



TELANGANA RISES FOR KCR

Not just party cadre, people from all walks of life throng Warangal meet

Congress Villain No. 1 for Telangana; BRS will storm back to power

Congress regime is 20% Commission government



A section of party leaders, cadre and BRS supporters at the massive public meeting organised to mark the silver jubilee year of BRS at Elkathurthy in Warangal on Sunday.
(Below) BRS party supremo and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao addressing the large gathering.

STATE BUREAU
WARANGAL

In a no-holds-barred attack, BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao tore into the Congress on Sunday, branding it “Villain No 1” for Telangana. Charging the government with pushing Telangana’s hard-won prosperity into ruins within just 18 months, he also declared that no force could stop the BRS from returning to power.

Vowing to stand firmly with the people who were being targeted by the government, he asserted: “The Congress is Telangana’s eternal villain, Villain No.1 - then, now, and forever.”

Addressing a massive public meeting organised to mark the silver jubilee year of BRS at Elkathurthy and to launch year-long celebrations, Chandrashekhar Rao said the Congress had a history of betrayal - from merging Telangana against its people’s wishes to suppressing the 1969 movement, and then granting Telangana under political compulsion in 2014, without shedding its anti-Telangana mindset. “Even now, the Congress is deceiving voters after making false promises to win elections,” he stated.

The BRS supremo pointed out that his party, through a 25-year-long struggle, realised Telangana Statehood and set it firmly on the path of growth and welfare. He recalled flagship pro-

‘Stop Operation Kagar, call for peace talks’

WARANGAL: BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has asked the BJP-led Centre to stop its Operation Kagar in Chhattisgarh against Maoists and to call the left wing extremists for peace talks. He said in the name of terminating extremists, the Centre was killing innocent tribals, which could not be justified in a democracy.

Speaking at the Elkathurthy public meeting on Sunday, Chandrashekhar Rao said the massacre was not right, “not dharma”, and asked the Cen-

tre to stop the killing spree. Instead, he suggested that as the Maoists had proposed for peace talks, the Centre should call off its operation and listen to what they had to say.

“Violence is not an answer in democracy. The Centre should not go on a killing spree just because it has power,” he said, calling upon the gathering to give their applause if they supported his argument.

Following a favourable response from the audience, he said he would immediately write to the Centre on the issue.

‘NO PLANS TO OUST CONGRESS’

BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao made it clear that his party had no plans to topple the Congress government. He stated that people elected the Congress believing in their false promises and that the latter must deliver its promises. “If not, the people will teach them a lesson during elections. People are ready to drive them away. We want this government to complete its full-term such that they keep exposing their inefficiency.”

“Land prices have fallen, power and water crises have returned, investments have slowed down, and the State economy is gasping

“Congress only ushered in chaos and there’s total administration failure

“While we used earthmovers to desilt tanks, the Congress is using them to demolish homes of the poor. Should we still remain silent?

“I did not criticise them for 16 months to give them time, but with the State crumbling, silence is no longer an option. I will settle every score



Combat ready, says Navy; PM vows justice for attack victims Of love and deceit

NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR

Terrorists and their backers carried out the Pahalgam attack to destroy Kashmir again as they did not like the return of peace and prosperity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday and vowed the “harsh” response to the “perpetrators and conspirators”.

As the Prime Minister, in his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio address, spoke of a “decisive battle” against terrorism, authorities in Jammu and Kashmir razed more houses of terrorists and rounded up their sympathisers in a stepped-up

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crackdown on terror ecosystem after the Pakistan-linked ultras on Tuesday shot dead 26 people, mostly tourists, in cold blood.

Sunday was the last day for Pakistanis having short-term visas in 12 categories to leave India and a long queue of vehicles was seen at the Attari-Wagah border crossing. As many as 537 Pakistani nationals, including

nine diplomats and officials, left India in four days from the border point since April 24 after the government announced the visa revocation the previous day, officials said.

While the Pakistan military has been put on high alert following India’s promise that it will hunt down those involved in the April 22 strike, the Indian Navy on Sunday said its

warships have successfully carried out multiple anti-ship firings, revalidating their readiness for long-range precision “offensive” strikes.

“Indian Navy ships undertook successful multiple anti-ship firings to revalidate and demonstrate the readiness of platforms, systems and crew for a long-range precision offensive strike,” the Indian Navy said in a brief statement. “Indian Navy stands combat-ready, credible and future-ready in safeguarding the nation’s maritime interests anytime, anywhere, anyhow,” it said.

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Zero tolerance on terrorism, UK told

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday conveyed to his British counterpart David Lammy India’s policy of “zero tolerance” for terrorism while discussing the “cross-border” links to the dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam. Lammy also spoke to Pakistan Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar. The Pakistan Foreign Office said the British foreign secretary emphasised the need for de-escalation of the situation. PTI

India & France to sign deal for Rafale jets

NEW DELHI: India and France will on Monday sign the deal for 26 Rafale fighter jets for the Indian Navy, the Ministry of Defence said. The estimated cost of this deal is valued at around Rs 63,000 crore, which is much-needed to enhance the fighting capabilities of the Indian Navy. Of the 26 Rafale fighter jets, 22 will be single-seaters while four twin-seater variant training aircraft. PTI

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

It’s a case of love, marriage, deceit and a Pakistani national’s illegal entry into India and stay in Hyderabad. It’s a case that has left the police in a quandary even as it is making efforts to ensure all Pakistani nationals in the city leave India before the Central government’s deadline issued in the wake of the Pahalgam massacre.

The Pakistani national, who cheated a city woman with false identity as an Indian and married her before his true identity was re-

vealed, has been in a detention centre here. According to information available, Mohd Usman Ikram alias Mohd Abbas Ikram met the woman from Hyderabad in Dubai where she went in search of a job around 17 years ago. Claiming to be from Delhi, he gained her confidence, professed his love for her and married her there. The woman, after some time, returned to Hyderabad. Meanwhile, Ikram, after vain efforts for a visa, illegally entered the country and reached the city telling the woman he had come on a visit visa.

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