

# Delimitation welcome in Telangana, but south should not be penalised: KTR

The BRS leader said that the funding has also not materialised so far and further alleged that the required Detailed Project Report (DPR) is not ready.



Hyderabad: Reiterating his stand, Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday, March 24, welcomed the long-pending delimitation process in Telangana but expressed concerns over its potential

disadvantages to southern states. While stating that delimitation will help even out disparities among Assembly seats, KTR cautioned that southern states will be disadvantaged if it is done based on the basis of population in India for Parliament seats.

“Our consistent stand—then and now—is that delimitation should not be based purely on population. Instead, it should follow the same proportional framework adopted earlier, based on the 1971 Census,” KTR stated. He pointed out that

southern states collectively account for around 24% of representation in Parliament and stressed that this share must not be reduced. “States that have effectively implemented population control measures should not be penalised for their success,” he added. The BRS leader welcomed the proposal to increase Assembly seats in Telangana, stating that greater representation would bring governance closer to the people. He highlighted stark disparities in constituency sizes, like Aswaraopet having around 1.3 lakh voters, while Serilingampally has nearly 9 lakh voters. “Such vast disparities are not healthy for a functioning democracy,” he said. Reiterating his party’s stance, KTR said that BRS supports

delimitation but only if it ensures fairness and does not undermine the voice of southern states. “Delimitation must be carried out in a manner that protects the interests of southern India and ensures balanced representation,” he added. Will expose CM Revanth’s family in TDR scam Attacking Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over the Congress government’s Transferable Development Right (TDR) policy, KTR called it a “massive scam” and alleged that the CM’s family members and associates are buying TDRs “indiscriminately”. Claiming that they are “setting the stage for a huge scam, he further alleged that real estate companies are being forced to purchase TDRs.

## 129 Urdu Academy staff went without pay through Ramzan: AIMIM MLA

Hyderabad: Staff at the Telangana Urdu Academy’s laboratories and libraries have not been paid for five months, Nampally MLA Mohammad Majid Hussain told the state Assembly on Tuesday, March 24, urging the government to release their salaries immediately. Raising the issue in the House, the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MLA said 129 employees had gone unpaid through the Ramzan season and more and the situation was no different in other minority institutions across the state. “How does the government expect these staff to sustain their families?” he asked. Hussain also questioned why no funds had been released to minority youth under the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme this year, despite 2,12,000 youngsters having applied. He pointed out that while Rs 840 crore had been sanctioned and a budget release order issued for Rs 420 crore, not a single applicant had received the benefit. He urged the government to clear pending Shaadi Mubarak scheme benefits quickly and complete the distribution of 42,000 sewing kits to minority women under the Indira Mahila Minority Yojana, of which only 15,000 units had been distributed so far. He also noted that the Government Nizamia Tibbi College needed immediate demolition and reconstruction.



## Telangana BJP hails Supreme Court denying SC status to those who converted



Hyderabad: Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President N Ramchander Rao on Tuesday, March 24, welcomed the Supreme Court verdict on Scheduled Caste reservation and constitutional rights to those who have converted to other religions. In a statement, Rao hailed the apex court’s decision to uphold a previous ruling by the Andhra Pradesh High Court, calling it a “historic

victory for the spirit of the Constitution.” Rao emphasised that the SC reservations envisioned by Dr BR Ambedkar were specifically designed for the social upliftment of marginalised sections within the Hindu fold. The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that no person professing a religion other than Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism can be regarded as a member of

a Scheduled Caste. The BJP chief noted that the court has rightly clarified that claiming the same social status and benefits after conversion is unconstitutional. He pointed out that for a long time, some individuals have been undergoing religious conversions while illegally retaining SC certificates to claim reservation quotas. Our struggle to protect the Dalit rights will continue: Rao “This has caused grave injustice to genuine Dalit children. The Apex court’s verdict will put an end to such irregularities and ensure justice for the truly eligible SC community,” he said. Taking a swipe at rival political parties, Rao remarked that the judgment serves as a “strong slap in the face” to those who encourage conversions and create confusion

## There is absolutely no LPG shortage, Telangana govt assures citizens

The ‘no stock’ boards at petrol stations are due to unwarranted panic buying fueled by false rumours.



Hyderabad: Customers are forming long queues at liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) agencies even as the Telangana government has stated that there is “absolutely no shortage of petrol, diesel or domestic gas” anywhere in the state. The Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Telangana, on

Tuesday, March 24, said the supply chain from oil refineries to local depots is fully operational, and self-sufficient stock is available to meet the regular daily requirements of all citizens across all districts. Recent reports of long queues and temporary “No Stock” boards at certain retail petrol outlets are strictly the result of sudden, unwarranted panic buying fueled by false rumours. Often, artificial scarcity is created when citizens rush to fill their tanks to full capacity, despite adequate fuel available at the depots, the department said. Recent administrative changes regarding advance-payment models by Oil Marketing Companies (OMC) have caused minor, temporary logistical adjustments for some local dealers. This is solely an internal administrative measure and has nothing to do with a lack of supplies,

it added. To manage the situation and ensure equitable distribution, the central and state governments, in close coordination with OMCs and the police department, are actively monitoring fuel outlets. Strict action will be taken against anyone found hoarding fuel, engaging in black-marketing or illegally diverting domestic LPG cylinders for commercial use, the government agency said. The government has appealed to all citizens to remain calm and avoid panic buying. They advised the public to trust official communications and refrain from believing or forwarding unverified rumors on social media. For any queries or to report irregularities, citizens can contact the Civil Supplies toll-free helpline at 1967, a release by the Civil Supplies Department said.

