

TSRTC suspends discounted bus tickets in Hyderabad

FAMILY-24, T-6 TICKETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED FROM TODAY

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TELANGANA State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has suspended two specially discounted tickets in the buses within the suburban limits of Hyderabad from January 1, 2024, given the rush of passengers due to free rides for women.

TSRTC Managing Director VC Sajjanar announced on Sunday that Family-24 and T-6 tickets will be completely suspended from January 1. He said the decision was taken in the wake of increased passenger traffic due to the implementation of the Mahalakshmi scheme.

Sajjanar explained that to issue Family-24 and T-6 tickets, the conductors must see the identity cards of the passengers and must enter their age. "Due to the increase in traffic due to the Mahalakshmi scheme, the conductors are taking a lot of time to issue Family-24 and T-6 tickets. As a result, the journey time of the services is also increasing. The organisation has decided to withdraw Family-24 and T-6 tickets for reasons of inconvenience. These tickets will not be issued from Monday," he said.



The Congress government in Telangana started the implementation of the Mahalakshmi scheme on December 9, offering free travel

for women in TSRTC buses anywhere in the state. The women can travel for free in PaleVelugu and Express categories of buses in districts and City Ordinary and Metro Express buses in the limits of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

Meanwhile, it may be recalled that the TSRTC introduced T-6 and Family-24 tickets for affordable and convenient travel options in Hyderabad in March. The T-6 ticket, available for women and senior citizens, offered discounted travel options for those travelling between 10 am and 4 pm on City Ordinary and Metro Express buses within the suburban limits of Hyderabad.

- Decision taken after increased passenger traffic seen due to 'Mahalakshmi' scheme
- T-6 offered discounted tickets for women, senior citizens between 10 am and 4 pm
- F-24 was designed for groups of family, friends who want to travel together

The price of the T-6 ticket was Rs 50, significantly lower than regular fare rates. The F-24 ticket was designed for groups of family and friends who want to travel together. Priced at Rs 300, it was launched for those who want to travel in groups of four on weekends and public holidays within the suburban limits of Hyderabad. The F-24 ticket allowed travellers to use City Ordinary and Metro Express buses for 24 hours from the time of purchase.

₹5 lakh accident insurance for gig workers in Telangana

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THE Telangana government has extended the accidental insurance scheme to the gig and platform workers in the state with coverage of Rs 5 lakh. The state government has issued an order for extending the scheme, which is currently being implemented for transport and non-transport auto drivers, home guards, and working journalists. The entire cost of premium for Rs 5 lakh accidental insurance for beneficiaries covered under the scheme is to be paid by the state government.

The state government has designated the Commissioner of Transport as the master policyholder and Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors of the Transport Department as the registering authority and claim receiving authority for gig and platform workers.

The orders were issued a week after Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy made the announcement during a meeting with gig workers.

He had stated that the state government would provide social security to workers in the unorganised sectors. He had also assured that the



government would provide Rs 10 lakh health cover to Gig workers under the Rajiv Arogyasri Scheme.

Revanth Reddy also promised that the state government would study the existing policy for gig workers in Rajasthan and introduce an effective law in the next budget session. He had also announced Rs 2 lakh financial assistance to the family of a food delivery executive who died four months ago after he fell from a building.

As per his promise, the Chief Minister on Saturday handed over a cheque of Rs.2 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to the family of Mohammed Rizwan The Swiggy delivery executive

had died after he fell from the third floor of a building where he had gone to deliver food while trying to escape the customer's pet dog.

During the campaign for the Telangana Assembly elections last month, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had assured that if voted to power, Congress will consider bringing legislation for the welfare of Gig workers on the lines of a law passed recently in Rajasthan. During an interaction with Gig workers, he had told them that after the Congress comes to power, the Chief Minister and ministers concerned will hold a meeting with them and decide on the welfare measures for them.

Cong in power at Centre will help BCs: VH

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FORMER Rajya Sabha member V Hanumantha Rao said that Congress should come to power at the Centre if justice is to be done to the people of Backward Classes.

