

Urban apathy could elect rowdies as MLAs: Naini Rajender Reddy

- Urban voters must participate in elections to prevent anti-social elements from gaining power
- BRS leaders focus only on money and false propaganda, claims Naini
- Congress government ensures transparent development without commission pressure

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WARANGAL West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy warned that a decline in voting percentage in urban areas could pave the way for "goons and rowdies" to get elected and rule. He urged city residents to step out of their homes and exercise their franchise in the upcoming elections.

Addressing a press conference at his camp office in Balasamudram, Hanumakonda, on Tuesday, the MLA said that many urban voters tend to remain indoors on polling day, assuming others would stand in queues and vote. He observed that such indifference leads to a fall in



Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy addressing the media on Tuesday

voter turnout, creating opportunities for undesirable elements to enter the Assembly. Expressing concern over the trend, he appealed to educated and informed citizens to actively participate in the democratic process.

The MLA launched a sharp attack on leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), alleging that their politics revolved solely around money-making. He claimed that after hampering development during their ten-year rule, they were

now touring districts "like a Gemini Circus" and relying on criticism as their primary political tool. With no development works to showcase, they were confining themselves to daily allegations, he said. Referring to the multi-speciality hospital project, he stated that the government had been conducting a comprehensive review over the past three days.

He remarked that those who could not complete the project in a decade were now inspecting it and criticising it, which he described as

shameful. He said it was inappropriate to judge a nearly completed hospital merely by observing it from the outside and explained that some delay was natural as advanced equipment such as CT scan and MRI machines were being imported from abroad.

Posing direct questions to former Warangal leaders, he asked whether they had ever questioned their leadership when the united Warangal district was bifurcated or when funds were allocated. He challenged them to a public debate on the extent

of development during their tenure compared with the progress achieved in the last two years.

He alleged that leaders who had amassed crores of rupees under benami names were now speaking about transparency, adding that the public was closely observing these developments. He also criticised projects announced in the name of textiles which, he claimed, had not progressed beyond the foundation stage.

Asserting that significant development was taking place under the Congress government, he said works undertaken in the last two and a half years were progressing without irregularities. He clarified that there was no commission pressure on contractors and invited constructive suggestions, while emphasising that he did not encourage politics of attacks.

Appealing once again to urban voters, he said that if citizens failed to exercise their right to vote, anti-social elements could assume power. He stressed that the people's verdict was final and urged voters to choose the right leader in the forthcoming elections.

Future city over lifesaving care? Harish Rao threatens hunger strike over Warangal hospital delay

- Harish Rao alleges hospital works delayed due to political jealousy and focus on Future City
- Challenges CM to open debate on projects and criticises delays in Devadula works

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FORMER Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy, alleging that the government was prioritising the real estate-driven "Future City" project that brings commissions over the Warangal Super Specialty Hospital that would save the lives of the poor.

After inspecting the ongoing construction works of the 24-floor Super Specialty Hospital in Warangal along with senior BRS leaders, Harish Rao told reporters that the project had been virtually stalled since the Congress assumed power. He claimed that the hospital building had been completed during the BRS regime under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and was scheduled for inauguration by Dussehra 2024. Had KCR continued in office, the hospital would already have been dedicated to the public, he asserted.

Harish Rao alleged that delays were driven by political jealousy, as the Congress leadership did not want KCR to receive credit for the



BRS leader T Harish Rao addressing the media on Tuesday

project. Two Dussehras had passed and a third was approaching, yet the hospital remained non-operational, he said. If even a fraction of the attention given to the Future City project had been devoted to the hospital, it would have been completed long ago, he added.

He further stated that plans for a dharmashala for patients' attendants had been scaled down and road elevation works curtailed under the present government.

Although funds had been arranged during the BRS tenure, indecision and design changes had allegedly slowed progress. Questioning the proposal to inaugurate the hospital on June 2, he asked how a 2,000-bed facility could function without recruiting at least 2,000 nurses, 1,500 doctors and 1,000 paramedical staff. He

criticised suggestions that only outpatient services might begin, asking whether it was meant to be a Super Specialty Hospital or merely a basti dawakhana.

Warning of direct action, Harish Rao declared that he would launch an indefinite hunger strike in Warangal if equipment procurement and staff recruitment were not completed and the hospital fully operationalised. He also criticised the deteriorating condition of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, alleging that facilities established during the BRS regime were not being properly maintained.

He claimed that 250 free heart surgeries had been performed at MGM during KCR's tenure, whereas now surgeries were reportedly being halted due to infrastructure issues.

