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Govt aiming at zero power bills: Modi

PM calls for installation of rooftop solar panels

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GUWAHATI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the government is working to bring the electricity bills of the households to zero. While unveiling several key projects in Assam, Modi said, "We have run programmes to install electricity connections in every household in the country. Now we have planned to make the electricity bills zero."

He said that setting up rooftop solar power plants for 1 crore households in the country will pave the way towards achieving zero power bills. "In the Budget, we have announced plans to put rooftop solar panels in 1 crore houses. This will not only bring down the electricity bills to zero, the people can have their own electricity generation system in their homes. They can even sell the electricity generated through solar power rooftop systems to earn money," Modi said in a massive public rally here.

He said that the announcements were made in the latest Budget of the Union government to invest at least Rs 11 lakh crore in in-

“With solar panels, people can have their own power generation system in their homes

— NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

rastructure development in the next one year. "Prior to 2014, the Central government used to spend 12 lakh crore on infrastructure in 10 years. We have set a target to invest almost an equal amount of money in just one year. Last year, I announced to produce 2 crore Lakhpati Didi in the country. In just a year, we could have made 1 crore women as Lakhpati. In this year's Budget, we have stretched the aim and now we will make a total of 3 crore women as Lakhpati Didi," he said.

Modi said that some of the Lakhpati Didis also came to attend his rally in Guwahati on Sunday. He also took an indirect jibe at former Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh. "Earlier, the roads in Assam were so horrible that people could find it hard to travel from one district to another. There were continuous road-blocks and agitation despite the fact that the then Prime Minister of the country was known to be associated with Assam," he said. "But the situation has massively changed in the last 10 years. Assam and northeast will become a hub of trade in the upcoming years," he added.

Addressing a massive rally in Guwahati after unveiling infrastructure projects worth Rs 11,600 crore, Modi said no country can progress by erasing its past. On the Kamakhya temple corridor project, to be developed by the Centre at a cost of Rs 498 crore, he said a huge number of devotees will come to visit the 'Shakti Peeth' once it is ready and it will boost the tourism sector of the entire Northeast.

"Despite thousands of years of challenges, pilgrimage sites and temples are the symbols of our culture and how we have stood firm. Many of these symbols, which are part of our strong culture, have become ruins nowadays," Modi said.

Chile forest fire claims 64 lives



REDUCED TO ASHES: Aerial view of burned vehicles in the El Olivar commune after a forest fire that affected the hills of Via del Mar in Chile. Officials said that 64 people died and over 1,000 homes were destroyed. (REPORT PAGE 9)

'TG' to replace 'TS' on number plates

New State emblem soon; Assembly session from February 8

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The State Cabinet on Sunday took multiple decisions, including approval for free power up to 200 units and LPG cylinders for Rs 500, apart from changes to the Telangana Thalli statue and State emblem.

It also decided to change the State vehicle registration prefix from the current TS to TG. The move for a Caste Census was also approved. Briefing media after

Cabinet decisions

- 2 more guarantees to be implemented
- Caste census to be taken up
- 'Jai Jai Ho Telangana' to be State song
- Modifications to Telangana Thalli statue
- Kodangal Area Development Authority notified

- 65 government ITIs to be upgraded as advanced technology centres
- 100 acres for new High Court complex
- Guidelines to be formulated for awarding remission to convicts

the four-hour Cabinet meeting, IT Minister D Sridhar Babu and Information and

Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the Cabinet had de-

ecided to implement two more guarantees of the Six Guarantees after discussing it in the Assembly session, which would begin on February 8.

"We have already implemented two guarantees and soon another two guarantees will be implemented. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will make an announcement regarding the implementation of the scheme in the Assembly," Srinivas Reddy further said. (SEE PAGE 2)

AT LOGGERHEADS

SETTING THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE STATE ONCE AGAIN ON FIRE WITH CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES OVER THE IRRIGATION SECTOR, THE CONGRESS, LED BY CHIEF MINISTER A REVANTH REDDY AND THE BRS, LED BY HARISH RAO, ACCUSED EACH OTHER OF HARMING THE STATE'S INTERESTS BY HANDING OVER CONTROL OF KRISHNA BASIN PROJECTS TO THE CENTRE

BRS misleading on projects, says Revanth

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Asserting that the Congress government did not hand over any of the Krishna Basin irrigation projects to the KRMB, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday accused former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and former Minister T Harish Rao of spreading misleading information.

