Abandoned by children, 80-yr-old's plea for justice, dignity goes unheard

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80-year-old Raj Mallayya waiting for the official to hear him, at RDO office in Jagtial on Tuesday



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IN a heartbreaking incident highlighting the plight of elderly people facing neglect within their own families, an 80-year-old man from Donkeshwaram village of Beerpur mandal has been running from pillar to post for the past four days, seeking justice and a dignified place to live.

Raj Mallayya, a resident of Donkeshwaram village, lost his wife and is now struggling to find support during the final stage of his life. Despite having four children, he alleges that none of them is willing to take responsibility for his care. While one of his children is settled in the United States, the other three live locally. He claims that he is not even being allowed into their houses and is being deprived of basic necessities such as food and shelter.

With no other option, Mallayya approached the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) and submitted a petition seeking intervention. Officials reportedly assured him that his children would be counselled to resolve the family dispute. However, no concrete action has been taken so far.

For the past four days, the elderly man has been visiting the RDO office, waiting since morning until evening in the hope of receiving a solution. On Tuesday, he once again waited until late evening to meet the authorities. However, as there was no response from the officials, he was left disappointed.

In a particularly distressing scene, Mallayya, who is unable to walk without support, eventually left the office with the help of two walking sticks. Before leaving, he reportedly pleaded with the staff to at least arrange admission to an old-age home if his children were unwilling to provide him shelter.

His helpless condition and repeated appeals moved several people present at the office. At an age when he should be spending his days in peace and comfort, the octogenarian is being forced to wander from office to office seeking something as basic as food and shelter.

The incident has raised serious concerns over the protection and welfare of senior citizens facing neglect by their own families. Locals have urged the authorities to intervene immediately, counsel his children and ensure that Mallayya receives proper care and protection. They have also appealed to officials to arrange admission to an old-age home without further delay if family reconciliation is not possible. For an 80-year-old man, the demand is neither property nor luxury.

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MLA Revuri offers prayers at Bhavani Kumkumeswara Swamy temple

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PARAKALA MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy performed special pujas at the renowned Sri Bhavani Kumkumeswara Swamy Temple in Parakala town on Tuesday as part of the Kartika month celebrations.

He offered prayers to the deity and wished the people of his constituency good health, happiness, prosperity and wealth. He expressed hope that the blessings of Bhavani Kumkumeswara Swamy would remain with everyone.

The MLA said Kartika month symbolised devotion and spiritual reflection, with devotees visiting temples to perform special pujas and abhishekams and attain spiritual peace. He also interacted with devotees who had gathered at the temple.

Later, Revuri Prakash Reddy inaugurated the annadanam programme organised at the temple and personally distributed prasadam to devotees. He appreciated the initiative, stating that spiritual and charitable activities promoted unity, compassion and a spirit of service in society.

Election Commission offers fresh opportunity for voter registration

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ADDITIONAL Collector V. Victor has announced another opportunity for eligible voters whose names are missing from the draft electoral roll to get them included in the final voter list.

Speaking at a meeting with representatives of recognised political parties at the Kamareddy Collectorate on Tuesday, Victor said several eligible voters had been left out of the draft list due to reasons such as being unavailable during enumeration or changing their residence.

He said the Election Commission had provided another opportunity for such voters to register their names in the final electoral roll.

Eligible voters were advised to contact Booth Level Officers (BLOs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) or Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and submit their enumeration forms in the prescribed format by the 21st of this month. Victor urged all eligible voters to utilise the opportunity and ensure their names were included in the final voter list.

Additional Collector (Local Bodies) N.Y. Giri, Election Superintendent Rajeshwar and others attended the meeting.

Karthika Masam celebrations begin at Thousand Pillar temple

MLA Naini Rajender Reddy inaugurates festivities by lighting lamp, highlights spiritual significance

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WARANGAL West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy said Karthika month is sacred and promotes spiritual consciousness and devotion among devotees.

The Karthika month celebrations began grandly at the historic Sri Rudreswara Swamy (Thousand Pillar Temple) in Hanumakonda on Tuesday.

Naini, the chief guest representing the state government, offered special prayers to Lord Shiva and inaugurated the celebrations by lighting a lamp. The programme began early in the morning with Uthishtha Ganapati worship during Brahmi Muhurta, accompanied by auspicious music. Mahanyasa Ekadasa Rudrabhishekam was performed using 11 litres of cow's milk, followed by mass Rudrabhishekam.



