

Protest erupts at MGU as women's hostel taps run dry

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TENSION prevailed at Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) here on Thursday late night after women students staged protest over acute drinking water shortage and lack of basic facilities in the university hostel.

A large number of hostel residents at the Vice-Chancellor's Guest House, complaining that they had been suffering due to inadequate water supply and poor hostel amenities. The students said they were facing severe hardship because there was not enough water for drinking or even for using the washrooms.

According to the protesting students, university authorities had diverted the water meant for the women's hostel to ongoing construction works on the campus, leaving hostel inmates with-

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out sufficient water. They alleged that the decision had created a serious crisis and made hostel life unbearable.

The situation escalated when police entered the university campus late at night, drawing strong objections from the students and various student organi-

sations. They questioned the need for a police presence instead of addressing the grievances of the hostel residents and accused the university administration of neglecting their genuine concerns. The students expressed anger over the alleged failure of the Vice-

Chancellor and the Registrar to respond to repeated complaints.

They announced that they would lay siege to the Vice-Chancellor's office and warned that the protest would continue until the water crisis and other hostel-related issues were

resolved. Activists of the ABVP also extended their support to the protesting women students, demanding that the university administration immediately restore the water supply and provide the basic facilities promised to hostel residents.

Tummala promises housing to hut dwellers

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Tummala lays foundation stone for panchayat office, assures irrigation boost for Raghunathapalem



AGRICULTURE Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday laid the foundation stone for a new Gram Panchayat office at Irlapudi village in Raghunathapalem mandal and outlined a series of development initiatives aimed at strengthening agriculture and rural infrastructure in the region. Addressing a gathering, the Minister said Raghunathapalem should emerge as the leading mandal in the state in the agricultural sector. He also promised to eliminate all thatched houses in the mandal by ensuring adequate housing for eligible families.

Highlighting irrigation initiatives, Tummala said the recently commissioned Manchukonda Lift Irrigation Scheme had enabled the filling of local tanks. He expressed confidence that Godavari waters would reach the mandal by this time next year.

The Minister said efforts were also underway to bring water from the Bugga stream

through a pipeline. Even if water levels in the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir remain inadequate next year, the government would ensure that tanks in the mandal are filled using water from the Godavari and Bugga sources, enabling farmers to cultivate quality crops.

He urged farmers to prepare for improved agricultural productivity and assured them that public grievances would be addressed promptly through local elected representatives and party leaders.

During the programme, Khammam District Congress Committee president Nuthi

Satyanarayana Goud felicitated newly appointed Raghunathapalem Mandal Congress president Keloth Dev Singh by handing over his appointment letter in the presence of the Minister.

Tummala further said that the state government had already credited Rs 9,000 crore into farmers' bank accounts under its welfare initiatives. He also appealed to party workers and local leaders to ensure the success of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Rythu Ashirvada Sabha scheduled to be held on Friday in the district.

Illegal sex determination racket busted, 3 RMPs held

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NAKREKAL (NALGONDA)

A major illegal prenatal sex determination racket operating in Nalgonda district has been busted, leading to the arrest of three Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs). Police seized scanning equipment allegedly used for conducting illegal fetal sex determination tests.

According to the police, the accused were caught while allegedly carrying out illegal prenatal sex determination tests, in clear violation of the law. During the operation, officials seized a significant quantity of scanning equipment used in the illegal activities.

Acting on credible information, police conducted a raid at a house in Shivaji Nagar, Nakrekal, where the illegal activity was allegedly being carried out. The main accused were caught red-handed during the operation.

Police arrested Batka Yadagiri and Tekumatla Janaiah, both residents of



Nakrekal. According to officials, the duo is repeat offenders who had previously been jailed in connection with similar offences but allegedly resumed their illegal activities after their release.

The accused were also reportedly involved in the case relating to the death of a pregnant woman in Chivvela mandal, and police have now arrested them again in connection with the latest case.

Investigators said the accused were allegedly operating the racket with the assistance of Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs). Pregnant women were reportedly brought to the Shivaji

Nagar house through RMPs from Kesaram and Kattangur, where illegal prenatal sex determination tests were allegedly conducted in violation of the law.

Police suspect that the investigation may uncover more shocking details, including the involvement of additional individuals linked to the racket. A search is currently underway to trace other suspects believed to be connected to the illegal network.

Police said that several key masterminds behind the racket are still absconding. Search operations have been intensified to trace and arrest the remaining accused.

BRS appoints Vaddiraju as Parl party leader in RS

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BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao has appointed Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra as the leader of the BRS Parliamentary Party in the Rajya Sabha.

Ravichandra, who had been serving as the deputy leader of the party in Parliament, succeeds KR Suresh Reddy following the completion of the latter's Rajya Sabha tenure. His current term as a Rajya Sabha member is scheduled to continue until April 2030.

KCR elevated Ravichandra to the top parliamentary post, acknowledging his contributions to the party and his representation of backward classes and other social groups. Ravichandra was earlier nominated to the Rajya Sabha after Dr. Banda Prakash Mudiraj moved to the Telangana Legislative Council and was later re-elected for a second term with the party leadership's backing.



Ravichandra called on KCR and received his blessings shortly after the appointment. During the meeting, KCR formally handed over the appointment letter naming him the BRS Parliamentary Party Leader and Leader of the Party in the Rajya Sabha.

