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Telangana Today wishes its readers a **HAPPY DIWALI**. As the offices of the news daily are closed on Thursday, there will be no edition on Friday.

In a nutshell

KCR extends Diwali greetings

HYDERABAD: Former Chief Minister and BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao extended greetings to people of Telangana on the occasion of Diwali being celebrated on Thursday. He said the festival marks the celebration of victory of good over evil, bringing light into the lives of people by driving away darkness. Rao said the festival of lights spreads the philosophy of removing ignorance and lights up the lamps of knowledge to take the step forward with renewed vigour.

Mayonnaise banned in State

HYDERABAD: The Commissioner of Food Safety on Wednesday imposed a ban on the preparation of mayonnaise using raw eggs for a period of one year in Telangana with immediate effect from October 30. The Food Safety Commissioner said in the interest of public health, the production, storage and sale of mayonnaise prepared from raw eggs has been prohibited, according to a release. **HYDERABAD PAGE 3**

Actor Darshan gets bail

BALLARI: Actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, arrested more than four months ago in a murder case, walked out of jail here on Wednesday, hours after the Karnataka High Court granted him interim bail on medical grounds, to undergo spine surgery. The 47-year-old, arrested on June 11, was lodged in Ballari prison. His friend Pavithra Gowda and 15 others are co-accused. **NATION PAGE 8**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 115
Retail live.....	Rs. 137
With skin.....	Rs. 199
Skinless.....	Rs. 226
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 74



Ananya Panday turns 26

Rumoured boyfriend Walker Blanco professes love for her

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'No Telangana without KCR'

BRS leaders slam Revanth for his remarks

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Wednesday came out with all guns blazing on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for his remarks on former Chief Minister and BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao, reminding him that there was no history of Telangana without Chandrashekhar Rao.

Leading the BRS response from the front, party working president KT Rama Rao countered Revanth Reddy's claims to erase the name of Chandrashekhar Rao from Telangana's history, reminding the Chief Minister of Chandrashekhar Rao's pivotal role in the Telangana Statehood movement, contrasting it with Revanth Reddy's own political past.

"When you were still carrying footwear, he breathed life into the Telangana Statehood movement," Rama Rao said, stating that Revanth Reddy was driven by ambition, while Chandrashekhar Rao sacrificed positions for the greater cause. "He risked his life when you raised a gun on agitators. While you carried money bags, plotting to destroy what we achieved, he was securing Telangana's future," he added.

Rama Rao went on to take a dig at Revanth Reddy and, referring him as 'Chitti Naidu', he asked: "Will you wipe out KCR's name? KCR



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— KT RAMA RAO
BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

is the history of Telangana." Former Minister and senior MLA P Sabitha Indra Reddy reminded Revanth Reddy that he was sitting in the Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat and he recently held meeting with employee unions at the Police Command and Control Centre — both constructed by the Chandrashekhar Rao government.

Chandrashekhar Rao's imprint was everywhere, whether it was the drinking water supplied through Mission Bhagiratha, uninterrupted power supply for farmers, the Kaleshwaram project, water bodies revived under Mission

Kakatiya, residential welfare educational institutions or the district hospitals and government medical colleges, all of which were initiatives of the BRS president.

"District Collectorate, Dr BR Ambedkar statue, Telangana Amara Jyothi memorial and initiatives such as Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima and numerous other schemes have already etched the name 'KCR' in the history of Telangana. None can erase them ever," she said.

Former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy also ridiculed the claims of Revanth Reddy to finish Chandrashekhar Rao's legacy in Telangana. He pointed out that from achieving the State of Telangana to putting it on the development track and securing the top spot for the State on all fronts, Chandrashekhar Rao had left an indelible mark at every corner of Telangana.

"You are a speckle compared to the mountain called KCR. You can only dream to end him, KT Rama Rao or Harish Rao, but will never succeed as the people of Telangana are ready to bury your political career for good," he asserted.

BRS leader Dasoju Sravan also rebuked Revanth's claims, stating that he would never succeed in his conspiracies, but would surely bury the Congress in Telangana. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Indian, Chinese troops disengage

NEW DELHI

Indian and Chinese troops have completed disengagement at two friction points at Demchok and Depsang Plains in eastern Ladakh and patrolling is set to commence soon at these points, Army sources said on Wednesday. Exchange of sweets between the two sides will take place on Diwali, they said.

Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihong said, "I hope that under the guidance of this consensus, relations will be moving forward smoothly in the future and not be restricted and interrupted by specific disagreements between the two sides. The most important thing is how to handle the differences." The process follows the agree-

ment firmed up between the two countries on patrolling and disengagement of troops along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, a major breakthrough to end the over four-year standoff.

The troops have completed disengagement at the two friction points and patrolling will commence soon at these points, an Army source said. The verification process post-disengagement is in progress and patrolling modalities are to be decided between ground commanders, they said. "Talks will continue at the local commander level," the Army source added.

Meanwhile, China said the two militaries were implementing the "resolutions" concerning the disengagement in an "orderly way". **(SEE PAGE 2)**

AYODHYA ENTERS GUINNESS RECORDS



An aerial view of Ayodhya city during Deepotsav 2024 on the eve of Diwali. Two Guinness World Records — most people performing aarti simultaneously and the largest display of oil lamps — were set at the eighth edition of the Deepotsav on Wednesday. The two records were set in the holy city with over 25 lakh diyas lit together and 1.121 'vedacharyas' performing aarti simultaneously. — Photo: PTI

Delhiites urged to light diyas, not firecrackers

NEW DELHI

Former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has called upon residents of the national capital to avoid bursting firecrackers during Diwali, pointing to the severe air pollution it causes in the city. Instead, he encouraged them to light diyas as a safer, more environment-friendly way to celebrate the festival of lights.

He stressed that the issue of firecrackers was not about religious sentiments but rather the health and well-being of Delhi's residents. "This is not a matter of Hindu or Muslim sentiments. All courts have emphasised the need to control pollution. Diwali is the festival of lights, we should celebrate it by lighting diyas, not firecrackers," he said. **IAN5**

TGSP withdrawn from Secretariat

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

After excluding the Telangana Special Police (TGSP) from the Chief Minister's security detail, the State government on Wednesday withdrew their services from the security of the Secretariat as well. Instead, the security duties have been entrusted to the Telangana Special Protection Force (TGSPF) with immediate effect.

According to orders issued by Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari, the security arrangements have been handed over to the TGSPF, which is specialised and trained to protect establishments such as industries,



buildings and airports, among others. As per the latest arrangements, four companies of the TGSPF will be responsible for armed guards, patrolling, access control and anti-sabotage checks, among others, at the

Secretariat. However, the OCTOPUS will continue to handle responsibilities of the Quick Reaction Team, while the Hyderabad City Police will be responsible for Law and Order, Traffic, etc. The State government

had earlier withdrawn the TGSP personnel, who were part of the security at the CM's residence.

Ten TGSP personnel were sacked, while nearly 40 were suspended after the recent protests by TGSP constables and their families demanding the 'Ek Police' system and better working conditions. Though the officials issued orders to return to the earlier system of leaves once in 15 days of work rather than the proposed once in 30 days system, the government is learnt to have decided to initiate disciplinary action, as well. The replacing of the TGSP personnel is said to be a fallout of the government anticipating trouble.

Beggar lends Rs 50,000 to hotelier, gets court notice!

JAMES EDWIN
Khammam

A man, who eked out a living by seeking alms in Bonakal in the district, was in for the shock of his life when he received an insolvency petition (IP) notice from the court.

It was said that a hotelier, R Narasimha Rao, and his wife Sudharani of Bonakal filed the IP in the district court for an amount of Rs 1.95 crore last month claiming that their financial condition was in a bankrupt state. This was after he had taken loans from multiple persons.

The court, which admitted the petition, served notices to the creditors of the petitioner to inform them of Rao's financial condition. One of the creditors happened to be an aged beggar Ashok, who begs for alms at the local Sai Baba temple and lives in a tarpaulin covered shed near the temple.

Speaking to the media, Ashok claimed that he had loaned Rs 50,000 to the hotelier, believing that his money would be safe with him. When the aged man asked the hotelier to repay the amount, the latter reportedly said he would repay the man when he was

in need of the money. Ashok said he trusted Rao's words but the latter failed to pay back the money even after five years. Recently, Rao signed a promissory note when Ashok made a serious demand to repay the money.

Ashok said he thought he could get the money as the hotelier had signed the note, however, the latter fled the town after filing the IP. The money was saved for the education of his two children, without which he was finding it difficult to send them to study, Ashok said. He is waiting to see what happens, with many others also getting the IP notice.