

Committed to building Ram temple in Ayodhya:BJP

HYDERABAD, OCT 20 /- The BJP is committed to constructing a Ram temple in Ayodhya and would wait for the Supreme Court's verdict on the issue, the party spokesperson GVL Narasimha Rao said Saturday.

Speaking to reporters here, the BJP leader said though there was a demand for a section of leaders to bring an ordinance on the Temple, Rao said the party understands the sentiments of the people. "As far as the issue of construction of the grand temple for Lord Ram is concerned, our party's position has been consistent. We have always favoured the construction of grand temple in Ayodhya. That is the aspiration and sentiment of crores of people, Hindus in this country," he said. "We are waiting for the verdict of the honourable Supreme Court and we want the process for the Ram temple construction to begin thereafter. We are committed to it but then we want this to happen either through the court verdict or through some kind of settlement among the communities, but that has not come forth. So we will wait for the court verdict," Rao said.

RSS and VHP are asking the government and the BJP for an early settlement of the issue. VHP Chief Mohan Bhagwat Thursday in Nagpur during his annual Vijaydashmi address said the government should clear the path for construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya through an appropriate and requisite law. The BJP leader added that some of the Congress leaders have been trying to put roadblocks in the construction of the temple by trying to delay Supreme Court judgement by using their own "lawyer-politician" to create huddles in the court processes. The Ayodhya case is currently before the Supreme Court and the next hearing is scheduled for October 29.

To a question on Rahul Gandhi's visit to Telangana for poll campaign, the BJP leader said the AICC president was a "negative factor" for the Congress party during elections. "Mr Rahul Gandhi has been proved to be disaster as far as electoral politics is concerned," he said. The Congress President would address two public meetings in Telangana today in the run-up to the December 7 assembly elections.

Delhi court frames molestation charges against R K Pachauri

NEW DELHI, OCT 20 /- A Delhi court Saturday framed molestation charges against former TERI chief R K Pachauri in a case of alleged sexual harassment lodged by his former colleague. Metropolitan Magistrate Chatur Gupta put Pachauri on trial for the offence punishable under sections 354 (outraging modesty), 354 A (making physical contact, unwelcome and sexually coloured remarks) and 509 (teasing and using vulgar gesture

and actions) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The charges were framed after Pachauri, who was present in the courtroom, pleaded not guilty and claimed trial. Advocate Ashish Dixit, appearing for the accused, sought a speedy trial. "My (Pachauri) age is 78 years and me and my family are suffering from hardship. For almost last four years we are facing medical trial," the counsel said on behalf of Pachauri after which the court put up the matter for

further proceedings on January 4, 2019. The court also summoned the complainant on the next date for recording of her statement. On September 14, the court had discharged him from the section 354B (using criminal force against a woman), 354D (stalking) and 341 (wrongful restraint) of the IPC, saying that prima facie these sections were not made out against Pachauri. Reacting to the development, the complaint said to-

day, "Spoken with my lawyers and understood all aspects especially with regards to challenging for inclusion of three charges (in which Pachauri has been discharged). Finally trial is committed. Made complete arrangements to be available during the said time period. The truth will triumph." On February 13, 2015, an FIR was registered against Pachauri and he was granted anticipatory bail in the case on March 21, 2015.

The former TERI chief had earlier secured an interim order from Additional District Judge making it mandatory for media houses to publish or telecast the coverage of the case with a title that "many court, the allegations have not been proved and they may not be correct". This order had also said "when such information is published in any page of a magazine or report, then it should be in middle of the page in bold letters and it should be five

times larger than the font in which the article is being published." Over 1,400-page charge sheet was filed by the Delhi Police on March 1, 2016, saying there was "sufficient evidence" against Pachauri that he had sexually harassed, stalked and threatened the complainant. A supplementary charge sheet was filed in March 2017 after the police said it had retrieved several deleted e-mails and chats exchanged between the ac-



JD (S) Supremo and Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, KPCC President Dinesh Gundurao, Former Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, Dy Chief Minister, G Parameshwar and D K Shikumar during Cong and JD (S) joint press conference in Bengaluru on Saturday.

If Cong comes to power in Telangana Rahul promises farm loan waiver

BHAINSA (TELANGANA), OCT 20 /- Congress President Rahul Gandhi on Saturday promised farm loan waiver of up to Rs two lakh at one go if his party wins in Telangana and targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and TRS chief K Chandrababhan Rao accusing them of making false promises and indulging in corruption. Kicking off the party's campaign for December 7 Telangana Assembly polls at a public meeting in Nirmal district here, he alleged that KCR, as Rao is popularly known, insulted B R Ambedkar by changing the name of a project named after him. "Change will come in Telangana. KCR government will go. And in Delhi, Narendra Modi's government will go. I did not come here to make false promises. If you want to listen to false promises, then go to KCR and Modi, they will give you false promises," the Congress president said.

Attacking the Telangana Rashtra Samithi chief, Gandhi alleged that he changed the project designs, inflating its cost from Rs 38,000 crore to Rs one lakh crore. "Why was it made into Rs one lakh crore (project)? Because the Chief Minister wants to indulge in corruption," he alleged. Gandhi said with

Rajiv Sagar and Indra Sagar projects too original costs were inflated. "Wherever you see, CM indulges in corruption and benefits go to his family, relatives. As soon as he became CM, KCR started indulging in corruption, giving all the benefits to his family," Gandhi alleged.

