



BRS working president MLA KT Rama Rao interacting with party leaders and workers during the meeting at Palair in Khammam district on Wednesday

KTR alleges rampant corruption in Revenue department

Targets Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy accusing him of amassing wealth through irregularities in land and mining-related deals

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KHAMMAM

ALLEGING rampant corruption in the Revenue department, BRS working president KT Ramarao said while the State's revenues are declining, the wealth and influence of certain ministers are growing disproportionately.

Addressing the party workers in Palair constituency on Wednesday, KTR accused Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy of amassing wealth through alleged irregularities in land and mining-related dealings and questioned the status of investigations into previous enforcement actions against him.

He also alleged large-scale irregularities in revenue department and claimed that farmers were being subjected to uncertainty over land-related issues. Referring to recent controversies involving ministers and officials,

he slammed the Revenue Minister for behaving in arrogant manner and disregarding even fellow cabinet colleagues.

KTR further alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfill several election promises, including farm loan waivers, housing schemes, enhanced pensions, unemployment assistance and welfare commitments made to various sections of society.

Targeting Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, KTR criticised what he described as the government's approach towards development and governance. He accused the administration of creating hardship for people through demolition drives and failing to deliver on major promises despite incurring substantial borrowings since assuming office.

The former minister defended the previous BRS government's record, stating that investments in ir-

rigation projects, welfare programmes, power supply, education and healthcare infrastructure had significantly contributed to Telangana's development. He cited projects such as the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme and the establishment of educational and medical institutions in Khammam district as examples of achievements under the BRS regime.

Claiming that public dissatisfaction with the Congress government was growing, KTR urged party workers to strengthen the BRS at the grassroots level and mobilise support ahead of future elections.

MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, MLC Tata Madhu, former Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar, former MLA's Kannada Uppender Reddy, M Nageswara Rao, T Venkateswarlu, former ZP chairman L Kamal Raj and Several senior BRS leaders and local party functionaries attended the meeting.

Ponnam, Adluri throw down corruption gauntlet to Harish

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POLITICAL tensions intensified after senior BRS leader T Harish Rao alleged a Rs 2,000 crore scam in tenders related to Telangana residential schools. Responding strongly, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Adluri Laxman Kumar refuted the allegations and challenged Harish Rao to prove the charges, stating that both Ministers were ready to resign if corruption was established.

Ponnam Prabhakar questioned the basis of the allegations, stating that the total value of procurement tenders across welfare departments itself does not amount to Rs 2,000 crore. He said mak-



ing such serious accusations without evidence was inappropriate and could mislead the public.

The Minister defended the government's welfare initiatives, particularly those aimed at weaker sections,

and said departments working for the upliftment of poor communities should not be targeted with baseless claims. He alleged that such remarks reflected a negative attitude towards welfare programmes.

Ponnam said the government functions with transparency and is prepared to face any investigation if wrongdoing is proven. He warned that the people of Telangana would not accept attempts to create confusion

through false allegations.

Recalling his political journey, the Minister said he, along with Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar and other leaders, had built their political careers through public service and grassroots work. He said their commitment towards weaker sections and social welfare was evident through their actions.

Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar also reiterated that they were ready to face consequences if any corruption charges against them were proven. The exchange has added to the ongoing political debate between the ruling Congress and opposition BRS over allegations related to government tenders and welfare schemes.

PPA assures full protection for TG villages affected by Polavaram backwaters

HYDERABAD: The Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) has assured complete protection for Telangana villages likely to be impacted by backwater and submergence effects from the Polavaram Project, responding to concerns raised by former Irrigation Minister and Siddipet BRS MLA T. Harish Rao.

In an official communication, the PPA stated that all habitations in Telangana affected up to the project's Full Reservoir Level (FRL) would either be safeguarded through engineering measures or acquired under Rehabilitation and Reset-

tlement (R&R) provisions. The PPA assured that the issues pertaining to backwater impacts are receiving top priority and due administrative attention.

The assurance reiterates commitments made during an inter-state meeting held on April 8, 2025, involving officials from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The Authority said scientific assessments, flood-mitigation plans, and protective interventions would be implemented to prevent adverse impacts on villages, farmlands, and livelihoods in the Godavari basin.

12 BDS final year students suspended over ragging allegations

HYDERABAD

TWELVE final year students of GDC here were suspended for six months pending a police inquiry following allegations of ragging of first year BDS students at the college hostel. Government Dental College (GDC) principal Sarjeev Singh Yadav told mediapersons that the first year students informed orally on June 9 to the anti-ragging committee and submitted a complaint on June 11 that they were given instructions to "get alcohol, cigarettes, food" and do other personal work.

The first year students were also allegedly made to do "chair sit ups", push ups and were abused. When some interns tried to intervene, they were threatened and an intern suffered injury in the eye when he was attacked by the final year students.



The college authorities initially counselled the students that they would have no other way except complaining to the police if the ragging continued.

The parents of the final year students were also called and informed about the matter.

Later, 12 students were suspended for six months and a complaint was made to the Sultan Bazar Police Station. The police inquiry is underway, Yadav said. Further action would be taken as per police report, he said.

The group of students who are now facing allegations had earlier broke CCTV cameras on December 31 during New Year celebrations, he said.

The principal said a 'mentor-mentee' mechanism has been put in place in the college and parents also need to visit the institution at regular interval to enquire about the progress of their children.

Police said the principal of the dental college complained that 12 final year students ragged their juniors and that a case was registered.

Revanth will go Hitler way, says Harish Rao

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BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who claims Hitler as his inspiration, would meet the same fate as Hitler. Rao made these comments while participating as the chief guest at the BRS Membership Enrollment and SIR Awareness Meeting held in Husnabad, Siddipet. Harish Rao recalled the contribution of senior leader Captain Lakshminantha Rao, who stood alongside KCR during the Telangana movement and was arrested at Alugunur crossroads while participating in the struggle.