Naini said women across communities observe Karthika month by lighting lamps and performing prayers. He described visiting the historic temple and participating in special pujas as a spiritually enriching experience.

Former corporators P. Prabhakar, Nagaraju, T. Venkateswarlu and B. Dinna attended. Temple Executive Officer D. Anil Kumar and chief priest Gangu Upendra Sharma blessed the MLA with holy water and vestments.

CPI demands drought-hit status for entire Bhupalpally district

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Jayashankar Bhupalpally

Seeks Rs 30,000 per acre compensation for paddy losses and Rs 50,000 for commercial crops; stages protest at Collectorate



THE Communist Party of India (CPI) has demanded that the Telangana government declare the entire Jayashankar Bhupalpally district drought-affected and provide immediate compensation to farmers who suffered crop losses.

As part of a State Committee call, CPI leaders and farmers staged a protest in front of the District Collectorate on Tuesday, demanding relief for affected farmers across all 12 mandals. Addressing the gathering, CPI district assistant secretary Faindla Shanthikumar and other leaders said declaring only five mandals drought-hit was unfair, as all 12 mandals were facing drought conditions. They cited crop damage across nearly 250 acres in Gurrampet.

The leaders demanded compensation of Rs 30,000 per acre for paddy farmers, Rs 50,000 for commercial crop losses and Rs 10,000 per acre for farmers who adopted alternative crops following government advice.

Rythu Sangham district secretary Mamidala Sammireddy said El Niño conditions had worsened farmers' distress, pushing many into debt as crops dried up. He sought remunerative prices for agricultural produce, control over essential commodity prices and a special relief package from the Centre and State governments.

The CPI leaders warned that their agitation would continue until all affected mandals were declared drought-hit and farmers received adequate compensation. Several CPI and Rythu Sangham leaders and activists participated in the protest.



Nizamabad Collector inspects KGBV, warns staff against menu deviations

Ila Tripathi directs officials to ensure nutritious meals, cleanliness and quality construction

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DISTRICT Collector Ila Tripathi conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) at Mendoora mandal on Tuesday to assess facilities, food quality and administrative discipline.

During the inspection, she checked classrooms, toilets, the storeroom and the quality of food provisions. She also verified staff attendance through the FRS app.

Expressing displeasure over potato curry being served instead of the prescribed carrot curry, the Collector warned staff against deviating from the government-approved menu, stressing that it was designed to ensure students' nutritional needs.

She directed officials to maintain cleanliness, ensure quality food and complete the compound wall construction promptly. Warning of strict action against negligence, she said cleanliness would be reviewed during future surprise inspections.

Later, she interacted with Class 6 students, assessed their learning skills and distributed chocolates and gifts, encouraging them to excel academically.

Gandra demands drought-hit status for five more mandals

Former MLA accuses Congress government of discrimination, seeks irrigation water and fulfilment of promises

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Jayashankar Bhupalpally

FORMER MLA Gandra Venkata Ramana Reddy criticised the Congress government for its alleged discriminatory approach in declaring drought-hit mandals and demanded drought status for five more mandals in the district.

Addressing a press conference at the BRS party office on Tuesday, he said Ganapuram, Mogullapally, Regonda, Chityal and Tekumatla should also be declared drought-affected.

He alleged that the Ganapuram tank was not being filled despite water availability in Ramappa and demanded full capacity filling of Ganapuram and Chalivagu tanks to provide irrigation and drinking water.



Gandra criticised the government for failing to implement six guarantees, fulfil employment promises and release retired employees' benefits.

He also condemned arrests and preventive detention of Opposition leaders, asserting that the BRS would continue its agitation until farmers, employees and unemployed youth received justice.



Harish Rao assures job for Laxman Goud's wife if BRS returns to power

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FORMER minister and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao and Jangaon MLA Dr Palla Rajeshwar Reddy visited the family of Telangana activist and BRS worker Laxman Goud at Konne village in Bachannapet mandal on Tuesday, assuring them of all possible assistance.

Harish Rao said the BRS would provide a job to Goud's wife, Swapna, if the party returned to power. Acting on BRS chief KCR's instructions, the leaders met the family and expressed condolences.

They said financial assistance had been extended and pledged support to his wife, children, parents and brother. Rajeshwar Reddy urged the Collector to examine the family's long-standing land dispute through a field-level survey and ensure justice. He also called for improved electricity and irrigation facilities in Bachannapet.