

## Increase in Lok Sabha Seats Based on Population Undermines Federalism: Srinivas

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Former Minister and OBC National Federation Chief Advisor, V. Srinivas Goud, strongly opposed the proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats based on population, calling it detrimental to the spirit of federalism. Speaking at a press conference, he argued that the Centre has been discriminating against South India for decades. He warned that the current delimitation proposals would reduce the representation of South Indian states, despite their progressive policies in controlling population growth. Goud emphasized that states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, which have significantly contributed to India's GDP and development, would lose seats, while



states with high population growth would gain. He demanded a proportional increase in the total number of Lok Sabha seats—from 543 to 888—ensuring fair representation for all regions. Highlighting the lack of representation for Backward Classes (OBCs, SCs, and STs), Goud called for political reservations in proportion to their population. He stressed that with around 800 million Backward Class citizens in India, their political representation remains disproportionately

low. He urged all political parties to ensure fair distribution of tickets and promote social justice. The press conference was attended by former Karnataka BC Commission Chairman CS Dwarkanth, Karnataka OBC Commission Vice Chairman Bhaskar, South India BC leader Rohit Naik, and others. Goud appealed to all political parties, associations, and the public to support the demand for fair representation and political reservations for backward classes.

## BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha Exposes Congress's False Debt Claims

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In a press conference held at the Legislative Council premises, BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha, accompanied by fellow MLCs, vehemently criticized the Congress party and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for their alleged misinformation campaign regarding state debts. Kavitha asserted that the Congress's exaggerated debt figures have been refuted in Parliament, where the central government confirmed the state's total debt to be Rs. 4.42 lakh crores, significantly lower than



CM Reddy's claim of Rs. 8 lakh crores. Kavitha urged the Congress party to acknowledge their misrepresentations and accused CM Reddy of employing political theatrics to divert public attention from the substantial debts accumulated by the Congress government within just 15 months.

She questioned Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy's assertions about the Kaleshwaram barrages and condemned the government for failing to utilize these projects to provide water for cultivation, leaving farmers in dire straits. The MLC also extended an invitation to the public to partici-

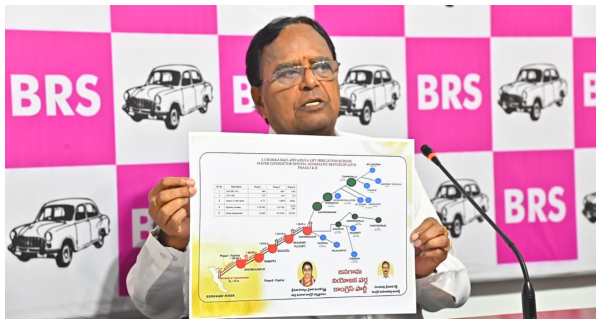
pate in the BRS party's silver jubilee celebration on April 27 in El-kathurthi, likening it to the Mahakumbh Mela. She underscored BRS's role in amplifying public issues in the Legislative Council and exposing the Congress government's shortcomings. Kavitha highlighted her daily protests against the

Congress party's unfulfilled promises and the Chief Minister's remarks on KCR. Kavitha emphasized that the BRS party has consistently used its platform to question the government and advocate for the people, particularly farmers and women. She expressed confidence that the silver jubilee event will be a historic milestone for Telangana, reflecting the party's dedication to public welfare and accountability. The celebration aims to rally support and reinforce BRS's commitment to addressing the pressing issues faced by the state's residents

## Ponnala Slams Congress on Devadula, Budget Secrecy

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Former minister Ponnala Lakshmaiah has accused the Congress government of concealing budget facts and playing politics in the assembly. He criticized the ministers for acting with exaggerated enthusiasm, creating an illusion of major achievements while failing to address key issues effectively. Lakshmaiah pointed out that the third phase of the Devadula Lift Irrigation Project was inaugurated



with much fanfare by the ministers, even though the pumps had been operational nine days earlier. Refuting the Congress claim that the BRS government had neglected the project over the past decade, he highlighted the

project's timeline. He noted that the first phase of Devadula began in 2005, while the third phase involved a 49-kilometer tunnel from Bhim Ghanpur to Chalivagu, Ramappa, and Devannapet, which collapsed in

2012 during the Congress regime. From 2016 to 2024, the BRS government carried out extensive digging and development work on the tunnel. Lakshmaiah alleged that the Congress failed to activate three motors for 15 months, questioning whether it truly took that long just to switch them on. He slammed the government for its inefficiency, highlighting that Dharmasagar received only 7.6 TMC of water, while nearly 30 TMC was wasted due to misman-

agement. He argued that if the reservoirs had been properly filled, they could have held 9 TMC of water, preventing crop damage. Criticizing the Congress government's handling of irrigation issues, he accused it of remaining silent while the Andhra Pradesh government drew water from the tail pond. He emphasized that governments don't need Nobel Prizes but rather the ability to understand and address the needs of the people.

