Al misuse a threat to women's dignity, needs safeguards: Purandeswari

- The chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women says Tirupati marks a turning point in women's technological empowerment
- Bihar first to reserve 50 percent local body seats for women, recalls Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman
- AP Assembly Speaker raises concerns over absenteeism in legislatures and calls for accountability

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THE first National Conference of Parliamentary and Legislative Committees on Empowerment of Women was inaugurated in Tirupati on Sunday, marking a significant milestone in India's efforts to advance gender equality. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women Chairperson Daggubati Purandeswari, AP Assembly Speaker Ch Ayyanna Patrudu, Deputy Speaker K Raghu Rama Krishna Raju, and state ministers jointly declared the two-day event

Addressing the gathering, Purandeswari described it as a matter of pride that the journey of women's technological empowerment was beginning in Tirupati. Calling the event a 'turning point' in advancing women's representation, she said women MPs, MLAs, and committee members from across the country would exchange policies, best practices, and

experiences.

"While artificial intelligence is necessary, it is also being misused to harm women's dignity. It is vital to frame safeguards," she cautioned. Resolutions passed at the conference would be implemented nationally and extended even to the grassroots level.

Purandeswari highlighted women's increasing participation in areas once considered inaccessible — from coal mining operations to rescue teams. She noted that rural women had adapted swiftly to digital payments and were now confident in



Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women Chairperson D Purandeswari speaking at the national conference in Tirupati on Sunday

using mobile applications. Women's presence in premier institutes like IITs and NITs, she said, was steadily growing

Underscoring the need for supportive infrastructure at workplaces, she urged governments and institutions to ensure facilities such as toilets, rest areas, and crèches. Referring to Om Birla's call for 'gender-neutral language' in parliamentary bills, she appealed to state legislatures to adopt the practice.

She also cited new initiatives like Drone Didi, which trains women to operate drones for agricultural purposes, supported by enhanced SHG loan limits of up to Rs 20 lakh with sub-

sidies. On cybersecurity, she informed that the parliamentary committee had worked with the IT and Home Ministries to prepare guidelines against online threats, with recommendations compiled from activists and NGOs.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh paid tribute to former Chief Minister NT Rama Rao for his pioneering role in women's empowerment. He noted that many developed countries have prioritised women's progress, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched several programmes dedicated to women's welfare.

Citing Bihar's example, he recalled that it was the first

state to reserve 50 percent of local body seats for women. Singh also praised Chandrababu Naidu for transforming Andhra Pradesh into a technology hub and initiating India's first skill census. "Today, more than half the employees at Sri City are women," he observed.

AP Assembly Speaker Ayyanna Patrudu raised a separate concern on absenteeism in legislatures. "The Assembly meets only 45 days a year. How can members fail to attend even that?" he asked, urging Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to issue guidelines to ensure accountability.

He stressed the need for cross-party collaboration in women's empowerment and recalled NT Rama Rao's initiatives, including equal property rights for women and establishing Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam in Tirupati. He also lauded Chandrababu Naidu for strengthening self-help groups and the current Andhra Pradesh government for inducting three women ministers.

The conference will continue on Monday with detailed deliberations on policy frameworks, technology-driven opportunities, and challenges in advancing women's empowerment across India.

Minister Kollu Ravindra

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Union Health Minister Nadda declares AP 'shining bright' under NDA rule Savs that AP is in Modi's heart, hence Prime Minister Modi is

Says that AP is in Modi's heart, hence Prime Minister Modi is allocating crores of rupees for the development of AP



BJP national president and Union Health Minister JP Nadda and party key leaders greeting the people at the venue in Visakhapatnam on Sunday

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UNION Health Minister and BJP national president J.P. Nadda asserted here on Sunday that the NDA government has rescued Andhra Pradesh from the "darkness" of the previous five years, steering the state toward a path of progress.

Addressing a huge public meeting at railway grounds in Visakhapatnam, organised as part of 'Sarathyam yatra' that concluded in the district on Sunday, the Union Minister reiterated that the BJP is one of the largest parties in the world with highest membership enrolment of 24 crore and 1,500 MLAs and other public representatives spread across various districts.

"Earlier, when I came to Tirupati, I noticed that the State was misruled by an irresponsible and corrupt government (referring to the YSRCP) and realised that it had to be changed. As the people of Andhra Pradesh were fed up with the YSRCP governance, they welcomed the NDA government by electing it with a thumping majority," he recalled.

Asserting that Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi is in the hearts of Andhra Pradesh people, while AP is in Modi's heart, JP Nadda said, it is one of the main reasons why the Prime Minister is allocating crores of rupees to the development of AP. "With the introduction of the new GST Act, the Prime Minister gifted people of the country ahead of Dasara and Diwali easing taxes," he stated, adding that all products will now become affordable for the

middle class. From the 11th place, Prime Minister Narendra Modi positioned India in the top three economies of the world in the past 11 years of his leadership, the Union Minister stressed. "The BIP is a party known for its commitment, discipline and ideology. Under the able leadership of Narendra Modi, India gained the top place on all fronts and is drawing global attention. Those who strive for the party are certain to gain recognition," he stated.

Talking about the growth of pharmaceutical sector, the Union Minister mentioned that India is a hub for it as the country supplies medicines to various parts of the world. This apart, about 92 percent of mobile phones are

being manufactured in India, he informed.