Harish Rao said Husnabad had always enjoyed a special place in KCR's heart and has historically been the launchpad for many important political

Alleges widespread corruption in student fee reimbursements and welfare distribution systems

campaigns.

He noted that the region played a crucial role in the early growth of the party and later benefited from several developmental initiatives under the BRS government, including the establishment of the Husnabad Revenue Division, SP and DSP offices, Electricity DE office, a full-fledged RTC depot, the Gouravelli Project, and the development of Gandhi Mahasamudram tank.

Referring to the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, Harish Rao urged party workers to remain vigilant and ensure that genuine voters are not excluded from the electoral process. Harish Rao stated



that while BRS leaders resigned from their positions and made genuine sacrifices

for Telangana statehood, Revanth Reddy only indulged in political drama.

He alleged that when the movement demanded resignations, BRS legislators submitted originals, whereas Revanth Reddy resorted to theatrics by submitting photocopies. Rao further alleged that while fee reimbursement payments for poor students were being delayed, contractors continued to receive payments because commissions were involved, calling it commission mode governance.

Responding to remarks allegedly made by the Chief Minister about his height, Harish Rao said personal attacks would not divert attention from pending farmer assistance, crop bonuses, and unfulfilled promises.

Gymnastics instructor jailed for 20yrs for sexually assaulting preschool child

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A Special Court of Rajendranagar, Ranga Reddy District has sentenced a gymnastics instructor to 20 years rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a three-and-a-half-year-old girl at a private preschool under the limits of Miyapur Police station in 2019. According to the police, on June 20, 2019, the alleged accused Kura Kiran Sai, 31, took advantage of a delay in the

school van's arrival. The alleged accused took the girl to the top floor of the gymnastics room, sexually abused her, and fled after the sexual assault, leaving her in tears on the ground floor of the gymnastics area.

The school principal, Chilakamukku Deepika, 37, was also convicted for the severe negligence that caused the sexual assault to happen, and she was sentenced to three years in prison. Police said the victim's father filed a formal complaint after

noticing her abnormal behaviour. The victim expressed her pain, refused to return to school, and named the instructor as the sexual abuser. Based on the complaint, the police arrested both accused persons on July 2, 2019, and filed a charge sheet against them after the investigation. After a full-fledged trial, the Special Judge for Trial and Disposal of Rape and POCSO cases delivered the verdict, convicting the accused persons and awarding Rs 3 lakh compensation to the victim.

Take measures to strengthen solid waste mgmt system: DC to officials



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SURYAPET: District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar has directed officials to strengthen solid waste management system in urban areas and ensure strict implementation of the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court.

He warned that negligence in sanitation and waste management would not be tolerated. During a review meeting held at the Collectorate on

Wednesday, the Collector assessed the implementation of end-to-end waste collection and sanitation plans in the municipalities of Suryapet, Kodad, Huzurnagar, Ner-educhera, and Tirumalagiri.

He instructed municipal authorities to prepare comprehensive action plans for sanitation, waste collection, and recycling. Officials informed the meeting that Suryapet Municipality is now collecting waste in four cat-

egories: dry waste, wet waste, sanitary waste, and special-care waste, in accordance with the latest guidelines.

Around 80 per cent of waste is currently being successfully segregated and collected. The Collector emphasised the need to create greater public awareness through ward meetings.

He also directed officials to appoint dedicated in-charge officers for each dumping yard and ensure that all collected waste is either recycled or scientifically disposed of.

Highlighting long-term solutions, he recommended the establishment of bio-methanation plants for processing wet and vegetable waste.

The gas produced from these plants can be utilized for cooking purposes and for operating incinerators at Vainkunta Dhamams.

He instructed authorities to prepare plans for setting up such plants near market areas in Suryapet and Kodad. Officials reported that nearly one tonne of plastic waste is collected and processed daily.

Congress failed to deliver on poll promises, says Sabitha Reddy

Urges booth-level agents to remain vigilant and ensure that the names of party supporters, well-wishers and workers are correctly included in the electoral rolls

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FORMER Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy alleged that the Congress party had come to power by making several promises during the elections but failed to implement them after assuming office.

She accused Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy of neglecting public issues and expressed confidence that the BRS would return to power in the next elections.

A BRS digital membership enrolment drive and awareness camp on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was held at Kuntla Ram Reddy Garden in Shadnagar under the leadership of former MLA on Wednesday.

Anjaiah Yadav, former Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, Palamuru MLC Surabhi



Vani Devi, party leaders and a large number of workers attended the programme.

Speaking on the voter survey process, Sabitha urged booth-level agents to remain vigilant and ensure that the names of party supporters, well-wishers and workers were correctly included in

the electoral rolls. She also announced that the party would organise special training programmes on the issue.

Referring to the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, Sabitha Indra Reddy claimed that the government accelerated the project works only after sustained pressure

from the opposition BRS.

Palamuru MLC Surabhi Vani Devi said the aspirations of the people had been fulfilled with the formation of Telangana and highlighted the development achieved during the BRS regime in the fields of education, healthcare, agriculture and welfare.

She opined that the return of a BRS government was necessary for the continued welfare of the people.

Former MLA Y Anjaiah Yadav stated that the BRS government had played a significant role in the development of the Shadnagar constituency.

He said the Lakshmidivipalli Reservoir was the vision of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and alleged that the attitude of Congress leaders was responsible for delays in the project.

Party in-charge Baikani Srinivas Yadav called upon party workers to take the digital membership drive forward as a mass movement. He also urged party activists and polling booth agents to discharge their responsibilities effectively during the voter survey process.