



BRS Working President KT Rama Rao with party MLAs, former MLAs, key leaders from the Singareni region, and representatives of the Telangana Coal Mine Workers Association at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday

Buoyed by workers’ rally, BRS will foil bids to weaken Singareni: KTR

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BUOYED by the success of the recent Singareni Workers Roar rally held in Godavarikhani, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Thursday reiterated that the party will foil any attempts aimed at weakening Singareni Collieries Company Limited or pushing the public enterprise toward privatization. Addressing a strategy meeting at Telangana Bhavan with BRS legislators, former MLAs, regional leaders, and representatives of the Telangana Coal Mine Workers Union, KT Rama Rao asserted that the party will not remain silent if any injustice is inflicted upon the workforce. He emphasised that safeguarding Singareni and protecting its workers remain primary objectives, promising that BRS will continuously fight to protect institutional interests alongside worker rights and welfare.

The meeting involved

Opposition party prepares strategy meeting at Telangana Bhavan to hold Congress and Central governments accountable over coal production declines and tender irregularities

comprehensive discussions regarding current operational conditions at Singareni, ongoing worker challenges, future organizational sustainability, and methods to strengthen trade union representation. KT Rama Rao congratulated party leaders, cadre, and union representatives for organizing the successful Karmika Garjana public meeting in Godavarikhani within a short preparation timeframe. Attending party leaders also extended formal Dasara festival greetings to the working president.

KT Rama Rao urged party leadership to hold the Congress state government accountable regarding alleged tender irregularities and financial malpractices within

the company. He instructed leaders to publicise issues raised at Godavarikhani, including company financial management, sharp declines in coal production, tender allocation concerns, and substantial outstanding funds owed to the enterprise. He stressed the necessity of questioning both the Congress state government and the BJP Central government regarding their respective policy stances on Singareni, calling for collective resistance against decisions detrimental to the organization.

KT Rama Rao reaffirmed that defending Singareni from privatization threats and securing worker welfare remain core BRS priorities moving forward.

Woman lodges complaint against brother-in-law

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A 35-year-old homemaker lodged a police complaint against her brother-in-law for allegedly biting her hands during a violent property dispute under Film Nagar police limits. According to police, complainant Soumya,

a resident of Film Nagar, stated that her husband took her gold ornaments to pledge for money. Soumya retrieved her property documents and secured a bank loan.

Opposing her move to pledge land documents for securing financial loans, Soumya’s brother-in-law, Suresh Kumar, engaged in a

heated altercation with her. During the argument, Suresh Kumar bit her hands, causing physical injuries. Seeking police intervention, the victim filed a complaint. Based on her report, Film Nagar police registered a criminal case against Suresh Kumar and launched an investigation into the incident.

State govt brings in Aadhaar authentication facility for TDR

AUTHENTICATION COVERS OWNER, BUILDER, AND DEVELOPER REGISTRATION/LOGIN, APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS, PROPERTY LINKING, AND OFFICIAL GHMC/DTCP ACCESS

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WITH an aim to establish identity, simplify processes and promote transparency and efficiency in Transferable Development Rights (TDR) services, the Telangana government has introduced an Aadhaar authentication facility.

The government issued orders in this regard on Thursday. The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, in consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), has authorised the Telangana government to undertake Aadhaar authentication under the Aadhaar



Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020.

According to officials, Aadhaar authentication will be used for specific services related to the online TDR portal. These include the

registration of property owners, builders and developers; login and access to the portal; submission of applications related to TDR; and linking applications with the property database. The facility will also be used to authenticate officials of the Directorate of

Town and Country Planning (DTCP) and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) for administrative purposes through the online portal.

The Union Ministry has reportedly informed the state government that Aadhaar authentication should be conducted on a voluntary basis to establish the identity of property owners, builders and developers during registration, login and application submission for TDR services, as well as for linking with the property database. It will also facilitate the authentication of DTCP and GHMC officials for administrative purposes through the online portal.

The Ministry has clarified that Aadhaar authentication is voluntary. The department must inform Aadhaar number holders about alternative and viable means of identification and cannot deny services to those who refuse or are unable to undergo Aadhaar authentication.

The alternative identity documents that may be accepted by the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Department include passports, Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC), driving licences, Permanent Account Number (PAN) cards and any other government-issued photo identity document accepted by the department.

