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### IN BRIEF MANUU holds first Urdu science meet

Hyderabad: Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) said that it was heartening to see scientists coming out with solutions to human concerns. He was speaking at the inaugural of the first International Urdu Science Conference, with the theme 'Science for a Sustainable Future,' organised by the university's School of Science (SoS). Prof. Hasan expressed happiness that students of 23 schools had presented 150 science models. Prof. B.J. Rao, Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, the chief guest, noted that the conference covered two critical points — the contribution of women to science and the role of science in shaping students' minds. Prof. Ahmad Kamal, Sr Professor Emeritus, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad, spoke on improving sustainability through pharmaceutical green chemistry. — INN



Jupally Krishna Rao

### JUPALLY SLAMS MODI OVER KRISHNA WATERS

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Excise minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Monday condemned the comments made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi over Krishna waters. Addressing media persons at the Secretariat, he said that the Central government is hesitating to settle Telangana's share of Krishna waters. The BJP government has no moral right to seek votes in Telangana without first settling the water share. The BJP government merged seven mandals of Khammam district into Andhra Pradesh but why is it not providing the state's due share of Krishna waters, he wondered. Why is the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift scheme not being given national status?, he asked. "It is ironic that Modi accused BRS and Congress parties of corruption and nepotism. Former prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi had sacrificed their lives for the country. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have not taken the Prime Minister's post even when they could. There is a need for the Congress government to come to power at the Centre," the minister said.

## Cong. govt will work to create jobs for youth: CM

Says funds for education sector 'investments for future generations'

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy recalled that the LB Stadium remained entrenched in the Congress' history, recalling it as the platform in 2004 when the Congress government initiated free electricity for the farmers, quashed illegal cases against the farmers and cancelled their electricity bill arrears. Similarly, on December 7, 2023, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi once again formed the Congress "people's government" by offering several welfare schemes, he said.

Revanth Reddy said that funds for the education sector were not expenditures but "investments for future generations. The state government is committed to provide job opportunities to the youth in near future."

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that the state government would give top priority to unemployed youth in job appointments. "The previous government failed to



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy interacts with a job aspirant at LB Stadium on Monday in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu. Letters to 5,192 job aspirants were distributed. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

issue notifications in providing jobs for youth. The Congress government issued Group-1 notification within three months coming to power in the state," he said.

"We have decided to provide training for competitive exams, without aspirants needing to spend even a rupee, at Jyoti Rao Phule Praja Bhavan in the heart of

Hyderabad. We have decided to set up online Ambedkar Knowledge Centre in 119 Assembly constituencies," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

Transport minister Ponnampalapati said that since the "public government" was formed in Telangana on December 7, 2023, the fences of Pragati Bhavan were bro-

ken and the public rule was in force. "After the Congress government came to power, they have provided job appointment letters to youths in different departments. The state government would undertake a number of notifications to recruit youth under Group-1, Group-2, Group-3 and Group-4," he said.

## Revanth to set stone for Old City Metro on Friday

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The long-awaited dream of the people of the Old City will fructify on Friday when Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lay the foundation stone for the Old City Metro rail project. Phase I Metro rail work stretching to 5.5 km from MGBS to Falaknuma of corridor II and Green Line JBS to Falaknuma did not go beyond the proposal stage. Taking due note of this, Reddy focussed his attention on the Old City metro and directed HMRL officials to take it up on a priority basis.

This will come as a major boon for the locals, who have been subject to heavy traffic suffocation and pollution caused by vehicles on the narrow lanes and by-lanes. Umpteen representations of their everyday ordeal fell on deaf ears, as the previous government never rose to the occasion.

The alignment and the stations are about 500 metres away from the monuments; two of the stations

### DREAM COMES TRUE

● THE LAUNCH of a Metro station will come as a major boon for the locals, who have been subject to heavy traffic suffocation and pollution caused by vehicles on the narrow lanes and by-lanes. They had made umpteen representations of their everyday ordeal earlier.



are named after Salarjung Museum and Charminar. Around 1,100 properties will be affected in road widening up to 100 feet as per the master plan and 120 feet at the stations. The project is expected to cost about ₹2,000 crore, overall.

N.V.S. Reddy, managing director of HMRL told the media on Monday that the alignment/trains will pass through Darulshifa, Purnihaveli, Etebarchowk, Alijaktola, Mir Momin Daira, Haribowli, Shalibanda, Shamsheergunj and Aliabad and culminates at Falaknuma, as per the original plan. There would be

four stations—Salarjung Museum, Charminar, Shalibanda and Falaknuma. Reddy said that engineering solutions are being worked out to ensure that no religious or heritage structure is affected either for road widening or construction purposes.