## Telangana allows mutual transfer for 626 teachers

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The Telangana government has allowed 626 teachers to change their work location by swapping places with other teachers who are willing to shift, according to the director of school education. These transfers will happen on a mutual basis, meaning a teacher can move to another location only if

another teacher is willing to swap places. The government has also said that these teachers will not get extra money for travel or daily expenses. In their new location, they will be placed below the last regularly appointed teacher in seniority. To make sure school exams and classes are not disturbed, teachers retiring by March 31 will be transferred immediately. The remain-

ing teachers will be transferred after April 23, is the last working day of the school year. The education department officers in Hyderabad and Warangal will manage the process, especially for teachers moving between different regions. All officers must follow the rules properly, and Officials have been told to strictly follow the rules.

## Grand Celebrations Mark the 27th Anniversary of Sri Shiva Lingeswara Swamy Temple

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The Sri Shiva Lingeswara Swamy Temple in Chinnathokatta Sanjeevayya Nagar Colony, New Bowenpally, recently celebrated its 27th anniversary with great devotion and enthusiasm. The three-day festivities witnessed active participation from devotees, community members, and dignitaries. On Friday, Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh and Jampana Pratap, former Vice President of the Cantonment Board and senior Congress leader, graced the occasion as chief guests. They participated in the Maha



Chandi Homam, a powerful Vedic ritual dedicated to Goddess Durga, performed to invoke blessings for the prosperity and well-being of the Cantonment area. Special prayers (Prathyeka Poojas) were offered to Lord Shiva, followed by Anna Prasadam distribution, where free meals were served to devotees and the local community. Jampana Pratap highlighted the

temple's spiritual significance and praised the temple committee for their dedication. The event's success was made possible by the efforts of committee members, including President D.M. Ashok Kumar, General Secretary G.S. Yadava Rao, and others like Kumar, Prabhugupta, Arun Yadav, and Venkatesh, who ensured smooth arrangements. The temple was adorned with



flowers, lights, and traditional designs, creating a divine ambiance. Cultural programs, bhajans, and spiritual discourses enriched the celebrations, bringing together people from all walks of life. The event concluded with blessings from the presiding deities, leaving devotees with a sense of spiritual fulfillment. The grand celebration stood as a testament to the community's unity, devotion, and cultural heritage.

## GHMC Says Encroachments at KBR Park for Multilevel Car Park

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GHMC officials have strongly denied allegations of land encroachment in any form in the ongoing construction of the the multilevel parking facility at KBR Park. They maintained that the project was being built within the designated space and they were armed with all necessary approvals. A senior official of the corporation said, "The Navnirman agency has sought an additional one metre land to create space for ve-



hicles to take a turn. This has been approved by the zonal commissioner, and there is no illegal land use." He added that the parking facility is expected to open for the

public by the first week of June. The parking fee will be decided by a committee later. The multilevel parking facility is developed on a 10-year build operate transfer (BOT) basis at KBR

Park Entry 1. The 15-metre tall structure, covering 405 square metres, can accommodate 72 cars using a rotary model, with each stack taking 12 cars. The facility will be integrated with Google Maps to provide information on available parking slots in real time. Also parking slots can be reserved in advance through a mobile app. "Parking problems will be resolved to significant levels and roadblocks can be avoided," said a park regular Maganti Srinivas Rao.

## 4th KIO National Karate Championship 2025 Inaugurated

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The inauguration ceremony of the 4th KIO National Karate Championship 2025 was held at Gachibowli Stadium. Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar was the chief guest. The event was attended by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar (Transport and BC Welfare), PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, World Boxing Champion Nikkat Zarin, Local Corporator Ragam Nagendra Yadav, and other officials.



The championship, organized for the first time in Telangana under the patronage of PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud and the Telangana Karate Association, features 1500 players and officials. Competitors include teams from states,

Union Territories, paramilitary forces, and service teams, competing in 49 disciplines. The tournament hosts 70 referees from the World Karate Association and the Asian Karate Association. The Telangana govern-

ment is prioritizing sports development, implementing initiatives such as the Young India Sports University and upgrading sports infrastructure to world-class standards. The government has increased the sports budget for 2025-26 to ₹465 crore, the highest in the history of the Telangana Sports Authority. Telangana has successfully hosted major national and international tournaments, including the 78th National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy after

57 years, the Intercontinental Football Cup after 24 years, and the FIFA International Friendly Match (India vs. Malaysia) after 16 years. The Chief Minister's Cup, featuring 36 sports disciplines, including Para Sports, saw 2.96 lakh online registrations and was held from the Gram Panchayat level. The ongoing Karate Championship aims to promote the sport and identify talent for the South Asian, Asian, and World Championships.

## Biochar Seminar Paves Way for Climate Mitigation and Economic Growth

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The National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) hosted a national seminar on "Development of Biochar Enterprises by Leveraging Startup & Carbon Credits Schemes", spotlighting the potential of biochar in climate action and sustainable entrepreneurship. Organized by the Progressive Biochar Society of Hyderabad, the event brought together industry leaders, academ-



ics, and farmers to discuss innovative strategies for expanding biochar enterprises and tapping into carbon credit markets. Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Sampath Subramaniam, Chairman of the National Solid Waste Association of India (Southern Chapter), emphasized biochar's

critical role in sustainable waste management and climate change mitigation. Mr. Ashutosh Mirkute, Director General of ni-msme and Director of Industries, Telangana, highlighted the vast potential of biochar technologies in creating economic opportunities for micro and small enterprises. The seminar received support from Nuziveedu Seeds Limited, which facilitated interactions between biochar enthusiasts, industry experts, and progressive farmers from across India.