

Rahul Gandhi Launches Social Security & Welfare Scheme for Gig Workers in Telangana

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Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi praised the Telangana government for introducing the historic Gig Workers Act and establishing the Gig Workers Board to safeguard the rights, welfare and social security of gig workers across the state.

Participating in the launch of the social security and welfare scheme for gig workers in Telangana, Rahul Gandhi said gig workers were the foundation of the nation and deserved dignity, respect, protection and fair compensation for their hard work.

Highlighting the challenges faced by gig workers, he pointed out that while the world was increasingly driven by data, workers associated with platforms such as Uber and delivery companies had little access to information about their own performance, completed deliveries, working hours and earnings. He said the Telangana government's legislation would ensure that gig workers had access to their work-related data and payment details directly through their mobile phones.

Rahul Gandhi announced that the Telangana government was providing ₹5 lakh accidental insurance and ₹10 lakh health insurance coverage to every gig worker. He also highlighted the government's initiative to establish dedicated rest zones equipped with Wi-Fi facilities, enabling workers to park their vehicles, relax and take breaks during their working hours. These facilities would be extended beyond Hyderabad to other cities across Telangana.

Emphasising long-term financial security, Rahul Gandhi explained that 1% of the value of every transaction, including deliveries and cab rides, would be contributed to the Telangana Gig Workers Board. The Board would subsequently transfer the funds directly into the bank accounts of workers to support their future security and social welfare. He also stressed the need to provide gig workers with pension benefits and comprehensive social security.

Comparing the ideologies of the Congress and the BJP, Rahul Gandhi said the BJP and RSS wanted to treat gig workers like bonded labourers, making them work long hours while the benefits of their labour went to big corporations and billionaires. In contrast, he said the Congress viewed gig workers as partners and recognised them as the backbone of the country's economy.

The BJP's ideology considers Gig workers as "Slaves"

Congress's ideology views Gig workers as "Partners"

Rahul Gandhi assures Gig workers of all kinds of support for education and healthcare of their families



Revanth assures comprehensive protection for Gig workers

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday affirmed that the Telangana government would implement the prestigious Gig Workers Act under the guidance of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, assuring that the State stood firmly by the gig workers and would extend all possible support to them.

Participating in the launch of the Telangana Gig Workers Special Security Scheme along with Rahul Gandhi in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said the government had already constituted the Gig Workers Board and was extending insurance coverage to the community.

Describing the occasion as a moment of fulfilment, Revanth Reddy said it was gratifying that the promise made by Rahul Gandhi during his Bharat Jodo Yatra in Telangana had been translated into reality.

"Rahul Gandhi undertook a 4,000-km padyatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and gained first-hand knowledge of the hardships faced by the poor. During his yatra in Hyderabad, gig workers met him and shared their grievances and professional challenges. Rahul Gandhi had promised that once the Congress came to power in Telangana, it would enact legislation to protect gig workers," the Chief Minister recalled.

> *"Gig workers are the backbone of our economy. The Congress will always stand by them."*
> — *Rahul Gandhi*

Revanth Reddy assures comprehensive support

KTR accuses Congress of betraying Telangana, questions Rahul Gandhi over poll promises

BRS working president KT Rama Rao urged Rahul Gandhi to respond to Congress's unfulfilled electoral promises in Telangana. He cited alleged shortfalls in allocations and assurances covering BCs, SCs, STs, youth, students and minorities, intensifying the party's criticism of government

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday asked Congress MP Rahul Gandhi to respond to the 420 promises, 13 declarations and six guarantees made to the people of Telangana.

He lashed out at the Congress government for betraying different sections of society by failing to fulfil its electoral promises. Even after nearly three years in power in Telangana, the Congress government has failed to deliver on several assurances made to the people, he alleged.

"Lies, damned lies, and then there is the Congress election manifesto, 'Abhaya Hastam'. Rahul Gandhi, since you are in Hyderabad enjoying yourself at the expense of the Telangana exchequer, why don't you answer some simple questions about the 420 promises, 13 declarations and six guarantees?" Rama Rao asked in a post on X.

Rahul Gandhi arrived in Hyderabad on Friday night to participate in the concluding day of the Bharat Summit. He will also formally launch the Gig Workers Policy.

With Rahul Gandhi in Hyderabad, the BRS working president reminded him of the promises made by the Congress to the people of Telangana during the 2023 Assembly elections. He listed several assurances and shared details of their current status.

Under the BC Declaration, the Congress promised a budget allocation of Rs 1 lakh crore for Backward Classes. However, less than Rs 5,000 crore had been allocated over three years, Rama Rao alleged. The BCs were also promised 42 per cent reservation in education, employment and government contracts, but not a single assurance had been fulfilled, he pointed out.

Similarly, under the SC and ST Declaration, the Congress promised a new scheme, Ambedkar Abhaya Hastam, offering Rs 12 lakh to poor SC and ST families. However, not a single family had received assistance so far. The SC and ST communities were also promised a 31 per cent share in government contracts, but the assurance had not been fulfilled, he said. Referring to the Youth Declaration, the BRS working president said the youth had been promised two lakh jobs within 365 days. They were also assured assistance under Rajiv Yuva Vikasam. However, only 10,000 jobs had been provided, while no support had been extended under Yuva Vikasam so far, he alleged.

