

Appeal to Grant Recognition to Telangana Rakshana Sena: Kavitha Replies to ECI

HYDERABAD

BRS MLC K. Kavitha has urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to grant registration and recognition to the proposed Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRSena), arguing that several political parties with similar names have already been registered by the Commission.

In a reply submitted to the ECI following the Delhi High Court's directions issued on July 7, Kavitha questioned why objections were being raised only against Telangana Rakshana Sena when parties such as Telangana Rashtra Samithi and Telangana Rakshana Samithi have previously been registered. She also sought copies of the nearly 1,000 objections reportedly received against her party's registration application.

The representation, submitted through Telangana Rakshana Sena General Secretary Anil Kumar, stated that the ECI had informed the party on April 28 that the name "Telangana Rakshana Sena" had been allotted. Based on this communication, the party launched its organisational activities across the state, including unveiling party flags in all 105 Assembly constituencies.

However, the ECI later informed the party through a letter dated June 23 that nearly 1,000 objections had been received regarding the pro-



posed registration. The party contended that none of these objections had been shared with it, depriving it of an opportunity to respond. It said the identities of the objectors and the contents of their objections had not been disclosed.

The party argued that objections from around 1,000 individuals in a state with a population of nearly 3.5 crore should not be treated as sufficient grounds to deny registration. It also questioned whether the objections had any legal basis or were part of an organised campaign.

Kavitha maintained that the party had expanded its organisational

network relying on the Commission's earlier approval of the proposed name and that compelling it to change the name at this stage would cause serious hardship.

Referring to the Delhi High Court's directions, she requested the ECI to furnish copies of all objections and the evidence proposed to be relied upon before granting a personal hearing, so that the party could submit a comprehensive reply.

The representation asserted that "Telangana Rakshana Sena" was independently chosen in good faith and that no other political party in the country is registered under the

same name. It argued that the name is not deceptively similar to any recognised or registered political party and that similarity should be assessed by considering the party's full name rather than individual words.

The party further stated that names such as "Telangana Rakshana Samithi (Democratic)" and "Telangana Rajya Samithi" are distinct in pronunciation, identity, leadership, organisational structure and public recognition, making Telangana Rakshana Sena clearly distinguishable.

It also pointed out that the Election Commission has registered hundreds of political parties sharing common geographical or descriptive words such as Aam Aadmi, Akhanda Bharat, Makkal, Praja Seva, Jan Adhikar, Rashtriya Janata, Democratic, Social, Republic India and Shiromani, arguing that such common terms cannot be grounds for rejecting a party name.

The party has requested the ECI to provide copies of all objections and supporting material, grant adequate time to file a detailed response, allow a fair personal hearing, reject objections based solely on common descriptive words or hypothetical abbreviations, issue a reasoned order in accordance with law, and approve its application for registration under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.



Let's make the Jagannath Rath Yatra a Grand Success

■ **Let's Build the ISKCON temple - Former Minister and MLA Gangula Kamalakara**

KARIMNAGAR

Karimnagar local legislator and former minister Gangula Kamalakara has called on the devotees of Karimnagar to voluntarily participate in the success of the Jagannath Rath Yatra being held on a large scale from Mahalaxmi Temple to Vaishya Bhavan on 16 July 2026. Unveiling pamphlets and posters at a program organized by the Jagannath Rath Yatra Festival Committee today, he expressed his happiness that the Rath Yatra

is held every year on the ancient streets of Karimnagar amidst a large number of devotees.

He said that three acres of land should be allocated for the ISKCON Radha Govinda Mandir on the Sirisilla Bypass Road, the gateway to our Karimnagar town, and the construction work of the ISKCON temple should begin soon. He said that he will do his best to make the ISKCON temple, which will be the main attraction of Karimnagar town, a reality in the near future.

He said that conducting special aarti pujas eight times a day for the siblings Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra enshrined in the ISKCON temple

is a joyous event and can be auspicious for the people. Gangula Kamalakara Swamy, who participated in the afternoon aarti program, received their blessings and received prasadam. On this occasion, the festival committee members explained the arrangements for the Rath Yatra.

In this program, former city mayor Sardar Ravinder Singh, former corporator Harishankar, Guggilla Jayashree, Guggilla Srinivas, along with festival committee members Dr. L. Rajabhaskar Reddy, Tummala Ramesh Reddy, Capt Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy, Rallabandi Gopal Reddy, and a group of devotees of Ojagannath participated.

Rahul Sipliganj's "Naatu Naatu"



■ **Vijay Deverakonda headline grand cultural for performances**

■ **'Sreenidhi University TG20 closing ceremony**

HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Cricket Association's Sreenidhi University TG20 held a spectacular closing ceremony to sign off the season with aplomb at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Oscar-winning singer Rahul Sipliganj, the voice behind "Naatu Naatu," delivered a high-octane live performance for the stadium filled to the brim, while TG20 brand ambassador Vijay Deverakonda graced the closing ceremony, ahead of the summit clash between Hyderabad E-Champions and Anvita Khammam Aces.