The BRS leader accused the government of vindictive politics and illegal arrests of party leaders and workers, demanding that it focus on development works instead. He also criticised delays in the Devadula project and alleged that ministers were merely revising deadlines without tangible progress.

Accepting the Chief Minister's challenge for a debate on irrigation projects in the Assembly, Harish Rao said the BRS was ready for a discussion of any duration.

He challenged the government to hold a debate without cutting microphones or diverting cameras, stating that the people of Telangana would judge who had delivered on promises.

Arvind Dharmapuri appointed team leader of India-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group

- Friendship Group to strengthen parliamentary ties and cooperation in education trade and culture
- Three MPs from Telangana entrusted with leadership roles in different countries' friendship groups

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ARVIND Dharmapuri, Member of Parliament from Nizamabad, has been appointed as the Team Leader of the India-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group constituted under the auspices of the Parliament of India. The appointment marks a significant recognition for the Nizamabad parliamentary constituency and for Telangana, with three MPs from the State being entrusted with leadership roles in different friendship groups.

The Parliamentary Friendship Group aims to strengthen bilateral relations between India and Ukraine at the parliamentary level. It seeks to enhance mutual cooperation and expand opportunities in the fields of education, trade and culture



Arvind Dharmapuri, Member of Parliament from Nizamabad along with Speaker Om Birla

through sustained dialogue and engagement between lawmakers of the two nations.

The group, headed by Arvind Dharmapuri, comprises eminent parliamentarians from both Houses. Its members include former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi (Rajya Sabha - Nominated), Laxmikant Pappu Nishad (Lok Sabha - SP), Amar Sharadrao Kale (Lok Sabha - NCP-SP), Khaliur Rahman (Lok Sabha - AITC), Hanuman Benival (Lok Sabha - RLP), Dr Prabha Mallikarjun (Lok Sabha - INC), Shivamangal Singh Tomar (Lok Sabha - BJP), I.S. Inbadurai (Rajya Sabha - AIADMK), Randeep Singh Surjewala (Rajya Sabha - INC) and Sadan-

and Mhalu Tanavade (Rajya Sabha - BJP). Describing the appointment as a matter of pride for the people of Nizamabad, Arvind Dharmapuri expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Minister Kiren Rijju for entrusting him with the responsibility.

He stated that he would work towards strengthening India's global engagement and enhancing the country's prestige at the international level.

Meanwhile, from Telangana, Konda Vishveshwar Reddy was appointed as Team Leader of the Kuwait Parliamentary Friendship Group, while Asaduddin Owaisi was selected as Team Leader of the Oman Parliamentary Friendship Group.



Minority Commission chief meets district officials in Nizamabad

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STATE Minority Commission Chairman Tariq Ansari met with District Collector Ila Tripathi and Police Commissioner Sai Chaitanya at the Integrated District Office Complex in Nizamabad on Tuesday to review issues concerning minority welfare and safety.

During the meeting, the Chairman emphasised the need for strict implementation of welfare and development programmes intended for minority communities. He urged the district administration to ensure that government schemes reach all eligible beneficiaries without delay and are executed in a transparent and effective manner.

Tariq Ansari also stressed the importance of safeguarding minorities and ensuring prompt justice for victims in cases involving grievances. He called upon officials to remain vigilant and responsive to issues affecting minority communities, adding that maintaining peace and communal harmony must remain a top priority.

He further directed that full admissions be ensured in minority educational institutions and that extensive awareness campaigns be conducted so that eligible students and families can avail themselves of the facilities and benefits provided by the government.

District Minority Welfare Officer Krishnaveni accompanied the Chairman during the visit.

Rs 10 crore NRI bonanza to modernise KMC Warangal facilities

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IN a significant boost to healthcare infrastructure in Warangal, a group of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) has pledged a massive donation of Rs 10 crore for the development of Kakatiya Medical College (KMC). The announcement was made by Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy at a press conference held on Tuesday at his camp office in Balasamudram, Hanumakonda. The MLA stated that the contribution materialised following his recent visit to the United States, where he met several NRIs originally from Warangal and appealed to them to support the development of their native city. Responding positively to his call, nearly 200 NRIs, under the leadership of Dr Sajeeth Kumar, came forward to collectively contribute Rs 10 crore towards strengthening medical infrastructure at KMC.

