

Ministers meet Governor, complain against BRS over ‘purification’ ritual

Adluri Laxman alleges caste discrimination, seeks Governor’s intervention

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A delegation of Ministers led by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday and submitted a complaint over the alleged “purification” ritual carried out by BRS leaders at Erravalli.

The ministers apprised the Governor of the conduct of BRS MLAs and MLCs on the first day of the Assembly session, particularly the alleged objectionable remarks directed at Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti, Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Seethakka, Adluri Laxman, Ponnam Prabhakar and



Mohammed Azharuddin were among those who met the Governor.

Minister Adluri Laxman accused the BRS of displaying an “arrogant and feudal attitude” and alleged that BRS MLCs had verbally abused the Speaker

and his mother.

He alleged that the reported “purification” of the road near KCR’s farmhouse, after Dalits staged a protest by playing traditional drums, reflected an anti-Dalit mindset.

“We complained to the

Governor about the practice of untouchability exhibited by KCR,” Laxman said. He questioned whether the reported purification ritual was carried out at the direction of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

“Is the humiliation of Dalits happening at KCR’s behest? If KCR did not order it, why is he remaining silent?” he asked, demanding a clarification from the BRS chief.

Laxman said the Assembly Speaker had responded to a complaint lodged by BRS women MLAs, ordered an inquiry and assured that action would be taken against those found responsible.

He asserted that there was no place for untouchability or caste discrimination in a people’s government and said such incidents would not be tolerated.

The minister said the delegation had specifically approached the Governor to bring the alleged conduct of BRS leaders to his notice.



A delegation of BRS MLAs and MLCs call on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan in Hyderabad on Wednesday

BRS leaders take police ‘atrocities’ row to Governor

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BHARAT Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday to bring to his attention recent state incidents, including alleged insults to female legislators, death threats directed at party chief K Chandrashekar Rao, and the suspension of two party MLCs, seeking his direct intervention as constitutional head.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, BRS Working President KT Rama Rao stated that the delegation briefed the Governor on prevailing political conditions in Telangana. Expressing outrage over police intercepting leaders on main roads while heading towards the Assembly, he criticized law enforcement for behaving inappropriately towards female legislators, adding that video footage of police aggression against former Minister Sa-

- **Women legislators’ alleged harassment**
- **KCR death threats and MLC suspensions raised with Shiv Pratap Shukla**

bitha Indra Reddy was presented to the Governor.

KTR stated that the delegation explained how police created a Dushshasana parvam by pulling the sari of MLA Sunitha Lakshma Reddy. Wearing a black shirt in protest, he emphasized that BRS leaders maintain deep respect for the Speaker while noting that citizens and public representatives alike faced severe humiliation. The Governor was informed that Congress cadres were allegedly urged to gather at the residence of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to assault him.

According to KTR, the Governor assured the delegation that an inquiry would be

conducted into issues raised outside the Assembly, while examining matters related to legislative proceedings.

Relying on this assurance, the opposition expects constitutional intervention to halt ongoing aggression. The BRS delegation clarified that members faced attacks simply for demanding the fulfillment of public promises and seeking justice.

Formal complaints have already been lodged regarding AI-generated images and videos circulated by political opponents, with the party warning of strict legal action against those utilizing fabricated material to file false charges.

KTR added that if state authorities fail to deliver justice, BRS leaders will approach the National Commission for Women at the national level to lodge formal complaints, ensuring accountability for police misconduct and political harassment targeting female representatives.



DC inspects SC boys’ hostel

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COLLECTOR Adarsh Surabhi conducted a surprise inspection of the SC boys’ hostel in the 30th ward of the town on Wednesday. He inspected the newly constructed kitchen and store-room; examined quality of the construction and materials being used, offering specific instructions to the concerned officials. Surabhi emphasised that work must strictly adhere to the prescribed estimates; no additional works beyond those estimates should be undertaken. He instructed that the building must be made operational within the next month.

The Collector inquired about the facilities available to the students. He instructed officials to take measures to provide better accommodation and basic amenities for them. There should be no compromise regarding the food provided.

Dalits up in arms over ‘purification’ of road ‘after dappu protest at Erravalli

MLA Medipally Satyam seeks SC/ST Atrocities case against KCR, BRS workers

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CHOPPADANDI MLA Medipalli Satyam said he had lodged a complaint over the alleged purification of a road at Erravalli following a protest by Dalit groups, describing the incident as an inhumane act and an instance of caste discrimination.

Satyam alleged that Dalits had staged a democratic protest at Erravalli by playing dappus (traditional drums), following which BRS workers, allegedly acting on the directions of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), sprinkled turmeric water on the road on the grounds that it had been “polluted” by the presence of Dalits. He said media reports had also highlighted the incident and alleged that the act amounted to an insult to lakhs of Dalits.

Satyam also condemned the alleged use of objectionable language against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar by BRS leaders.



Choppadandi MLA Medipalli Satyam lodges a complaint at Saifabad police station over the alleged purification of a road at Erravalli following a protest by Dalit groups

“Purifying the land merely because Dalits had walked on it amounts to a crime,” he said. He added that he had lodged a complaint against those allegedly involved and demanded that the police register a case under the SC/ST (Prevention

of Atrocities) Act.