The evening opened with a grand Telangana cultural showcase, bringing together five distinct folk traditions, including



Kolatam, Lambadi Dance, Bonalu Kolatam, Bathukamma Dance and the thunderous Oggu Dollu, offering fans a sweeping tour of the state's cultural heartland before a ball was bowled.

Jeevan Reddy, Agam Rao, and Sanjeev Reddy of the Hyderabad Cricket Association's TG20 Governing Council were also present among the dignitaries for the grand finale.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahul Sipliganj said, "Performing at the Sreenidhi University TG20 has been an amazing experience. I used to watch the Super Bowl,

where artists perform in the center of the ground. I'm seeing something like this for the first time in Telangana, and performing in front of a packed crowd is an honour."

Vijay Deverakonda, who has been associated with the league as brand ambassador through the season, added, "TG20 is officially the biggest tournament after the IPL and that is all down to the HCA, our superstar players, and the people of Telangana, who have made this possible. I'm so proud to witness what we have achieved here throughout the tournament. The atmosphere feels great and I'm glad this state has such a big league"

The stadium lit up with a sound, light and laser show accompanied by pyrotechnics during the mid-innings show, capping a matchday experience that fused world-class cricket with Telangana's cultural pride - a hallmark of the tournament through its playoffs and now, its grand finale. Please find below, the pictures from the grand event.

Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai urges parents to ensure children take Albendazole tablets on July 13

Dr Srinivas Vooradi

HANUMAKONDA

Hanumakonda district will administer Albendazole tablets to more than 2.08 lakh children aged between 1 and 19 years on July 13 as part of the National Deworming Day campaign, District Collector Chahat Bajpai said on Sunday. Reviewing the arrangements with officials from the Health, Education, and Women & Child Welfare departments, the Collector directed teachers, Anganwadi workers, and healthcare staff to work in coordination to ensure the programme is conducted successfully across the district. The deworming drive will



cover children studying in all government and private schools, junior colleges, and Anganwadi centres. As per government guidelines, children aged 1-2 years will be given half an Albendazole tablet, while those aged 2-19 years will receive

one full tablet. The Collector said Albendazole tablets are safe and free from harmful side effects, adding that the deworming programme is conducted every six months to protect children from intestinal worm infestations. She noted that worm

infestations can lead to anaemia, malnutrition, loss of appetite, stomach pain, constipation, vomiting, poor concentration in studies, and frequent illnesses. Emphasising the importance of hygiene, Bajpai advised people to wash their hands with soap before eating and after using the toilet, wear footwear regularly, consume thoroughly washed fruits and vegetables, eat freshly prepared hygienic food, drink safe water, and avoid open defecation. Appealing to parents to cooperate with the campaign, the District Collector urged them to ensure that every child in the 1-19 age group receives the Albendazole tablet, making the National Deworming Day initiative a success.

Woman BLO alleges assault during ongoing SIR in Kamareddy

HYDERABAD

A woman BLO has alleged that three people, including two women, allegedly obstructed her from discharging official duties and assaulted her in Kamareddy district of Telangana, following which a case was registered, police said on Sunday.

The 42-year-old woman, a government official, in a complaint to the police alleged that the incident occurred on July 10 when she was carrying out house-to-house voter enumeration. She alleged that two women approached her and submitted an Enumeration Form.

Upon verification, the complainant noticed that the form did not have a photograph affixed and asked one of the women, who allegedly replied that she belonged



to Bangladesh and therefore would not affix her photograph, following which the Booth Level Officer (BLO) refused to accept it. The complainant accused both the women of "obstructing her from discharging her official duties, abusing and pushing her". She further alleged another man, came to the spot and ques-

tioned her for rejecting the form by referring to Bangladesh, and threatened to kill her if she did not accept it.

During the altercation, the accused allegedly snatched her mobile phone and damaged it. They also abused and assaulted her, she alleged in the complaint.

Based on the complaint, a case was registered under relevant sections of BNS and further investigation is underway, a police official said.

Asked if the woman, who submitted the Enumeration Form was a Bangladeshi as alleged in the complaint, the police official said the woman is an Indian. The house-to-house enumeration for the SIR commenced in Telangana on June 25 and the exercise would continue till July 24.



YSRCP spokesperson, TV anchor booked over 'derogatory' remarks against Telangana CM

HYDERABAD

The Begum Bazar police have registered a criminal case against YSR Congress Party spokesperson Nagarajuna Yadav, Sakshi TV anchor Kommineni Srinivas Rao (KSR), and others over allegedly derogatory remarks made against Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during a televised debate.