According to the MLA, the funds will be utilised to procure modern medical equipment, establish additional wards, enhance essential patient facilities and improve training resources for medical students. The donation is expected to facilitate the installation of advanced CT scan and MRI equipment, strengthen emergency medical services and expand surgical facilities. Thousands of residents from the Warangal West constituency depend on Kakatiya Medical Col-



Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy along with a NRIs

lege and Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital (MGM) for affordable medical treatment. These institutions predominantly cater to poor and middle-class families, making the contribution a significant step towards improving public healthcare access in the region.

Mr Reddy described the gesture as a matter of pride for the constituency. He said that the donation was not merely financial assistance but an investment in the health security of the people of Warangal West. He added that the commitment shown by NRIs towards their homeland would inspire others who had settled abroad to contribute to the development of their native place.

The MLA further noted that development works related to roads, drainage systems, drinking water supply and educational institutions were progressing swiftly in the constituency. He affirmed that the government remained equally committed to strengthening the healthcare sector alongside other areas of development.

Comprehensive arrangements in place for Intermediate and SSC exams in Nirmal

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THE District Collector of Nirmal, Abhilasha Abhinav, has directed officials to ensure that the forthcoming Intermediate and Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations are conducted strictly and without any lapses across the district.

The State Chief Secretary, Ramakrishna Rao, chaired a review meeting on Tuesday from Hyderabad with all district collectors and concerned officials to assess preparedness for the Intermediate and SSC examinations.

During the video conference, he emphasised that the examinations must be conducted peacefully and in a well-organised manner. He reviewed various aspects of exam management and sought details from collectors regarding arrangements in their respective districts. Addressing the meeting,



District Collector Abhilasha Abhinav participated in the virtual meeting on Tuesday

Collector Abhilasha Abhinav instructed officials to ensure flawless conduct of the examinations. She stated that a total of 13,125 students, including 6,652 first-year and 6,473 second-year candidates, would appear for the Intermediate examinations across 23 centres in the district from tomorrow until March 18.

Regarding the SSC examinations, scheduled to be held from March 14 to April 16 between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm, she informed that 9,758 students would write their examinations at 47

centres across the district.

The Collector ordered strict police security during the transportation of question papers and at all examination centres. She directed that essential facilities such as safe drinking water, adequate seating arrangements, proper lighting and medical camps with staff be provided at every centre. She also instructed officials to arrange bus services for students from rural areas to ensure they reach their centres on time and to maintain uninterrupted power supply during examination hours.

Journalists' services invaluable in safeguarding democracy: Huzurabad municipal chairperson

- Journalists play a vital role in safeguarding democracy and constitutional governance
- Media professionals highlight public grievances and ensure government accountability
- Press Club honours elected representatives and senior journalists at general body meeting

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THE services rendered by journalists in safeguarding democracy are invaluable and integral to the sustenance of constitutional governance, said Huzurabad Municipal Chairperson Rontala Suhasini. She was



Huzurabad municipal chairperson Suhasini felicitated by journalists

speaking on this occasion at the Press Club general body meeting convened at the municipal office on Tuesday under the presidency of Press Club President Kayitha Ramulu.

Speaking on this occasion, Suhasini underscored that journalists play a pivotal role in articulating public grievances and placing them

before the government for redressal. She observed that media professionals function with a sense of duty and probity, often confronting adversities, to ensure that issues of public concern are brought into the public domain and addressed with due diligence.

Describing journalism as a vocation pursued round-the-clock in the larger public

interest, she noted that practitioners of the profession treat civic issues as their own and strive assiduously for remedial measures. She further remarked that, in extremis, several journalists have even laid down their lives while exposing matters of grave public import.

On the occasion, members of the Press Club felicitated

the Municipal Chairperson. They also felicitated Katukuri Mallareddy, who continues in journalism while serving as Rajapalli Sarpanch; Kesireddy Lavanya and Narasimhareddy, elected councillors for the fourth consecutive term; Gokula Rajkumar, who secured victory as an independent councillor; and Velpula Sunil Kumar, elected as ward member from Chelpur.

Press Club General Secretary K. Ravindher and senior journalists Thirunagari Anjaneyaswamy, Nambi Bharani Kumar, Ch. Satyaraj, K. Sridhar, Pillala Satish, Parankusham Kiran Kumar, Macharla Raju, S. Satish, Pabba Tirupati, Tekula Sagar, Gopagani Mahesh, K. Swamy, Edla Kumar, Faheem, Nimmaturi Saikrishna, Muske Srinivas, Potharaju Sampath, Nagavelli Raju, B. Rajinikanth and others were present.