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## IS THERE A GOVT IN TELANGANA: HARISH RAO AFTER KOMATIREDDY TICKET FARE REMARK

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Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leader T. Harish Rao on Sunday criticised the Revanth Reddy government over the movie ticket price hike issue, and wondered if a government existed in Telangana and, if so, who was in control. Reacting to Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy's statement that recent government orders approving movie ticket price hikes were issued without his knowledge or consent, the former minister remarked that a bigger suspense thriller is currently unfolding in the Telangana Secretariat than in the movie theatres. Harish Rao took to 'X' to slam the government over the controversy in the wake of the High Court pull-



ing up authorities for hiking ticket prices for Prabhas starrer 'The Raja Saab' and Chirajeevi starrer 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu'. Reacting to Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy's statement that recent government orders

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slam the government over the controversy in the wake of the High Court pulling up authorities for hiking ticket prices for Prabhas starrer 'The Raja Saab' and Chirajeevi starrer 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu'. Harish Rao questioned Chief

Minister A Revanth Reddy, if he were running a government or a "circus company". The BRS leader said it was regrettable that even after the High Court reprimanded the government over the ticket price hike, the government's attitude did not change. He alleged that the government is indulging in self-praise in the Assembly and resorting to arbitrary decisions at the ground level. Harish Rao said the government is saying one thing and doing something else. He recalled the Chief Minister's words in the Assembly that as long as he is in power, there will be no increase in movie ticket rates, no benefit shows, and no special privileges will be given to anyone. "How did these government orders (GOs) appear overnight? They have already issued

## Enhance fiscal deficit target to at least 4 per cent: Telangana to Centre

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The Telangana government has appealed to the Centre to enhance the fiscal deficit target to at least 4 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) from the ideal levels of around 3.5 per cent, in order to contribute to the "Viksit Bharat," and sought the conversion of the 50-year interest-free loans extended to states into grants. Addressing the "Pre-Budget Meeting" in Delhi on Saturday, January 10, Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said to achieve USD 3 trillion economy by 2047, the state would require more resources to invest in public infrastructure and to increase



our capital investment rate from the present 37 per cent to 50 per cent of GSDP. "To sustain this and to transform the Indian economy into a USD 30 trillion by 2047 and enable the States to contribute to Viksit Bharat, it is necessary to enhance their fiscal deficit targets to at least 4 per cent of GSDP per annum. In addition, the 50-year interest-free loans given to states

may be converted into grants and the amount of assistance may be doubled from the current levels," he said. He appealed to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to accept all the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission relating to fiscal transfers to the State as such transfers come as a package.

## INDIRAMMA SCHEME TO ENSURE DIGNIFIED LIVING FOR EVERY HOMELESS FAMILY: BHATTI

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the state government has introduced the Indiramma housing scheme to ensure that homeless poor people in need can have a dignified place to live.

It is also encouraging that programmes are being implemented to provide house sites to the poor who do not even own land to build a house," he said. Speaking at the public meeting in Ramagundam on Sunday, the Deputy Chief Minister said that during the ten years of BRS rule, the needs of the poor were not addressed at all and the BRS leaders ruled with a feudal mindset, harassing and oppressing the people. "The people brought the Congress party to power, which gave Telangana, to ensure freedom, social equality, opportunities, resources, jobs, and self-respect for the Telangana society that fought for statehood.

During the padayatra, I noted down the needs of this region, and after the formation of the people's government, we are systematically fulfilling each of those needs," Bhatti Vikramarka said. To ensure that homeless poor people live with dignity, the people's government has taken up the construction of 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses across the state.

## MAN HELD OVER INDECENT ACTS AT HYDERABAD TEMPLE, BJP PROTESTS

Telangana BJP President N Ramchander Rao, who visited the temple, described the incident as "blasphemous" and said it calls for "encounter" of the person for desecrating the temple.



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A 26-year-old man was arrested for allegedly unlawfully entering the Katta Maisamma temple premises in Safilguda here and committing "indecent" acts in front of the idol, police said on Sunday, January 11.

The BJP, pro-Hindu organisations and devotees held a protest

condemning the incident, accusing the man of "urinating" within the temple premises on Saturday night.

A video circulated on social media purportedly showed some persons "beating" up a man following the incident in front of the temple after questioning him over the act.

A case was registered against the accused under relevant sections of BNS at Neredmet police station for entering into a place of worship at Katta Maisamma temple unlawfully and insulting religious beliefs.

The accused, Altaf, from Bidar district of neighbouring Karnataka was arrested and produced before a city court on January 11. He has been sent to judicial remand by the magistrate, a release from Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate said.

Police said they are verifying the antecedents and past history of the accused, and further action will be initiated strictly in accordance

with law. Telangana BJP President N Ramchander Rao, who visited the temple, described the incident as "blasphemous" and said it calls for "encounter" of the person for desecrating the temple.

He attacked the ruling Congress in Telangana alleging it is competing with Bangladesh and Pakistan on who will outdo the other in attacks on Hindus.

In a post on 'X', Rao said: "Even though I respect human rights, the other side speaks the language of 'Sar Tan Se Juda', therefore this incident calls for ENCOUNTER of the person who desecrated the sacred Kattamaisamma Temple by urinating within the premises. I am also astonished at the radio silence by Congress, BRS as well as the pseudo secular media on the issue." He further said the BJP in Telangana will not remain a mute spectator and will fight on the streets for the protection of Hindu faith, temples, and dignity.