Harish attributes drought to Congress govt’s failure

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BRS Legislature Party Deputy Leader T Harish Rao alleged on Thursday that the prevailing agricultural drought across Telangana was not a natural phenomenon, but a man-made crisis caused directly by the administrative failure of the Congress government. Inspecting withered paddy fields in Burugupally village of Gajwel mandal in Siddipet district, Harish Rao interacted with distressed farmers whose standing crops dried up due to acute water and electricity shortages just prior to harvesting.

Harish Rao stated that nearly 12 lakh acres of crops withered during the monsoon season because the state government failed to take advance precautions. He criticized Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for remaining inactive despite agricultural scientists issuing clear El Nino warnings ten months ago. Comparing Telangana to neighboring states, Harish Rao highlighted that Maharashtra provided Rs 5,000 per acre assistance and Andhra Pradesh declared drought mandals, whereas Telangana provided no relief



BRS deputy leader inspects withered paddy crops in Gajwel and slams Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over power shortages and unheeded El Nino warnings

measures. He alleged that other states secured power purchase agreements and coal stocks in advance, while the Telangana administration failed to conduct timely reviews or coordinate with the Coal India Limited, leaving farmers stranded at electrical substations.

Furthermore, the BRS leader pointed out severe losses among cotton farmers in Adilabad, Nalgonda, Medak, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar, and Khammam districts, where expected yields dropped from ten

quintals per acre to under two quintals. Dismissing government threats to suspend lower-level officials over power supply failures, Harish Rao asserted that accountability lay with the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister holding the energy portfolio. He noted that had the fifth unit at Yadadri Thermal Power Plant been synchronized earlier rather than recently, standing agricultural crops across Telangana could have been saved from complete destruction.

KTR appoints special constituency in-charges for Graduate MLC polls

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THE BRS party appointed special in-charges for two upcoming Graduate MLC elections across six Telangana districts on Thursday. Working President KT Rama Rao announced the appointments following a strategic review meeting held at Telangana Bhavan. Tasked with coordinating local leaders and party cadres, the designated in-charges will spearhead election strategies in their respective segments.

For the Rangareddy-Hyderabad-Mahabubnagar constituency, Rangareddy district in-charges include R Lakshma Reddy, N Sridhar, K Naveen Rao, G Nagesh, G Mahender Reddy, Swamy Goud, Nagesh Mudhiraj, Vani Devi, R Sridhar Reddy, Shambhipur Raju, Rambabu Yadav, MN Srinivas, Gattu Ramchandar Rao, and Viprav Kumar.

In Hyderabad district, appointed in-charges comprise Venkat Reddy, Koleti Damodar Gupta, Dasuju Sraavan, Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, G Srinivas Yadav, MD Saleem, Manne Krishank, Shaik Abdullah Sohail, Inayat Ali Baqri, Goundla Nagen-



der Gour, Ali Bin Ibrahim Masqati, Shaheen Afrose, Arshad Ali Khan, and Md Azam Ali across various Assembly segments.

For Mahabubnagar district, the assigned constituency in-charges are Naveen Kumar Reddy, Rajiv Saga, Valya Naik, Palvai Sraanthi, Palle Ravi Kumar, Md Imtiyaz Ishaq, Anjaneya Goud, Challa Venkatarami Reddy, Jahangir, Shubhapradh Patel Nooli, Rajini Sai Chand, Bykani Srinivas Yadav, and Allipuram Venkateshwar Reddy. The appointees have been instructed to mobilize graduate voters, streamline ground operations, and ensure coordinated campaign execution across all designated segments in preparation for the upcoming Graduates constituency polling.

PREHISTORIC REMAINS

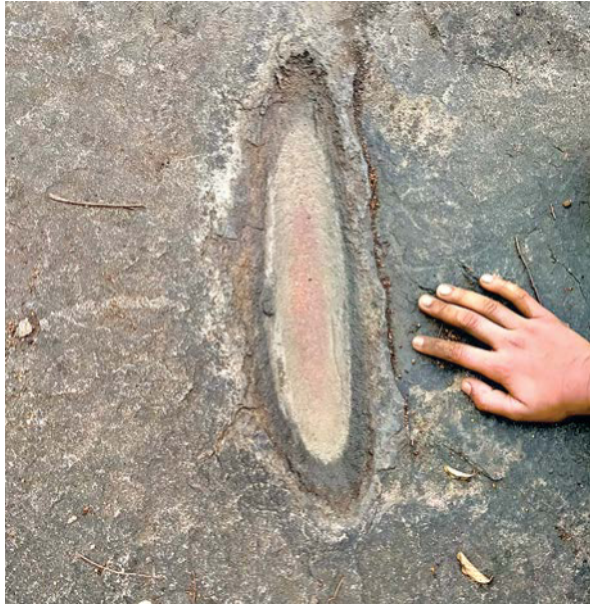
Ancient tool-sharpening grooves found at Chilkur park

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IN a significant archaeological discovery, a Hyderabad-based historian has uncovered four deep rock-carved grooves of prehistoric importance inside Mrugavani National Park at Chilkur, under Moinabad in Rangareddy district. Experts note that a detailed investigation by the Department of Archaeology and Museums is required to formally establish the age and significance of the site.