Nadda highlighted how the Centre is extending support to AP government in the form of execution of projects, developing infrastructure, allotment of funds, establishment of institutions,

Addressing the gathering, BJP State president PVN Madhav said, "Even as the Sarathyam yatra concluded in Visakhapatnam, it is going to be the beginning of a new era for the BJP. The yatra that commenced from Kadapa travelled 26 districts by getting close to people. The BJP is welcoming all sections of people to its fold. A number of activists have grown to be MLAs, MLCs and MPs and ministers in the party."

Health Minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav pointed out that the other parties are under the impression that the BJP has less strength in AP. "But the massive turnout for the public sabha proves otherwise. Under the able leadership of Narendra Modi at the Centre and N. Chandrababu Naidu in the state, Andhra Pradesh is set to witness exceptional growth in the next four years," he underlined.

Revanth extends greetings for Engineer's Day

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday said that engineers had contributed many fruits to human existence with their intellectual power. The Chief Minister extended his greetings to all the engineers, who play a key role in the development of the country on the occasion of Engineers' Day.

He said that September 15, the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, who laid a strong foundation for the economic development of the country and the progress of India, was being celebrated as the Engineers' Day in his memory.

Revanth said that Mok shagundam Visvesvaraya distinguished himself as an engineer, visionary, educationist, expert and driver of industrial progress. The CM said that Visvesvarava's work in various fields with excellent engineering technology had become an example for the engineering sector of India. Reddy said that Visvesvaraya showed special initiative in undertaking water control plans and many great constructions to save Hyderabad city from Musi river floods. On this occasion, the Chief Minister called upon all engineering students, technicians, and researchers in the state to take inspiration from Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya and play their part in the development of the state.

'Committed to safeguard assets of Godugupet temple'

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MINISTER for Mines & Geology and Excise Kollu Ravindra and Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni reaffirmed their commitment to safeguarding the assets of Sri Bhunila Sametha Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Godugupet, Machilipatnam. Also, they assured that they will take steps to generate income for the temple's development.

On Sunday, Minister Kollu Rayindra APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana, Swachhandra Corporation Chairman Kommareddy Pattabhiram, and members of the Society for Vibrant Vijayawada visited the temple along with Vijayawada MP Kesineni Chinni. Priests and the temple committee, with Vedic chants and auspicious rituals, welcomed them. Special pujas were performed, and Prasadam was distributed to all participants.

As part of the programme, representatives of the Vijayawada Utsav Committee presented a cheque of Rs 45 lakh at the deity's feet for using 40 acres of temple land at Gollapudi, near Vijayawada, for 56 days during the upcoming Vijayawada Utsav and Dasara Sarannavaratri



Chairman Konakalla Narayana Rao, Swachhandhra Corporation Chairman Pattabhi and others at Sri Bhunila Sametha Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Godugupet in Machilipatnam on Sunday

September 22 to October 2. The agreement, made under the supervision of the district Collector, also included a payment of Rs 15 lakh to farmers. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kollu Ravindra dismissed rumours that the Godugupet temple lands located at Gollapudi near Vijayawada had been leased for 99 years, clarifying that the land is being used temporarily with formal agreements in place. "For decades, these lands have generated no income. By permitting the Vijayawada Utsay, the temple not only gains revenue but also ensures that its lands are protected," he said.

The Minister further announced that fencing would be installed at a cost of Rs 1 crore to safeguard tem-

festivities scheduled from September 22 to October 2. The agreement, made under the supervision of the district Collector, also included a payment of Rs 15 lakh to farmers. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kollu Ravindra dismissed rumours that the Go-

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath underlined that the Vijayawada Utsav was aimed at celebrating Telugu culture and arts while positioning Vijayawada as a cultural tourism hub, much like Mysore during Dasara celebrations. "It is unfortunate that misconceptions are being spread about temple lands. This decision was taken in consultation with the temple committee to benefit the temple and the community," he said.

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FEE REIMBURSEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP DUES

BRS BRACES FOR FIGHT WITH GOVT IF FEE ISSUE REMAINS UNSETTLED

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SENIOR BRS leader T Harish Rao said on Sunday that his party will "wage a war" against the government if it fails to address the fee reimbursement issue for students. He alleged that the government's negligence has caused significant problems in the education sector and has led to the closure of numerous educational institutions.

He criticised that it was shameful that the Revanth government was playing dumb even though the managements of private educational institutions had been demanding the release of the fee reimbursement funds for two years. "Due to the



negligence of the Congress government, degree, PG, pharmacy, BED, MBA, MCA and engineering institutions across the state are going to be closed. The future of almost 13 lakh students has become unthinkable. If the semester exams are also being postponed, what is the Chief Minister, who is also the Education Minister, doing? Why is he not keeping quiet despite announcing protests,

hunger strikes and indefinite

bandhs from Monday by the private educational institutions," he asked.

He questioned the Chief Minister, who also holds the Education portfolio, over the postponement of semester exams. "How is money not available for paying salaries and fee reimbursements to government employees, but it is available for the Chief Minister's commission projects?" he asked.

Rao alleged that while

administration is calling for tenders worth lakhs of crores of rupees.He then detailed several projects, including Rs 20,000 crore tenders for a "Future City," Rs 7,000 crore to pour Godavari water from Mallanna Sagar to Musi, another Rs 7,000 crore for high-level bridges and flyovers in GHMC, Rs 5,000 crore for a six-lane road in Future City, and Rs 10,000 crore in HMDA. He also pointed to Rs 16,000 crore tenders in R&B, Rs 25,000 crore for integrated schools, Rs 4,400 crore for the Kodangal lift irrigation project, and Rs 1.5 lakh crore for Musi river beautification.

a lack of funds to give Dearness Allowance (DA) to

teachers and employees, his