## DASOJU ACCUSES GOVT OF DISMANTLING TELANGANA'S IDENTITY THROUGH GHMC SPLIT

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BRS MLC Dr. Sravan Dasoju has launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing it of a direct assault on the Constitution and the soul of Telangana through the GHMC ward delimitation and the merger of peripheral municipalities. In a comprehensive 45-slide Power Point presentation released on Sunday, the MLC presented evidence of what he calls the government's "dictatorial" and "secretive" maneuvers.

He asserted that ward delimitation is not merely an administrative shift but a critical constitutional decision-making process that must involve democratic debate, respect for dissenting voices, and public consensus.

The BRS MLC slammed the Revanth Reddy administration for violating the 74th Constitutional Amendment by bypassing the State Election Commission and outsourcing this vital democratic exercise to private entities like ASCI and CGG.

Citing the Supreme Court's landmark judgment in Meghraj Kothari v. Delimitation Commission, Sravan reminded the government that delimitation is a democratic exercise that directly impacts representation and cannot be treated as a trivial clerical task. He pointed out that keeping elected



representatives, including MLAs, MLCs, and Corporators, in the dark while redrawing maps behind closed doors is a blatant violation of the Principles of Natural Justice established in the Menaka Gandhi v. Union of India case.

The BRS MLC highlighted enduring symbols like the Ujjaini Mahankali Temple, General Bazaar, and the Secunderabad Clock Tower, stating that merging this historic entity into a nameless administrative block or redefining it under "Malkajigiri" is a historical blunder. He alleged that boundaries are being redrawn to split traditional community clusters and weaken opposition strongholds, a move that threatens the centuries-old Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb (composite culture) of the city.

## All Telangana govt employees to receive Rs 1 crore accident insurance: Bhatti

**Hyderabad:** All Telangana government employees will receive an accident insurance cover of Rs 1.02 crore, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announced on Friday, January 9. In a statement, he said that the government has completed consultations with leading banks to provide the insurance cover. "We have already begun implementing this for Singareni, TRANSCO [Telangana Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited], SPDCCL [Southern Power Distribution Company Limited], NPDCL [Northern Power Distribution Company Limited] and GENCO [Telangana State Power Generation Corporation] employees. So far, 38,000 regular Singareni employees and 71,387 employees working in the power department have been covered under the insurance," he said. The scheme aims to ensure financial security for the families of employees who lose their lives in unforeseen accidents, preventing them from falling into distress. Deputy CM blames BRS for pending dues to retired govt employees. Earlier, on January 3, the Deputy Chief Minister held the previous Bharat Rashtira Samithu (BRS) government responsible for the sharp rise in pending dues of retired state government employees. "The previous administration left us with pending bills worth Rs 40,154 crore as of December 2023, which also include employee arrears," Bhatti had said in the Assembly during its Winter Session.

## 18 held in Khammam for mule bank accounts linked to Rs 547 crore cyber fraud

Hyderabad: Eighteen people were arrested in Telangana's Khammam district for operating "mule" bank accounts through which transactions amounting to Rs 547 crore linked to cyber fraud were routed, police said on Sunday, January 11.

A case has been registered against 24 accused, of whom 18 have been arrested, police said, adding that the remaining accused are absconding.

Khammam Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt said in a statement that the investigation revealed the accused were involved in a large, organised cyber fraud network operating



systematically between 2022 and 2025. He said the accused induced multiple individuals, under the guise of employment, business opportunities and monetary incentives, to open and operate bank accounts in their names.

The internet banking credentials of these accounts were collected and misused, enabling the accused to exercise control

over them, the commissioner added. Police said the accounts were used for receiving, layering, transferring and laundering proceeds of cyber fraud, attracting offences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Information Technology Act, 2000. Analysis of bank accounts linked to the accused and their associates revealed transactions totalling Rs 547 crore, police said.

The "mule" accounts were provided to cyber fraudsters on a commission basis and used for transferring funds abroad, converting money into cryptocurrencies and making withdrawals.

## NIZAM'S GRANDSON SLAMS BJP MP OVER RENAMING NIZAMABAD TO INDUR

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One of the grandsons of the seventh Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan, Nawab Najaf Ali Khan, on Sunday, January 11, condemned the alleged defamatory remarks made by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP D Arvind Dharmapuri against the last ruler of Hyderabad State, while demanding that the Nizamabad district be renamed as Indur. Najaf Ali Khan termed the remarks of Nizamabad MP as "highly objectionable, condemnable, and unbecoming of a constitutional office-holder." "The proposal to rename

Nizamabad as Indur is a separate administrative matter. Dragging the name of Nizam VII, who passed away 58 years ago, into this issue reflects either historical ignorance or deliberate malice. Both are unacceptable," the Nizam's grandson said. "Such language amounts to a reckless distortion of history and an insult not merely to an individual, but to the collective memory of the Nation," he said in a statement. He added that Nizam VII's contributions to humanity, governance, infrastructure, education, health, and social harmony are well-documented and internationally acknowl-



edged. He served all communities without distinction of caste or religion and is remembered

as one of the most secular rulers in Indian history, Najaf Ali Khan said. "These are not opinions. These are historical



facts. His reign from 1911 to 1947 constitutes a golden era that continues to endure in public memory.