He alleged that it was the previous BRS government that initiated proceedings to hand over the Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem projects to the KRMB.

Challenging Chandrashekar Rao for a debate on the handing

over of the irrigation projects during the forthcoming Assembly session, Revanth Reddy said a white paper would be released on the irrigation sector. Every aspect, including handing over of projects would be discussed in detail for two days and if need be, more time would be allowed, he said. Accusing the previous government of ignoring Telangana's interests in the sharing of River Krishna water, he alleged that Chandrashekar Rao had given his nod to handing over the sharing of Krishna and Godavari waters to the Centre when the AP State Reorganization Act was formulated. (SEE PAGE 2)

Ready for debate, CM is clueless, says Harish

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Accepting the challenge thrown by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for a debate in the Assembly on the handing over of irrigation projects, BRS MLA and former Minister T Harish Rao said his party would give a befitting reply that would leave Congress leaders fumbling for answers.

Responding to the Chief Minister while speaking at the BRS LB Nagar Assembly constituency meeting, Harish Rao said that during the ten years of the BRS regime, notwithstanding the pressure exerted by the Centre, no irri-

gation project was handed over to the KRMB. "We laid down the condition that 50 per cent share of water should be given, Srisailem should be recognised as a hydel project and only 20 per cent of drinking water should be taken into account. Not even two months in office, the Congress government has handed over the projects putting the interests of the people of Telangana at stake," he said, stating that Revanth Reddy had no knowledge of the subject and was hence spitting venom.

Wasn't it the Congress that passed the Bill to hand over the projects to the Centre during State bifurcation he asked. (SEE PAGE 2)

BRS all set for big comeback, says KTR



BRS working president at a meeting of party leaders from the Malkajgiri Parliamentary constituency in Hyderabad on Sunday.

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

People who did not support the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the last Assembly polls for one reason or another will certainly come back for the pink scarf once again, BRS working president KT Rama Rao said on Sunday.

Addressing party meetings in Uppal and Malkajgiri Assembly constituencies, he said the BRS was all set to grab a big comeback win in the ensuing Parliamentary polls in the State and the municipal corporation elections. He appealed to the party men to work with unity to wrest the Malkajgiri Lok Sabha constituency from the Congress. "We lost the Malkajgiri Parliamentary constituency in 2019 with a difference of a few thousand votes. Whoever is the party nominee for Malkajgiri, he should be ensured a resounding victory

this time," he said. Only the BRS MPs can make the voice of the people of Telangana heard in Parliament. Neither A Revanth Reddy who represented Malkajgiri in Lok Sabha nor any one of Congress or BJP MPs from the State could raise their voice or fight for the State issues in Parliament.

Training his guns on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Rama Rao said what mattered much when the Chief Minister spoke was his tone and tenor. But much to the disappointment of the people, the way he did not suit the stature of a Chief Minister. His speeches must sound befitting to his status as Chief Minister, he said. Revanth Reddy had gone on record confessing that he came to the Secretariat in the hope of finding treasure troves, but left disappointed by ending up spotting empty pots. (SEE PAGE 2)

Cong failed to protect TS' interests: KCR

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Bharat Rashtra Samithi president K Chandrashekar Rao chaired a high-level meeting of the party, registering the party's condemnation of the State government's negligent attitude towards protecting the rights of Telangana in the Krishna River water allocation issue.

Stating that the ill-advised moves and approach of the Congress government had jeopardised the rights to irrigation water of farmers from southern Telangana, the meeting also strongly condemned



BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao, T Harish Rao, Ch Malla Reddy at a meeting in Hyderabad.

the State government's decision to hand over projects, including the Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem to the Krishna River Management Board. The decision, the party's

leadership said, went against the rights of Telangana's farmers. The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Chandrashekar Rao at his residence in Nandi

Nagar, was attended by MLAs and ex-Ministers from Krishna basin region, apart from BRS working president KT Rama Rao, former Ministers T Harish Rao and others.

Drop Paytm, traders told

NEW DELHI

Confederation of All India Traders on Sunday issued a cautionary advisory to traders to switch from Paytm to other payment options for business-related transactions following RBI curbs on Paytm wallet and bank operations.

"The RBI imposed certain restrictions, prompting CAIT to recommend that users take proactive measures to protect their funds and ensure uninterrupted financial transactions. A large number of small traders, vendors, hawkers and women are making payments through Paytm," the traders' body said. PTI