According to the police, the case was registered on Friday following a complaint by advocate Kailash Sajjan, a resident of Osmangunj in Hyderabad.

Kailash Sajjan, alleged that he watched a video on a Facebook page in which Nagarajuna Yadav repeatedly referred to the Chief Minister in a derogatory manner during a debate aired on the channel.

Kailash further alleged that the anchor did not intervene while the remarks were being made and that the video continued to be circulated on social media platforms despite its allegedly objectionable content.

He argued that the statements were false, defamatory and intended to lower the dignity of the constitutionally elected Chief Minister, hurt the sentiments of the people of Telangana, and create ill-will among sections of society.

Based on the complaint, Sub-Inspector N. Srishailam of Begum Bazar police station registered Crime No. 175 of 2026 under Sections 192, 352, 353(1) and 353(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The investigation has been taken up.

BJP demands govt to increase monthly honorarium of mid-day meal workers as promised

HYDERABAD

Telangana State BJP President N Ramchander Rao today said in a bid to increase literacy rate, the central government introduced the highly prestigious Mid-Day Meal Scheme to ensure that underprivileged students studying in government schools across Telangana do not drop out due to financial constraints.

Rao attended the protest organized by the Mid-Day Meal Workers and Agencies Association at Indira Park Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad and expressed his full solidarity with the workers. He demanded that the state government immediately resolve the genuine demands of the 54,000 mid-day meal workers who are performing a sacred duty by feeding children.

BJP state chief criticized the congress government, noting

it was unfortunate that despite coming to power by promising a monthly honorarium of Rs.10,000 to mid-day meal workers in its last election manifesto, it has failed to keep its word even after two and a half years in office.

He expressed grief that workers are falling into debt because funds are still being released based on rates from a decade ago even as the prices of essential commodities, vegetables, and eggs are skyrocketing in the market. He lashed out at the government for not releasing even the current meager wage of Rs.3,000 on time and keeping it pending.

Rao demanded that the Rs.10,000 wage, which Chief Minister Revanth Reddy promised to increase since the day he took the oath, be credited immediately into the bank accounts of the workers along with all pending arrears.

Telangana officials asked to resolve 'Saada Bainama' land issues

HYDERABAD

Telangana Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has instructed his officials to complete the re-survey of lands as per the Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights in Land) Act, 2024, in three phases by March 2027.

Ponguleti held a review of various revenue and housing related matters with all the district collectors from Khammam on Saturday, July 11, where he has directed the officials to review the applications rejected for the registration of 'Saada Bainama' lands, and to determine the reasons for the rejection.

In simple terms, Saada Bainama lands were the ones where the land owner and buyer used to get into a sale deed by mutually signing the terms of sale on a white paper with their signatures.



This has been going on since the times of the Nizams.

Ponguleti directed the officials to issue notices to those whose applications were rejected under the Saada Bainama, and to resolve those issues soon. From October to November 2020, the then Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government had accepted applications for the regularisation of Saada Bainama lands, for which 8.90 lakh applications were received.

Due to the repeal of the Record of Rights Act of 1971 in that year and the enactment of 'The Telangana Rights in Land and Pattadar

Pass Books Act in 2020, the process for the regularisation of Saada Bainama lands had hit legal hurdles and the application process got stalled. After repealing that earlier legislation by the Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights Act of 2025 enacted by the present Congress government, notices were served by the beneficiaries and the sellers of Saada Bainama lands.

As per the new legislation, the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) has been made the authority to take decision on the ownership rights with respect to Saada Bain-

ama lands. As per the Act, the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) would have to conduct an inquiry and forward the report to the RDO, who will make the final decision.

The issue arose due to the requirement that only those applications would have to be considered which where the Saada Bainama deeds were signed before June 2, 2014, the Telangana Formation Day.

Many farmers who possessed any other documents other than the sale deed signed on the white paper. There were also those who were in position of those lands, but didn't have the required documents. In this respect, the role of the revenue officials becomes crucial. Some of them have been submitting pahanis and receipts of CESS paid by them for those lands. After 2016, when 'Jamabandi,' a Nizam-era

document was discontinued, there has been no proper information related to those lands in the pahanis.

Due to the revenue records still showing the sellers of lands as the original owners of those lands in the revenue records, those landlords have not been coming forward to register those lands in the names of the buyers who bought those lands through Saada Bainama documents.

In many cases, as the original sellers of those lands had died long back, their successors have been reluctant to register the lands in the names of the applicants. There are also land owners who have been demanding the buyers under Saada Bainamas to pay a certain amount to register the lands purchased by their ancestors, as the land prices have been on the rise.