The Congress leader on Sunday posted a video on the social media requesting that the majority of Congress candidates should be sent to Parliament in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

On the occasion, Hanumantha Rao reminded the statement of former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, who promised that a caste



census will be launched in the country on the day the Congress government is formed at the Centre, and said that with the help of caste cen-

sus, Backward Classes (BCs) would get benefits proportionate to their population in the country.

He explained that there is

a need for the Congress party to come to power if all the people of the country are to live with complete happiness.

"It should be remembered that the Indiramma's family members always stick to their promises. It's known fact that Sonia Gandhi has also granted Telangana State. I have faith in Rahul Gandhi who definitely does justice to all castes in the country when the Congress comes to power," he said.

Hanumantha Rao further said that Congress party, which promised to implement six guarantees in Telangana, had started the process of implementing the benefits.

We should have set up YT channels instead of medical colleges: KTR

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IS BRS regretting having set up 32 medical colleges in the state and feels that it had not helped them in getting enough votes to hit a hat trick in the recently held Assembly elections?

It appears so as BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday said that instead of setting up 32 medical colleges in the state the party chief K Chandrashekar Rao

should have set up 32 YouTube channels to counter the propaganda.

The BRS leader took to X to make this comment on the election results declared on December 3. Rama Rao said, "Lots of interesting feedback and observations I have been getting post election results. The best one thus far; instead of setting up 32 government medical colleges, KCR garu should have set up 32 YouTube channels to counter the fake propaganda. Agree



with this observation to an extent." The party had to face a setback in the recent Assembly elections as it man-

aged to win just 39 seats thereby sitting in the opposition and Congress party coming into power in Telangana with 64 seats.

The BRS leaders said that the party's working president was pointing towards some social media channels which he feels had damaged the chances of BRS by spreading fake messages.

Some people with their political affiliations targeted the BRS on their social media, said a senior BRS leader.

Kiribati, NZ, Oz first nations to ring in 2024

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The celebrity-filled event will include live performances from Flo Rida, Megan Thee Stallion and LL Cool J, as well as televised appearances from Cardi B and others. Organizers said in-person attendance is expected to return to pre-COVID levels, even as foot traffic around Times Square remains down slightly since the pandemic.

Security will also be heightened across France on Sunday, with 90,000 law enforcement officers set to be deployed, domestic intelligence chief Céline Berthon said Friday.

Of those, 6,000 will be in Paris, where French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said over 1.5 million people are expected to attend celebrations on the Champs-Élysées.

New Year's Eve celebrations in the French capital will center on the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, including DJ sets, fireworks and video projections on the Arc de Triomphe, highlighting "changes in the city and faces of the Games," according to the press service of the City of Paris.

INDIA IS BRIMMING WITH SELF-CONFIDENCE: MODI

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We have to maintain the same spirit and momentum in 2024 as well."

Noting that 2024 was just hours away, Modi said India's achievements are the achievements of every Indian and "we have to continuously work for the development of India keeping in mind the 'Panch Pran'". "Whatever work we do,

whatever decision we make, our first criterion should be what will the country get from it; what benefits it will bring to the country. 'Rashtra Pratham' - Nation First - there is no greater mantra than this," he asserted.

"Adhering to this mantra, we Indians will make our country developed and self-reliant. May you all reach new

heights of success in 2024, may you all stay healthy, stay fit, and stay immensely happy - this is my prayer. In 2024, we will once again discuss the new achievements of the people of the country," Modi said.

During the broadcast, the PM listed several achievements and highs the country experienced in various spheres this year.

QR code fraud targets Ayodhya devotees

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In a statement, Bansal expressed concern about the 'ugly' attempts to exploit the auspicious occasion for fraudulent gains.

He emphasized, "Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Nyas has not authorized anyone to collect funds. I have written to the home ministry, Uttar Pradesh DGP, and Delhi's Commissioner of Police, seeking strict action so that people do not fall prey to such frauds. People need to be careful too." He categorically stated, "This is an occasion for joy, we are send-

ing out invitations. We will not accept any donation."

