Khammam Youth Cong focuses on strengthening grassroots

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“THE District Youth Congress is working to strengthen the organisation from the village level and develop a new generation of young leaders through a structured action plan,” district president Vejanla Sai Kumar said.

On Tuesday, Sai Kumar presented a report on the activities undertaken by the Khammam district Youth Congress during the past six months at a state-level Youth Congress workshop in the presence of Youth Congress national in-charge Manish Sharma and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud.

Speaking on the



occasion, Sai Kumar said the Youth Congress had organised several protests and agitations in Khammam district over what he described as policies of the Union government.

“The organisation had also identified problems faced by people at the grassroots and worked with local communities towards addressing them,” he said.

“Youth Congress workers were also actively involved in taking welfare programmes implemented by the state government to

the people,” he said.

Sai Kumar said the organisation was preparing an action plan to further strengthen the Youth Congress from the village level and involve young people in every village, with the objective of nurturing new leadership.

Youth Congress national in-charge Manish Sharma and Telangana Youth Congress president Jakki Shiva Charan Reddy appreciated Sai Kumar after reviewing the report on the district unit's activities and its proposed future programme.

Tribals encouraged to utilise Prajavani prog

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“TRIBALS should raise their grievances through the Prajavani platform. Officials should ensure timely resolution of the petitions submitted by tribals in Prajavani,” said Jatoth Hussain, member of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (STs) on Tuesday.

“The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (STs) stands at the forefront to ensure justice for tribals whenever and wherever they face problems,” he added.

Hussain was received by additional collector (revenue) Vinod Kumar who welcomed him at the Khilla Ghanapuram mandal headquarters. He met tribal residents at Eniki thanda and inquired about the issues they were facing.

Hussain noted they had brought to his attention issues concerning 460 acres—known as ‘Raja's land’—spread across 27 thandas in



the mandal. He assured to examine the details regarding the issue and provide a solution within two months.

He emphasised that the Atrocities Act should not be misused but rather invoked only in cases involving genuine grievances and injustices; cautioned against diluting the significance of the law by filing atrocity cases for minor disputes.

Noting the nationwide popularity of the Banjara language, he urged people to elect leaders who work for

the public good. Public representatives should dedicate time to understanding the people's problems and strive to resolve them.

Later, the commission members visited Savai Gudem thanda in Wanaparthi mandal and inquired about the difficulties faced by residents due to lack of road connectivity. They discussed potential measures to resolve the issue with villagers and assured the issue would be brought to attention of officials.

400 sheep killed after Dakshin Express hits flock

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YADADRI-BHONGIR

IN a major tragedy, around 400 sheep were killed after being hit by the speeding Dakshin Express near Bibinagar in Yadadri-Bhongir district on Tuesday. The incident occurred in the Ghatkesar-Kondamadugu stretch, leaving sheep carcasses and remains scattered along the railway track.

According to information available, farmer Balamoni Kistaiah, a resident of Aleenagar under Jooluru village limits in Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district, had halted near Kondamadugu with his flock of sheep.

The Dakshin Express, travelling from Kazipet towards Hyderabad Nampally, reportedly sounded its horn while approaching the area. Startled by the loud horn, the sheep panicked and ran onto the railway track.

The shepherd attempted to bring the flock under control. However, before he could move the animals away from the track, the speeding train struck them. Around 400 sheep were crushed under the train and died on the spot.



The incident caused heavy financial losses, estimated to run into several lakhs of rupees, to the farmer. Devastated by the loss of his flock, Kistaiah appealed to the State government to provide immediate financial assistance and compensation.

On receiving information about the incident, railway officials and police rushed to the spot. The carcasses were removed from the railway track and train services were restored.

Police registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.

‘RUN’ FOR YOUR HEART



A 5K Run was organized by Dr Samuel Super Speciality Hospital on World Heart Day and Swachhata Hi Seva in Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation limits on Tuesday, which was flagged off by Mayor Gummala Mamatha Srinivas Mudiraj

Tackle drug menace with iron hand: DSP

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A review meeting on drug control and prevention measures was held under the auspices of Telangana Eagle Force at the District SP office in Jogulamba Gadwal district headquarters on Tuesday to discuss preventive measures for youth and students from falling prey to drugs, curbing drug use and trafficking, and increasing the participation of all sections of the police department towards achieving the goal of a drug-free India.

Telangana Eagle Force SP PV Padmaja said that there is a need to see the drug problem not just

as a policing issue but as a social responsibility related to the safety of future generations. He suggested that educational institutions, parents, police department, voluntary organizations and people should work in coordination so that the youth do not get attracted to drugs.

SP Rao added that the police department is giving priority to eradicating drugs in the district.

He said that awareness, monitoring and preventive measures need to be implemented more effectively at the level of educational institutions to protect students and youth from the effects of drugs.



Discipline key to students' success: DIEO

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DISCIPLINE and good habits are essential for students to achieve their goals and build a successful future, District Intermediate Education Officer (DIEO) Ravi Babu said on Tuesday. Addressing Freshers' Day celebrations organised by Resonance Junior College here, he urged students to respect their

parents, work hard, and stay away from social media and drugs. Teachers play a key role in developing discipline, confidence, and goal-oriented thinking among students, he said. College director R V Nagendra Kumar said the institution focused on students' academic and overall development. Cultural programmes, including dance and music, marked the celebrations.



PEOPLE FIRST



Sub-Collector Mrinal Shreshtha meeting a disabled woman outside his office to receive her petition seeking resolution of her problems in Bhadrachalam on Tuesday

Khanpura Urdu School gets fresh push for permanent building

Community leaders seek government support to address accommodation and infrastructure needs

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KARIMNAGAR

COMMUNITY leaders, public representatives and parents have joined hands to address the pressing needs of the Government Urdu Medium School at Khanpura, including rent, teachers' salaries and basic infrastructure.

At a meeting held on Monday, Laksh Foundation president Dr Mustaq Ali Khan, who had borne the school's entire rent last year, contributed another Rs 50,000 towards five months' rent in advance. He urged Congress leaders to approach the government for a permanent school building or financial assistance towards rental expenses.

AIUC president Mufti Nadeem contributed an amount equivalent to three months' salary of a teacher, while former deputy mayor Abbas Sami paid one month's rent.

Khadimane Millat pledged to bear a teach-



er's salary for a year. District Congress Minority Cell president Taj assured participants that efforts would be made to establish a permanent school building with benches and other facilities.

Parents sought better infrastructure and a stable arrangement for students. Dr Mustaq Ali Khan was felicitated for his support.