



BRS Working President KT Rama Rao, BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao, along with party MLAs and leaders, holding placards during a protest at Thukkuguda. The leaders inspected the site and alleged illegal land allocations worth crores by the State government to a firm linked to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's brother

PRIME LAND SOLD FOR A SONG !

KTR smells a rat in land deal struck with CM Revanth sibling's company

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SUSPENDED BRS MLAs on Thursday staged a protest at Thukkuguda, alleging that the State government had illegally allocated land to Tesseract, a company linked to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's brother, Anumula Kondal Reddy.

BRS Working President KT Rama Rao, BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao, along with MLAs, MLCs and senior party leaders, visited the site to inspect the land.

KTR alleged that government land worth around Rs 250 crore was allocated to Kondal Reddy for just Rs 7 crore. He questioned how government land could be allotted at such a low price instead of its market value and demanded that the govern-

ment place complete details of the allocation before the people.

He questioned whether granting government land, concessions and exemptions to the Chief Minister's family members amounted to abuse of power, conflict of interest and dynastic rule.

KTR also questioned the government incentives, land and exemptions allegedly granted to a company linked to A Jagadishwar Reddy under a Rs 1,000-crore investment agreement. He demanded clarity on the agreement between the Chief Minister's brother's company and Israel's innovation ecosystem.

He questioned the silence of the BJP and central investigative agencies, including the ED, IT and CBI, over the alleged land allocation. KTR

also demanded details on the entry of companies belonging to the families of Revanth Reddy and Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy into the aerospace and defence sectors.

KTR alleged that BRS MLAs were suspended and forcibly removed from the Assembly for questioning the government over land allocations, Future City and its policies.

He further alleged that Future City was being developed as a real estate scheme and questioned the legal implications of using land earlier acquired for Pharma City for other purposes. He advised investors to examine the legal issues before investing and said the BRS would continue its fight for accountability and transparency.

SUNNAM CHERUVU makeover wins local praise

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SUNNAM Cheruvu is undergoing a remarkable revitalization after years of urban pressure, severe sewage contamination, and accumulated solid waste. HYDRAA, led by its commissioner, has initiated a comprehensive restoration drive. The project focuses on reclaiming the historic waterbody, clearing debris, and transforming the area into a clean, well-managed urban reservoir.

Engineering teams and heavy machinery are working continuous shifts at the site. Primary operational works include dredging accumulated silt, removing garbage heaps, clearing illegal encroachments around the designated Full Tank Level boundaries, and streamlining inflows.

Supported by government funding allocated for citywide lake rejuvenation projects costing several crores of rupees, HYDRAA is executing bund repairs, constructing inlet-outlet gates, and creating walking tracks alongside green spaces.

Local residents of nearby Padmavathi Nagar expressed immense relief at the visible progress. Mahesh, Raju, and Jay all



long-time residents of Padmavathi Nagar, shared their appreciation for the rapid transformation. "For years, we endured terrible smells and heaps of foul garbage surrounding the lake bed," they remarked. "The ongoing work by HYDRAA has completely changed the environment. Seeing the garbage cleared away and proper lake restoration taking place gives us real hope for a healthier neighbourhood."

Beyond basic remediation, community and cultural needs have been integrated directly into the rejuvenation plan. Officials



responded to local demands by incorporating public amenities along the shoreline to support regional traditions and civic welfare.

Vaishnavi Durga, President of the Bathukamma Utsava Samithi, warmly thanked HYDRAA and the commissioner for accepting

their request to construct dedicated steps leading down to the lake bed. "We are deeply grateful to HYDRAA for listening to our community's request," she stated. "Building proper steps along the shore will allow women to celebrate the sacred Bathukamma festival safely and with dignity."

Supporters of community-led conservation have also commended the institutional push.

J Raghu Raj Goud, President of the Hari Co-operative Housing Society, applauded the development. Having previously led civil efforts to repair bunds and protect boundaries, Goud praised the comprehensive approach taken by authorities. "The proactive intervention by HYDRAA authorities ensures that Sunnam Cheruvu is finally receiving the structural protection and systematic development it desperately required, and this is a dream coming true for all of us and I would like to thank HYDRAA commissioner garu for this," he noted.