The VHP has released an audio clip of a recorded phone call, although the authenticity of it remains unverified. In the call, a VHP worker posed as a potential donor, expressing the intent to contribute Rs 11,000, and reported that others in the village were also keen to make donations.

The alleged fraudster on the other end requested a WhatsApp number to send the QR code.

To further deceive the caller, the scammer claimed to

be documenting the names and contact details of donors, promising invitations to the Ram Temple once construction was completed. Shockingly, the fraudster introduced a divisive narrative, alleging a conflict between Hindu and Muslim societies hindering temple construction and justifying the collection of donations.

The QR code scam has become increasingly common with scammers making people scan a malicious QR code or deceive people by making them think it is for a dedicated purpose.

ISRO to launch XPoSat on New Year's day

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An astrophysicist at the IIT Bombay, Dr Varun Bhalerao informed that through this mission, the ISRO aims to "decipher the stellar remnants or corpses of dead stars".

Dr Varun Bhalerao said, "This is only the second mission of its sophisticated class after NASA's 2021 mission named Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer or IXPE. The mission will try to decipher the stellar remnants or corpses of dead stars."

Indian Navy steps up security, surveillance in Arabian Sea

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Indian Navy remains committed to ensuring the safety of merchant shipping in the region," the Indian Navy said. "In view of the increased maritime security incidents on merchant vessels transiting through international shipping lanes in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Central/North Arabian Sea, the Indian Navy has substantially enhanced maritime surveillance efforts in Central/North Arabian Sea and augmented force levels.

YSRCP leaders plan New Year dinners to connect with cadres

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It may be mentioned here that the YSRCP has decided on fielding Thota Narsimham from the Jaggaampeta Assembly constituency.

Narsimham has been away from active politics and cadre for the last five years. Hence, he feels that the Atmeeya Sammelan would help in re-connecting with them.

The veteran Kapu leader Mudragadda Padmanabham is the likely candidate from the Pithapuram constituency. Though he too has been away from active politics since 2009, the YSRCP which held talks with him is said to have assured him of a ticket. In view of this development,

Sharmila to join Cong on Thursday in Delhi

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Mudragadda too is holding a dinner meeting with the rank and file in the constituency.

Ramachandrapuram is another constituency which is set for show of strength Chelluboina Venugopal Krishna and Rajya Sabha Member Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose are seeking the party's nomination for the Ramachandrapuram Assembly constituency in Dr Ambedkar Konaseema district and are mobilising their supporters.

The rivalry between these two leaders has been so intense that there were clashes between the groups of these two leaders. In the backdrop of this situation, Pilli is also hosting dinner for his cadre.

The AICC is also examining two possibilities - one to ask her to contest from the Kadapa Lok Sabha constituency. If this happens, the YSRCP may face difficult times as she would be pitched against the incumbent MP Avinash Reddy who is facing allegations in the case pertaining to murder of Y S Vivekananda. The second option before the AICC is possible nomination of Sharmila for Rajya Sabha.

Sharmila will be addressing public meetings along with Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi after assuming charge as AICC general secretary. It may be recalled that AICC proposes to hold three meetings in January in which Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and if possible Sonia Gandhi may also attend.

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Share Ram creations using hashtag 'ShriRamBhajan'

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He also urged people to share their creations on social media using hashtag 'ShriRamBhajan'.

The Prime Minister acknowledged that people have composed various new bhajans and poems on Lord Ram and Ayodhya and urged them to share all of these using #ShriRamBhajan on social media.

"There is excitement and enthusiasm in the entire country in connection with the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. People are expressing their

feelings in a multitude of ways. You must have noticed that during the last few days, many new songs and new bhajans have been composed on Shri Ram and Ayodhya. Many people are also writing new poems. There are many experienced artists in it and new emerging young artists have also composed heart-warming bhajans. I have also shared some songs and bhajans on my social media. It seems that the art world is becoming a participant in this historic moment in its own unique style," Modi said during the show.

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