B. M. Sandeep Appointed as New Telangana Congress In-Charge



Hyderabad, Nov, 14 (TDN): B. M. Sandeep has been appointed as the new Telangana Congress In-Charge. His appointment is expected to strengthen the party's organisational structure, improve coordination among party leaders and workers, and further streamline Congress activities across the state.

NOORNKHAN BAZAR: CCTV Camera Damaged, Residents Urge Mirchowk Police to Take Action

Hyderabad, Nov, 14 (TDN) : CCTV cameras at Noornkhan Bazar have reportedly stopped functioning, raising concerns among local residents about public safety and security in the area. Residents suspect that the camera may have been deliberately damaged, possibly affecting surveillance and monitoring of suspicious activities. Speaking to Safir TV, locals expressed concern over the issue and urged the police to look into the matter. They appealed to Mirchowk Police to inspect the CCTV camera, investigate the suspected damage and take immediate steps to restore its functioning to ensure the safety and security of the neighbourhood.

Telangana EMRS Students to Interact with President of India



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Students from Telangana Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) have earned national recognition with their selection to participate in an interactive session with the Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations.

Out of 23 students selected nationally, 18 students from Telangana EMRS have been selected by the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), New Delhi, to take part in the prestigious interaction. NESTS has also made special travel arrangements to facilitate their participation.

The students were selected in recognition of their academic excellence and outstanding achievements, including admissions to prestigious institutions such as IITs, NITs, IIITs and medical colleges. Coming from economically disadvantaged tribal families, these students pursued their education from Class V to Intermediate in Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions.

Congratulating the students, teachers and administrative staff on this remarkable achievement, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Tribal Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, and senior IAS officers Sabyasachi Ghosh, Rahul Bojja, B.M. Santhosh and K. Seetha Lakshmi, Secretary of TGTWREIS and TGEMRS, extended their best wishes.

K. Seetha Lakshmi, IAS, particularly congratulated the selected students, their parents, school principals, faculty members and Head Office officials. She stated that the recognition reflected the institution's commitment to providing quality education and empowering tribal youth through academic opportunities.

Uttam urges Bharat Summit delegates to become ambassadors for Telangana



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Positioning Telangana as an emerging global hub for investment and innovation, Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday urged international delegates at the Bharat Summit 2026 to act as ambassadors for the State and carry its message of growth and global partnership to the world.

Addressing the valedictory session of the two-day summit in Hyderabad, the Minister described Telangana as one of India's most promising investment destinations, citing its vast potential for economic expansion, innovation, and cross-border collaboration. He called upon participants to leverage their international networks to connect global investors, institutions, and businesses with opportunities in the State.

Making a special appeal, the Minister expressed hope that the delegates' experience in Hyderabad would translate into sustained global interest and enduring economic partnerships for Telangana.

Uttam Kumar Reddy also thanked the speakers and participants who travelled from across India and abroad, noting that their insights enriched deliberations on pressing global challenges. He added that the summit served as a vital platform to examine the shifting world order and India's evolving role in the global landscape.

RPSF 7th Battalion Celebrates 65th Raising Day





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The 7th Battalion of the Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF), Moula Ali, Hyderabad, celebrated the 65th Raising Day of the force on November 13, 2026, with great enthusiasm and a series of programmes highlighting its dedicated service to Indian Railways.

The celebrations were led by Anil Kumar Pandey, Commanding Officer of the 7th Battalion. On the occasion, emphasis was laid on strengthening the organisational values, mission and vision of the force, remembering the contributions and sacrifices of serving and retired personnel, and promoting unity, solidarity and mutual cooperation among its members.

As part of the Raising Day celebrations, several activities were organised at Moula Ali. A 'Run for Unity' was conducted along East Anand Bagh Main Road to promote national integration, unity and physical fitness. A plantation drive was also organised within the battalion premises to spread awareness about environmental protection and encourage a greener environment.

Friendly sports competitions were held among the personnel to promote camaraderie, team spirit and healthy competition. A special Suraksha Sammelan was also organised to address the welfare of personnel and boost their morale.

The celebrations concluded with a felicitation ceremony and a traditional Barakhana (community feast), during which retired officers and personnel were honoured in recognition of their dedicated services and contributions to the force.

Serving officers, RPSF personnel and their family members participated in the celebrations, making the 65th Raising Day a memorable occasion to honour the force's legacy, commitment and service to Indian Railways.

Ramchander Rao claims 'house arrest' to stop Rahul visit protest

The "house arrest" was illegal as it suppresses the democratic right to protest, Rao said in a statement.

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Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Saturday, November 14, claimed that he and other party leaders were put "under house arrest" to prevent them from undertaking peaceful protests against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to the city.

The "house arrest" was illegal as it suppresses the democratic right to protest, Rao said in a statement.

He sought to protest against the Congress government for allegedly deceiving people without implementing its poll promises and against the 'Bharat Summit' being hosted by the state government in the city.

"Congress always sermonizes on democracy and Constitution. But, Congress is openly crushing democracy and the spirit of Constitution by putting opposition leaders under house arrest in Congress-ruled Telangana," he said.

He also termed the 2-day Bharat Summit as "Anti-Bharat Summit."

Under the guise of the summit, Congress was bringing "anti-national forces" and the BJP is opposing it, he added.

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