Expressing his gratitude, Ravichandra presented a bouquet to KCR and thanked him for reposing confidence in his leadership. Ravichan-

dra said he would discharge the responsibility with humility, raise Telangana's concerns effectively in Parliament, strengthen the party, and work towards bringing KCR back to power for a third term.

In return, KCR felicitated the Rajya Sabha member with a ceremonial shawl, conveyed his best wishes, and expressed confidence in his role as the party's voice in Parliament.



BJP holds awareness meeting on SIR

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BJP on Thursday organised an awareness meeting on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls at Nelakondapalli in Palair Assembly constituency, urging party workers to actively participate in the voter verification process. Addressing the meeting, State BJP spokesperson Namburi Ramalingeswara Rao said an accurate and transparent electoral roll forms the foundation of a strong democracy and called upon party leaders and cadre to cooperate with the Election Commission's ongoing revision exercise.

He stressed that every eligible voter should be included in the electoral rolls while ensuring that ineligible entries

are identified and removed in accordance with the Election Commission's guidelines.

Highlighting the responsibilities of Booth Level Agents (BLA-2s), Ramalingeswara Rao said they have a crucial role in verifying voter lists, facilitating the enrolment of eligible voters, correcting errors and monitoring additions and deletions at the booth level. He urged party workers to create awareness among the public and ensure that all activities are carried out in compliance with the Election Commission's norms.

He appealed to party functionaries, booth-level workers and BLA-2 representatives to work in close coordination and remain vigilant to ensure that the revision process is carried out without discrepancies.

Communists strive for egalitarian society: CPI



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CPI State secretary Kunnamneni Sambasiva Rao on Thursday asserted that the party's primary objective is to establish an egalitarian society free from social and economic disparities.

He alleged that democratic values were being undermined under the Modi government, claiming it had weakened democratic institutions.

He accused the Union government of failing to address key public concerns such as employment, education, healthcare and overall welfare. According to him, the Narendra Modi-led government was prioritising its Hindutva agenda over issues affecting the common people.

The CPI leader said that several countries across the world were increasingly looking towards communist ideals, as greater emphasis was being placed on social equality and public welfare. He maintained that the goal of creating an equitable society could be achieved only through communist principles.

Sambasiva Rao reiterated the party's commitment to safeguarding the rights of farmers, workers, the poor and other marginalised sections, stating that Communists would continue to fight against policies perceived to be detrimental to their interests. He also opposed any attempts to dispossess poor people of their lands, warning that such actions would be strongly resisted.



Sewage overflow at bus stand raises health concerns

KOTHAGUDEM: The overflowing sewage from damaged drainage lines connected to the public toilets at the Kothagudem bus stand has sparked concern among commuters, with foul odour and unhygienic conditions prevailing at the district headquarters' main transport hub.

According to local residents and passengers, the outlet drainage system from the bus stand toilets has been damaged, causing wastewater to stagnate within the premises. The persistent sewage overflow has created an unpleasant environment for commuters and visitors.

With the monsoon season underway, there are growing fears that stagnant wastewater could become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of vector-borne diseases and posing a public health hazard.

Residents alleged that the problem has remained unresolved for nearly a month despite its severity. They expressed disappointment over what they described as the apparent inaction of RTC authorities and urged officials to repair the damaged drainage system immediately and restore sanitation at the bus stand to safeguard public health.



Cong, BRS should stop misleading people on SIR: BJP leader

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FORMER Telangana BJP Kisan Morcha president Kondapalli Sridhar Reddy on Thursday accused the Congress and BRS of spreading misinformation about the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and urged political parties to cooperate with the exercise being undertaken by the Election Commission of India.

Participating in the SIR enumeration process at polling booth No 127 in Yedulapuram Municipality under the Palair Assembly constituency, Sridhar Reddy said the primary objective of the exercise was to ensure that electoral rolls remain transparent, error-free and inclu-

sive of all eligible voters. He alleged that the Congress, BRS and certain other political parties were indulging in "Goebbels-style propaganda" to mislead the public about the revision process, describing such campaigns as irresponsible. He appealed to all eligible voters to verify their details in the electoral rolls, submit the required documents wherever necessary, and actively cooperate with the ongoing enumeration process.

He also urged the Congress and BRS to refrain from spreading misconceptions and instead extend support to the Election Commission's legally mandated exercise, stating that every citizen should contribute to strengthening India's democratic institutions.

Yadagirigutta Temple Trust Board members to be sworn in tomorrow

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THE oath-taking ceremony of the newly constituted Board of Trustees of the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple at Yadagirigutta has been scheduled for July 11 (Saturday). The newly appointed Chairman, along with 18 members of the Trust Board, will take the oath at the main temple's Mukhamandapam. Temple Executive Officer J. Bhavani Shankar will administer the oath of office.

The swearing-in ceremony will be conducted on the lines of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Board's oath-taking process. Temple authorities have begun making the necessary arrangements for the event. Meanwhile, the newly appointed Trust Board Chairman, Manne Satyanarayana Reddy, along with other board members, met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Wednesday evening.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister is understood to have discussed



the temple's future development plans, measures to improve accommodation facilities for

devotees, and various administrative and operational aspects of the temple management.

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