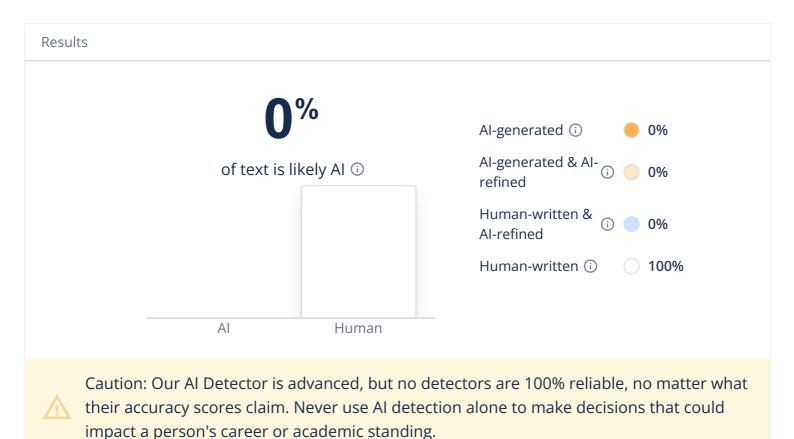
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Kalvakuntla Chandrashekhar Rao born February 17, 1954, popularly called KCR, is first and current Chi ef Minister of Telangana State. KCR was born in Vellama landlord community and was a rich landlord with considerable property before entering politics. He attended Arts College, Osmania University and obtained a Masters in Telugu literature. KCR started his political career as a Youth Congress leader in the 1970s and joined TD P Telugu Desam Party in 1983. From 1987 to1988, he was the Minister of Drought and Relief in Andhra Pradesh. In 1996, he became the Minister of Transport of Andhra P radesh and served as Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 2000 to 2001. Unhappy for being repeatedly passed over by Chandrababu Naidu for al cabinet position, KCR quit TDP Nag, 2011 Thirumali, 2013. With the formation of three new states in 2001, KCR sensed an opportunity for Telangana, which was the old est demand for a separate state in India. KCR founded Telangana Rastra Samiti TRS in 2001 with the objective of fighting for Telangana statehood and has headed the p arty since its inception. The elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislature and Indian Parliament are held