Meanwhile, Senior Congress leader and Madiga-Mala Associations JAC Chairman Devani Satish Madiga said he had filed an SC/ST Atrocities complaint against KCR and BRS workers over the alleged incident.

He alleged that BRS workers sprinkled turmeric water on the road leading to KCR’s farmhouse after members of the Madiga and Mala communities took out a dappu procession from Varadaraja Palli village to the farmhouse.

A Zero FIR has reportedly been registered at Saifabad Police Station against KCR and BRS workers, he said.

Satish Madiga also announced plans to conduct a milk purification ceremony at the 125-foot Ambedkar statue, stating that the ritual was proposed because former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) had touched the statue.

He appealed to the government to provide a mega crane to facilitate the ceremony, which he said would be performed by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

He said the proposed programme was intended to condemn caste discrimination and assert the dignity and equality of Dalit communities.

Shadnagar MLA clarifies remarks on KCR, condemns abusive language

- **Shankar says wishing death on anyone is unjustifiable**
- **Condemns caste-based and abusive remarks**

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SHADNAGAR MLA Veerlapalli Shankar on Wednesday clarified his recent remarks concerning former Chief Minister and BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), stating that wishing for anyone’s death was completely unjustifiable.

Speaking to the media, Shankar strongly condemned the alleged use of abusive and caste-based language against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar and women ministers.

Shankar criticised what he described as reckless and vulgar remarks against constitutional authorities. He said he was deeply distressed by the alleged conduct and had demanded that KCR attend the Assembly and participate in discussions on issues concerning the state.



The MLA asserted that Telangana belonged to its four crore people and not to any particular family. He also criticised alleged personal attacks on the Chief Minister and his family members.

“You have women in your own family. Would you speak like this in front of them?” Shankar asked, condemning the alleged use of profane language in political discourse.

Shankar released video clips purportedly showing BRS working president KT

Rama Rao (KTR) making an objectionable remark about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a speech in Karimnagar three days ago.

Referring to Sonia Gandhi’s support for the formation of Telangana, Shankar questioned the use of such language against her son. He urged political leaders to maintain restraint and dignity while expressing differences and said public discourse should not descend into personal or abusive attacks.

BJP WILL COME TO POWER IN TELANGANA, SAYS BANDI SANJAY

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BHADRACHALAM: Claiming that the people are looking for a double-engine government in the State, Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar asserted that the BJP was certain to come to power in Telangana in the next Assembly elections. Addressing a BJP

workers’ gathering here on Wednesday, Sanjay alleged that the previous BRS government was worse than the rule of the Razakars and claimed that the Congress government has already lost public support within a short period. “Earlier, a family looted the state; now ministers and MLAs are looting it,” he alleged.

Sanjay said the BJP, which was once mocked for having only two Lok Sabha seats, had subsequently formed the government at the Centre three consecutive times under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In contrast, he claimed, the Congress, which once had a nationwide presence, has been reduced to a handful of

states.

“The Congress’ game will be over and its shop will be shut in the four states this time,” he said, referring to upcoming elections.

The Union Minister alleged that several thousand crores of rupees had been sanctioned by the Centre for the erstwhile Khammam district,

but local ministers were taking credit for the funds.

He also raised the issue of lands placed under the prohibited list under Section 22-A, claiming that lakhs of acres were affected and poor people were facing difficulties. He demanded that the government address the issue immediately.

Mahesh clears the air, says KCR may face trouble from kin, not Cong

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TELANGANA Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Wednesday said the Congress party respected BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and had never wished him ill. Addressing the media at the Assembly media point on Wednesday, Goud said the Congress wished KCR a long and healthy life. He noted that as Leader of the Opposition, KCR was being provided security by the government second only to that of the Chief Minister.

Goud said respecting opposition leaders was part of the Congress culture and cited former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and senior Congress leader S Jaipal Reddy as examples.



He recalled that the Congress government had facilitated medical treatment for Vajpayee when he was unwell and supported Jaipal Reddy during his medical treatment. He also said that after Congress came to power in Telangana, KCR was shifted

to a hospital through a “Green Channel” after he reportedly suffered a fall at his residence. Goud said it was inappropriate to blame the Congress for issues concerning KCR’s personal or family matters and alleged that KCR had rarely attended Assem-

bly proceedings.

Goud condemned the reported performance of ‘Pinda Pradanam’ for a sitting Chief Minister by BRS, calling such political practices inappropriate and unhealthy for democratic discourse. The TPCC president de-

manded an explanation from BRS leader T Harish Rao over allegations that he commissioned occult rituals allegedly aimed at affecting KCR’s health.

Referring to remarks attributed to K. Kavitha in a video clip, Goud said the allegations required clarification. He also termed comments made by BRS leader Tata Madhu objectionable.

Goud said the Congress had a history of empowering Dalits by appointing members of the community to the country’s highest constitutional positions.

He urged political parties to maintain dignity and a humanitarian approach in public life.