On Wednesday, during a safari visit, historian Dr. Satyanarayana Dyavanapalli discovered the four deep grooves on a rock surface near the Banda Juvvi Watch Tower inside Mrugavani National Park. Local details provided by B. Anand Kumar, Administrative Officer of the Rangareddy Forest Department, further highlighted the historical potential of the location. According to Dr. Dyavanapalli, the discovery points to possible prehistoric human activity on the city’s outskirts and underscores the urgent need for a systematic archaeological investigation.

The four grooves, each measuring approximately one foot in length and two to four inches in depth, were



A close-up view showing a deep, elongated groove carved into a rock surface inside Mrugavani National Park at Chilkur near Hyderabad

found on a plateau-like rock formation within a dense forest area overlooking nearby valleys. The surrounding landscape features natural water sources and elevated plateaus bordered by massive boulders, creating ideal conditions to support hunting and gathering activities by prehistoric human communities. The dimensions and wear of the grooves suggest the rock face was repeatedly used for grinding or

sharpening stone tools, axes, and hunting implements. Historians hypothesize a potential link to Neolithic-period activities dating back to the fifth millennium BCE, though scientific verification remains essential to establish exact origin, function, and chronology. Adding further weight to the site’s significance, another rock-art location was identified roughly one kilometer away near the Forest Trek Park. There, a



Historian Dr Satyanarayana Dyavanapalli points to one of four prehistoric rock grooves discovered near the Banda Juvvi Watch Tower inside Mrugavani National Park in Chilkur

distinctive rock formation resembling a snake’s hood bears several ochre-colored paintings depicting representations of a turtle, a tamed animal, dynamic hunting scenes, arrows, border-line designs, and a symbolic representation of a phratry, which is a social subdivision of an ancient community. Dr. Dyavanapalli maintained that these paintings offer valuable clues about the cultural expressions, social organization, and survival activities of the early inhabitants, though establishing their age

and direct relationship to the grooves at Banda Juvvi requires specialist research.

Emphasizing the collective cultural value of these discoveries, Dr. Dyavanapalli urged the Telangana Department of Archaeology and Museums to undertake a comprehensive survey around the Banda Juvvi Watch Tower and adjacent rock-art sites in Chilkur. He noted that a systematic investigation could reveal further evidence and firmly establish the antiquity of prehistoric human settlements near Hyderabad.

Victory for TGSRTC Employees Union in recognition elections

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THE TGSRTC Employees Union secured victory in the union recognition elections of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation after obtaining the highest number of votes.

Winning 18,276 votes, the union emerged victorious and received a formal declaration from the Returning Officer, who serves as Joint Commissioner of the Labour Department. The Employees Union will hold recognized representative status across the corporation for a two-year tenure.

The elections were conducted on October 9 through secret ballot, followed by postal ballot voting on October 14 and 15 across all depot facilities in Telangana. Dem-

onstrating high voter participation, 34,421 employees exercised their franchise out of 34,904 total eligible voters across the state network.

Contesting under the bus symbol, the Employees Union won comfortably with 18,276 votes, while the runner-up Telangana RTC Workers Union received 13,113 votes and the Telangana National Mazdoor Union secured 1,315 votes.

Following official result declarations, the Returning Officer confirmed that the Employees Union satisfied all necessary criteria to become the sole recognized representative union for RTC employees.

Previous recognition elections were held on July 19, 2016, when the Telangana Mazdoor Union won, before unions were subsequently decernized under the pre-

vious administration. The current elections were conducted following the Congress government’s decision to restore trade union rights as part of its electoral commitments.

Meanwhile, leaders representing an alliance of the TWU, SWE, and SWU met Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, urging the state government to initiate formal procedures to merge TGSRTC with the government administration.

They highlighted pressing challenges faced by retired RTC employees, requesting prompt settlement of long-pending financial dues and unresolved administrative grievances.

Responding to the alliance delegation, Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar assured union representatives that the government would work towards resolving retired employee grievances and initiate appropriate measures to clear outstanding dues owed to former transport workers.