## Telangana emerging as global rice export hub: Minister Uttam

Hyderabad: Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy said that Telangana’s rice export initiative is part of a long-term strategy to transform the state from an FCI-dependent surplus producer into a globally recognised rice export powerhouse. Vision to reduce FCI dependence Uttam Kumar Reddy stated that the government is consciously working to reduce reliance on the Food Corporation of India (FCI) by tapping international markets. He said the initiative is aimed at converting surplus rice

## SINGARENI MEDICAL INVALIDATION CASES UNDER SCANNER AS GOVERNMENT PUSHES REFORMS

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The Telangana government has raised concerns over a sharp rise in medical invalidation cases in Singareni and is taking steps to address the issue while ensuring support for affected families. Replying to a question raised by Council Member Madhusudhanachari, the Deputy Chief Minister said that between 2014 and 2023, a total of 13,119 medical invalidation cases were recorded in Singareni. This number is significantly higher compared to 3,859 cases reported between 2000 and 2014.

The government stated that the sudden increase has put a financial burden on the organisation. Investigations by ACB and Vigilance departments are currently un-



derway to examine possible misuse in these cases. Steps to prevent misuse

To address the issue, a committee has been formed with officials including a PA, Mining GM, and a nominated member. The committee

will review the process and ensure proper implementation of rules.

At the same time, the government has decided to take a humanitarian approach by providing job opportunities to dependents of medically

invalidated employees instead of leaving them without support. Jobs provided to dependents

In the last two years, 14 Medical Board meetings were conducted. Through this process, employment

was given to 1,041 dependents in 2024 and 949 in 2025. The government also highlighted the high cost of coal production in Singareni. Producing one tonne of coal costs Rs 4,088, which is much higher compared to Rs 1,065 in Coal India and Rs 2,169 in Western Coalfields.

Around 30 percent of Singareni’s coal is supplied to Genco. Since Genco buys coal at higher prices, it is facing increased production costs, which ultimately affects the people of Telangana. Need for reforms in Singareni

The government said that in the current global and market conditions, it is important to bring changes in Singareni. Efforts are being made to balance financial stability with employee welfare.

## Raja Singh writes to Amit Shah, seeks security for family

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Hyderabad: Former BJP leader and Goshamahala MLA T Raja Singh wrote a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah claiming that he has been receiving death threats repeatedly through phone calls and letters sent to his residence. He has appealed to the minister to provide security cover for himself and his family. Receiving threats for a long time, claims Raja Singh. In his letter to Amit Shah, the MLA stated that the threats have now extended to his family members. He said that

despite filing multiple complaints with the police, no action has been taken so far. He mentioned that he has been receiving such threats for a long time through calls and letters. According to him, the situation has become more serious as his family is also being targeted. “For an extended period, I have been subjected to relentless death threats—via phone calls and letters delivered to my residence. These threats have now escalated to explicitly target not just me, but my family members. While I have dutifully



lodged multiple complaints with the local police, there has been a complete failure of action. The administration has shown either negligence or an unwillingness to act, leaving my family and me exposed to grave danger.

## AIMIM to contest Bengal elections with Humayun Kabir’s party

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Hyderabad: The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi, on Sunday, March 22, announced that the party will contest the upcoming West Bengal Assembly elections in alliance with Humayun Kabir’s Aam Janata Unnayan Party

(AJUP). Owaisi said he would hold a joint press conference with Kabir in Kolkata on March 25 to announce further details of the alliance. Earlier, AJUP founder and former Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Humayun Kabir said his party would

contest 182 seats in the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections. He added that AIMIM would be a partner in the alliance and is expected to contest around eight seats. Kabir also announced three more candidates, taking the total number of nominees declared so far to 18. The West Bengal Assembly elections will be held in two phases on April 23 and April 29, with the counting of votes scheduled for May 4. The state has a total of 294 Assembly constituencies, with the main contest expected between the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The TMC, led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee,

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## BRS protests LPG shortage in Hyderabad, seeks urgent discussion in legislature

BRS seeks urgent debate, says gas shortage hitting households, small businesses, hostels, and welfare institutions across the state.

Hyderabad: Leaders of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) led by party working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) staged a protest at Gun Park in Hyderabad highlighting the alleged shortage of LPG cylinders in the state.

Holding placards shaped like gas cylinders, the legislators raised slogans against both the central and state governments, accusing them of failing to address the issue. KTR slams Centre,

state over gas shortage Speaking at the protest, KTR said that people are facing severe difficulties due to the shortage of cooking gas, particularly in the wake of ongoing global disruptions. He alleged that while the Centre claims there is no shortage, the ground reality tells a different story. “People are struggling due to LPG scarcity. The Centre says there is no shortage, but at the field level, supply



is clearly insufficient,” KTR said. He added that the state government, on the other hand, is shifting responsibility to the Centre, stating

that the petroleum sector is under central control. KTR also expressed concern over reports suggesting a possible reduction in the size of LPG cylinders in the future—from 14 kg to 10 kg—warning that such a move would further burden common people. He criticised both governments for creating confusion and hardship for citizens, likening the situation to “innocents suffering in a fight between powerful forces.”