As dredging and bund construction enter final stages, the restored Sunnam Cheruvu stands as a testament to effective civic intervention, turning a once-neglected dumping ground into a proud community milestone.

GAPING MANHOLE POSES DANGER IN SHALIVAHANA NAGAR



A large manhole has emerged after a newly laid road was damaged at Shalivahana Nagar, behind Dilsukhnagar Bus Depot, posing a serious risk to motorists and pedestrians
Photo: Srinivas Setty

BJP accuses Cong, BRS of taking Dalits for granted

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BJP SC Mocha State President Kanthi Kiran stated on Thursday that both the previous BRS regime and current Congress government in Telangana are hurting Dalit sentiments for narrow political gains. Addressing media personnel, Kanthi Kiran accused both parties of reducing Dalits to vote banks and deriving sadistic pleasure from undermining community self-respect.

BJP Official Spokesperson Abhishek Jigini, alongside SC Mocha leaders Ramaswamy, Shravan, Arvind, and Ram-mohan, declared that abusive comments made against a Dalit holding the constitutional office of Legislative Assembly Speaker reflect an anti-Dalit mindset. They strongly condemned the sprinkling of turmeric water for purification at a spot outside BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao farmhouse following drum protests by Dalit groups.

The leaders remarked that BRS is reviving century-old

discriminatory practices, asserting that insulting the Dalit community living with dignity under the Constitution authored by BR Ambedkar remains an unforgivable offence. They expressed anguish over an incident where Congress youth wing workers attacked the BJP state office and smeared black ink on posters commemorating the 650th birth anniversary of Saint Ravidas Maharaj, criticizing police inaction despite formal complaints.

The BJP leaders noted that Chandrashekar Rao made false promises to install a Dalit Chief Minister, while Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy assumed power making unfulfilled commitments through the Dalit Declaration.

Contrasting state politics with central initiatives, they emphasized that Prime Minister Narendra Modi government continues taking tangible steps to empower the Dalit community, assuring that the party will not remain a silent spectator if Dalit self-respect is undermined anywhere in Telangana.

BJP slams lathicharge on polytechnic students

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TELANGANA State BJP President N Ramachander Rao strongly condemned the Congress government on Thursday for resorting to police brutality and a lathicharge on polytechnic students protesting against GO 97 at Ramanthapur Polytechnic College. In an official statement, Ramachander Rao described the visuals emerging from the college as deeply disturbing and condemnable.

Expressing shock, he noted that the Congress administration, which frequently speaks about its Mohabbat Ki Dukaan, unleashed police force on innocent students simply for raising their voices against GO 97. He emphasized that student concerns are valid, particularly amid serious apprehensions regarding government intentions to illegally transfer polytechnic college lands for real estate interests.

The BJP state chief alleged that the government appears hell-bent on utilizing police force to silence students rather than listening to their genuine concerns and resolving issues.

He lamented that students who should be in classrooms building their futures are instead forced onto the streets to face police batons. Criticizing Congress political posturing, Ramachander Rao remarked that while the party claims to safeguard student rights and preaches democracy in BJP-ruled states, it repeatedly unleashes police force on questioning students wherever it holds power.

Highlighting that the Ramanthapur incident is not isolated, Ramachander Rao pointed out that polytechnic students across Telangana have been protesting proposed college mergers under GO 97 for several weeks. He stated that whether through massive pending fee reimbursement dues affecting 40 lakh students, poor hostel conditions, or polytechnic grievances, the government has displayed apathy, arrogance, and insensitivity. Reminding the administration that students are not criminals but the future of Telangana, Ramachander Rao declared that the state BJP stands firmly with the polytechnic students.

