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KCR SAYS TELANGANA MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN THE LAST NINE-AND-A-HALF YEARS UNDER BRS REGIME

ASKS FARMERS TO CHOOSE IF THEY WANT 24 HOURS OR 3 HOURS OF POWER AS PROPOSED BY CONGRESS

ACCUSES GRAND OLD PARTY OF MAKING ATTEMPTS TO BRING BACK OLD SYSTEMS WHICH MADE RYOTS SUFFER FOR DECADES



Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao at the Praja Ashirvada Sabha in Sircilla on Tuesday. A section of the crowd at the meeting venue.

STATE BUREAU
SIRCILLA

Upping the ante against the Congress for its false promises and anti-farmer policies and the BJP for its divisive politics, Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao cautioned the people that any vote for these two parties could halt the State's development and push it back into the dark ages.

Addressing massive public gatherings at Sircilla and Siddipet on Tuesday, the Chief Minister, who praised the development made possible in these constituencies by Ministers KT Rama Rao and T Harish Rao, reaffirmed the State government's commitment to empowerment

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“In TS, we are all united, like a family. We should not allow the divisive forces to create any disturbances that could hamper the flow of investments into State

— K CHANDRASHEKHARA RAO
BRS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MINISTER

and welfare of the weavers community as well.

At Siddipet, he credited Harish Rao for transforming the Siddipet Assembly segment into a model constituency, pointing out that while India saw Telangana as a role model, Telangana was seeing Siddipet as its role model. Urging the people of Siddipet to re-elect Harish Rao, whom he fondly called 'six-feet buller', he called for the highest majority in the upcoming Assembly polls for Harish

Rao, surpassing his own previous records. Earlier at the Praja Ashirvada Sabha at Sircilla, he appreciated Rama Rao for his efforts in transforming the lives of weavers.

The Chief Minister recalled the miserable condition of weavers in Sircilla before the formation of Telangana, when they were forced to die by suicide due to lack of proper livelihood. He stated that the State Cabinet approved a proposal of Rama Rao and initiated the Bathukamma sa-

rees scheme to support weavers across the State.

“These sarees are not only meant to ensure livelihood to our weavers but also to bring joy to the lives of poor women during the festivals of Bathukamma, Ramzan and Christmas. However, some opposition leaders instigated people to burn these sarees blaming their quality. This is very unfortunate,” he said, adding that the third BRS government would develop Sircilla into a textile hub

on the lines of Sholapur. Chandrashekhara Rao said Telangana had made remarkable progress in the last nine-and-a-half years under the BRS regime, positioning itself as a leader in multiple key categories in the country. “Telangana is number one in the country for per capita income, per capita power consumption, and the provision of safe drinking water to every household,” he said, asking farmers to choose wisely between 24 hours or only three hours of electricity as proposed by the Congress.

Taking a swipe at the Congress party, he reminded the gathering about the 60-year rule of the Congress in the State which saw no significant progress, and credited the BRS government for its persistence in ensuring uninterrupted power supply for farmers. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

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Nagam vows to work for Congress' defeat

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Stating that the State Congress leadership's practice of according priority to 'parachute' leaders would affect the party adversely, former Minister Nagam Jandhan Reddy said he would ensure the defeat of Congress candidates both in Nagarkurnool and Kollapur constituencies.

The former Minister had aspired for a ticket to con-

test from Nagarkurnool constituency but the State leadership allotted the ticket to first-timer K Rajesh Reddy. Irked over the party's decision, the former Minister, while speaking to media persons at Nagarkurnool, said the party leadership's attitude towards loyal leaders was unacceptable. “Cases are booked against us but tickets are issued to parachute leaders,” he said.

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‘500 killed in Israeli strikes’

KHAN YUNIS

The Hamas-run Health Ministry in the Gaza Strip said that at least 500 people have been killed in an explosion that it says was caused by an Israeli airstrike. If confirmed, the attack on the al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City it would be by far the deadliest Israeli airstrike in five wars fought since 2008. The Israeli military says it is looking into the report.

Earlier in the day, Israel bombed areas of southern Gaza where it had told

Hamas says an airstrike in the central Gaza Strip has killed one of its top militant commanders

Palestinians to flee ahead of an expected invasion, killing dozens of people.

Meanwhile, mediators struggled to break a deadlock over delivering aid to millions of increasingly desperate civilians in the terri-

tory, which has been besieged and under assault by Israel. Flaring violence along Israel's border with Lebanon also led to concerns over a widening regional conflict that diplomats were working to prevent. Meanwhile, Hamas' military wing, Qasam Brigades, said that the airstrike in the central Gaza Strip killed one of its top militant commanders. Aymn Nofal is the most high-profile Hamas militant to be killed so far in bombardment. (REPORTS PAGE 11)

Hyd student dies in US

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A woman from Hyderabad died in a road accident in Kansas, United States. Pratiksha Kunwar (22), a resident of Narayangunda was pursuing MBA from Wichita State University.

The accident happened at around 7 pm on Sunday at 21st Street North and 391st Street West, just southeast of the lake when a Nissan Sentra failed to halt at the stop sign and collided with a Chevy Tahoe. (SEE PAGE 2)

Android autofill puts users' data at risk

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Here is a word of caution for Android users who use the autofill facility to log into apps on smartphones. The International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) - Hyderabad researchers have found that the autofill in Android-based apps was accidentally leaking login credentials to the apps hosting the webpages. Of late, the usage of pass-



word managers become popular among smartphone users for not just generating a long pass-

word for their accounts but also remembering the same for the next login. Password managers have

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SC refuses nod for same-sex marriage



LGBTQ members hold hands as they wait for the Supreme Court's verdict in New Delhi on Tuesday. — Photo: AP

NEW DELHI

A five-judge constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday unanimously refused to accord legal recognition to same-sex marriage under the Special Marriage Act, ruling that it is within Parliament's ambit to change the law for validating such union.

The top court, however, recognised equal rights for queer people and their protection, while calling for sensitisation of the general public so they don't face discrimination. The apex court, while passing four separate verdicts, was unanimous in holding that

there is “no unqualified right” to marriage, and same-sex couples can't claim it as a fundamental right under the Constitution.

Ball in Centre's court

The Bench was critical of the Centre's stand that the pleas for legal validation of same-sex marriage was reflective of an urban elitist concept. Queerness is neither an urban nor an elite concept or characteristic, said the apex court, which pronounced the verdicts on 21 petitions seeking legal sanction for same-sex marriages. (REPORTS PAGES 3, 9) (EDIT PAGE 8)