The line will be extended by another 1.5 km from Falaknuma to Chandrayangutta, which will be developed as a major interchange station on the newly planned Airport line of Nagole-LB Nagar-Chandrayangutta- Mailaredevally-P7 road-RGIA, he pointed out.

### STATE UPDATES HC OVER MEDIGADDA BARRAGE PROBE

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HYDERABAD, MARCH 4

A two-judge bench of the Telangana High Court on Monday took on file a detailed statement of Advocate-General A. Sudarshan Reddy on the developments relating to the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) and three of its critical barrages.

The bench was dealing with two writ pleas filed by TPCC senior vice-president G. Niranjan. The bench questioned the petitioner for approaching the court in the cusp of an election. Petitioner's counsel said the damage to the Medigadda barrage was noted in October last.

The government said that it had moved the National Dam Safety Authority which had constituted a six-member committee to deal with the distress situation of the three barrages. Recording the statement of the state government that officers who were hitherto in-charge had either been terminated or released, the bench observed that it would wait for its appraisal. The court accordingly posted the matter to July.

## BRS retains Nama, Kavitha for LS polls

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BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao on Monday declared names of two more candidates for the Lok Sabha elections even as he exhorted his party to put behind them the loss in the Assembly elections and move forward with confidence.

Nama Nageswara Rao, the party's MP from Khammam, and Maloth Kavitha, representing Mahabubabad, have both been renominated. The party had earlier decided to field Koppala Eshwar from Peddapalli and B. Vinod Kumar from Karimnagar.

Addressing leaders from Mahabubabad and Khammam, Rao said that victory and defeat were integral to politics. Even a leader of the stature of N.T. Rama Rao had faced many downs. Though things might appear tough after a defeat, it is only the regional parties that can truly represent the needs of the people, he said.

Meanwhile, Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao was conspicuous with his absence that raised many eyebrows. It may be recalled that Venkat Rao, accompanied by members of his family, had met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday.

Maloth Kavitha told reporters later that Venkat Rao could not make it to Tuesday's meeting because he



BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao meets leaders of Khammam and Mahabubabad Parliamentary constituencies at Telangana Bhavan along with working president K.T. Rama Rao. — BY ARRANGEMENT

## Implement LRS without fee: KTR

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The BRS on Monday demanded that the Congress government keep its pre-election promise of implementing a free Land Regularisation Scheme (LRS) and warned of an agitation if the government went ahead with its plans to collect hefty fees from applicants.

Party working president K.T. Rama Rao, addressing a press conference, said that the government was seeking to collect around

₹20,000 crore in fee from the 25.44 lakh LRS applications, with each applicant expected to pay ₹1 lakh on an average.

Rama Rao said that the party would organise protests in all Assembly constituencies on Wednesday against the LRS fee and submit petitions to district collectors and revenue divisional officers.

Protests will be held at the HMDA and GHMC offices here. "We will also take legal recourse," Rao warned.

was unwell. Bhadrachalam is the only Assembly segment in Mahabubabad Lok Sabha constituency from where the BRS won in the recent elections. Former minister T. Harish Rao met lead-

ers from the constituencies separately and briefed them on issues that they could campaign on. The focus should be on how only the BRS can fight for the state, Harish Rao said.

## SIO demands enhanced spending on edu., research

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HYDERABAD, MARCH 4

The Students' Islamic Organisation of India (SIO) launched a students' manifesto highlighting key issues in education, minorities and societal well-being ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. It emphasized the importance of addressing the issues of fair reservations, uplift of socio-economically backward districts, enactment of the Rohit Act for student safety and financial support for minority students.

Other areas highlighted were anti-discrimination laws, personal data protection, environmental initiatives, and mental wellness centers for youth.

During a press meet, SIO leaders expressed concerns about the education landscape, with a literacy rate below the world average. Prof. M. Kodandaram, presi-



Prof. Kodandaram unveils the Students Manifesto of the SIO at its office in Hyderabad on Monday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

dent of the Telangana Jana Samithi, who unveiled the manifesto along with SIO secretary Abdullah Faiz, Mohd Azharuddin, vice president of Jamate-Islami Hind, Telangana state, and Mohd Faraz Ahmed, TS SIO secretary, praised the manifesto and urged the government to address the youths' worries about education and employment.

Faraz Ahmed highlighted the discontinuation of key educational schemes like Maulana Azad National Fellowship, reduced budget share and unemployment

issues. Abdullah Faiz emphasised the alarming dropout rates among Muslim students and the erosion of academic freedom. He raised concerns about the mental health crisis and hate crimes, urging political parties to invest in the future of the country.

Azharuddin emphasised SIO's constructive struggle for justice and equal opportunities in education, urging political parties to consider the voices of fair-minded students and youth seriously.

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