He also promised that the Congress will implement the Tribal Rights Bill (The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act) and Land Acquisition Acts in letter and spirit when it comes to power at the Centre as well as in the state. "Farmers are committing suicide all over the country. Thousands of farmers committed suicide in Telangana because they didn't get proper price for their produce."

"The Congress party promises that Rs two lakh in farm loan will be waived in one go. Not only that we will also ensure Rs 7,000 per quintal for cotton," the Congress president said and alleged that "neither Modi nor KCR is able to provide farmers' good price for their produce". "The moment Congress comes into power

in Telangana, we will protect tribal lands. We will give Rs 3,000 allowance each to unemployed youth," Gandhi added.

He said the KCR government failed to fulfill promises such as job for every family, three acres of land to every SC and ST family and two bedroom houses for all eligible people. The AICC leader alleged that Rao also failed to implement 12 per cent quota for STs and provide drinking water to every family. "Similarly, Modi failed to keep up the promised Rs 15 lakh in each and every bank account, two crore jobs for Indian youth every year and fair price for farmers. "Wherever Modi and KCR go they make false promises. You watch all my speeches. I am in politics for the past 15 years. We promised to waive their loans (earlier). We waived Rs 70,000 crore worth of farm loans," he said. Gandhi also accused Modi of spreading hatred and enmity and said "he pits people of one religion against the other, one region against another, one caste against another, and weakens the country". The Congress moves forward by taking everybody together, he said.

Guj bill to curb fake caste certificates gets President's nod

AHMEDABAD, OCT 20 /- President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to a bill passed by the Gujarat Assembly in March this year to penalise the use of fake caste certificates for getting jobs or admission to educational institutes. The President has approved the Gujarat Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of Caste Certificates) Bill 2018, an official said here. "The bill was sent to the President as it falls in the concurrent list (the subjects which come under the jurisdiction of both the Centre and the states). We have been informed that it has got the President's assent," state legislative affairs secretary K M Lala told PTI. The bill was passed in the Budget session in March. As per its provisions, a person found guilty of producing a fake caste certificate to get a government job or to secure admission to an educational institute would face a jail term of up to three years but not less than six months. The offender will also have to pay a fine of up to Rs 50,000 but not less than Rs 10,000.

A person contesting and winning election to local bodies such as a gram panchayat or a municipality from a reserved constituency using a fake caste certificate will also face the same punishment and fine. In addition, such a person will be disqualified, and his or her election will be declared invalid. The provision is also applicable to elections to co-operative societies. Government officials found guilty of issuing fake caste certificates will also face the same punishment. A person who gets a government job using a fake caste certificate will be dismissed from service.

The government will have the power to recover the monetary benefits, such as salary and perks, he or she may have availed of. Admissions to educational institutes, secured on the basis of fake caste certificates, will be cancelled. Even the person's degree will be cancelled if he or she is found to have got admission to the course by using a fake caste certificate. As per the new mechanism introduced in the bill, no one except the "Competent Authority" appointed by the government can issue caste certificates once the Act comes into force. Persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Other Backward Classes will have to apply to this Authority - which can be an officer designated by the government - for acquiring the caste certificate.

Bhagwat only picks up Ram temple issue before elections:SP

BALLIA, OCT 20 /- Senior Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Chaudhary has accused Rashtriya Swamivark Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat of remembering Lord Ram only "months before the General Elections". Speaking to reporters here Friday night, Chaudhary said, "RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has once again remembered Lord Ram. Why is it so that he brings up Ram temple (issue) only before the elections? Why was he silent for the past two years?" Chaudhary, who is also the Leader of Opposition in UP Assembly, said, "Lord Ram is known as 'Maryada Purushottam' and is a symbol of faith. He will himself destroy the BJP."

KIDS CORNER

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Joek can be a bit of a loner sometimes...

"We should've taken the stairs."

WordWheel

No. 385

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise.

Solution 384: GUARDIAN

5x5

Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

S		U		P
	R		O	
V		G		E
	V		N	
R		S		S

No. 282

OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE 281 (Other combinations may be possible.)

T	R	I	P	S
E	E	R	I	E
A	G	A	P	E
M	A	T	E	R
S	L	E	D	S

Reference: C.O.D. 1995

WORD-BUILDER

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T	N	C
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How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or ones beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.

TODAY'S GOALS:
Good - 7 Excellent - 9 Amazing - 11

SOLUTION 285: ace, acro, act, arc, art, ate, car, care, caret, cart, carte, cat, cate, cater, crate, ear, eat, era, eta, race, rat, rate, react, recta, ret, tar, tare, tea, tear, tec, trace

Eight new Zika cases in Rajasthan

JAIPUR, OCT 20 /- Eight new cases of Zika virus were detected in Jaipur Saturday, taking the total number of infected people to 117, a Rajasthan health department spokesperson said. Out of the total 117 patients, 90 have recovered after treatment, he said. The state health department also formed a five-member committee on Saturday to investigate, examine and track the disease in pregnant patients of first trimester. The committee will submit the report to the director public health from time to time, an order said. Most of the cases which have been reported are from Shastri Nagar area here where fogging and other anti-larval measures are being carried out to prevent the spread of the virus.