Out-of-constituency beneficiaries to lose Indiramma houses

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HOUSING Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated in the Assembly on Thursday that the state government will drop Indiramma Housing scheme beneficiaries if they reside outside their designated constituencies. Replying to a supplementary question during Question Hour, Srinivasa Reddy emphasized that the government aims to construct houses where the poor currently live to protect their self-respect and livelihoods, rejecting policies that relocate beneficiaries 30 to 40 kilometres away from their workplaces. He highlighted that even in prime locations valued at Rs 150 crore to Rs 200 crore per acre, the government is sanctioning houses treating each constituency as a single unit.

Ensuring complete transparency in selection, official door-to-door physical verifications are being conducted for every beneficiary selected



in the draw, and any non-residents will have their names deleted promptly. Srinivasa Reddy noted that no other Indian state provides Rs 5 lakh free of cost for housing construction, adding that the government will positively consider member feedback regarding whether the Rs 5 lakh allocation requires enhancement.

Outlining the financial blueprint, Srinivasa Reddy explained that approximately Rs 22500 crore is required for the 4.50 lakh houses sanc-

tioned in the first phase, Rs 11000 crore for the 2.50 lakh houses in the second phase, and Rs 5500 crore for one lakh urban houses. Consequently, the state government will bear over Rs 40000 crore across two instalments to deliver nearly eight lakh houses. Assuring eligible families, he affirmed that the administration remains prepared to extend housing benefits to all remaining deserving poor through third and fourth phases in the near future.

Army arms theft probe gathers pace

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IN continuation of the ongoing investigation into the missing service weapons case on Army premises, investigating agencies questioned three senior officers on Thursday to secure vital leads. Taking serious note of the weapon theft episode reported in Hyderabad, senior officials collected CCTV footage from inside the Madras Regiment, where miscreants stole the armaments.

Investigators suspect that the miscreants stole weapons in a phased manner, noting that surveillance cameras were switched off when the breach occurred inside the military installation. Meanwhile, senior officials maintain close vigil on several suspects, including recently apprehended Bangladeshi nationals, surrendered Maoists, and recently released prison inmates, to establish breakthroughs in the case.

Highlighting the gravity of the incident, senior Defence Ministry officials from Delhi remain in continuous contact with Army authorities in Hyderabad to receive daily updates regarding investigation progress and security reviews.

Telangana eyes floating solar plants on major projects to meet power demand

- Power demand touches 19,000 MW
- Major reservoirs under study for floating solar projects

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TELANGANA is planning to promote solar, floating solar and other non-conventional energy sources on a large scale to meet the state's rapidly rising electricity demand, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka informed the Assembly on Thursday.

Replying to a question on floating solar sheets on water bodies during Question Hour, Bhatti said the Electricity and Irrigation departments were jointly studying the feasibility of setting up



floating solar projects. A clear announcement on the plans would be made soon, he said.

The government is examining the prospects of installing floating solar plants on reservoirs of major and medium irrigation projects across the state. Nagarjuna Sagar, Srisailem, Pulichintala, Sriramsagar, Sripada Yellampalli, Devadula, Komaram Bheem, Paleru, Wyr, Mallanna Sagar, LMD, Mid Manair and Pocharam reser-

voirs are among those under consideration.

Bhatti said floating solar projects involved higher costs than conventional solar projects. Though the Centre had announced assistance of up to Rs 1 crore per MW under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) model, certain challenges remained.

He said the Central mandate requiring domestically manufactured equipment imposed an additional cost burden of around Rs 1.30

crore per MW. Investor interest in floating solar projects could increase if the Centre relaxed these regulations, he added.

The Deputy CM said the state's peak power demand had risen sharply from around 15,000 MW when the government assumed office in December 2023 to 19,000 MW on September 9. Industrial growth and increased purchasing power were among the factors driving the rise.

₹19,000-cr annual subsidy

Bhatti said the government spends around Rs 14,000 crore annually on free electricity for agricultural pump sets. The free power scheme covering up to 200 units benefits around 55 lakh families and costs another Rs 5,000 crore, taking the total annual electricity subsidy to nearly Rs 19,000 crore.