

Pre-emptive Arrests Won't Stop Our Movement: Vemula Marayya

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Trade Union State Secretary Vemula Marayya on Friday strongly condemned the pre-emptive arrests of ASHA workers and warned the Congress-led state government against suppressing democratic protests.

Marayya was reportedly taken into custody from his residence in Nacharam by local police and shifted to the Nacharam Police Station ahead of a planned protest. The arrest came in the backdrop of a dharna call given by ASHA workers near Indra Park, where they intended to press for their long-pending demands. Speaking to the media following his detention, Marayya criticized the police action, stating that preventing leaders and workers from participating in a peaceful protest undermines democratic values. He pointed out that while the police had granted permission for the dharna, resorting to arrests to stop participants



from attending the protest was contradictory and unacceptable. "The government cannot silence our voices through illegal arrests. This is a direct attack on democracy," he said. Marayya further al-

leged that the authorities were deliberately attempting to weaken the movement by detaining key leaders in advance. He reiterated that the agitation by ASHA workers is aimed at securing rightful

benefits and better working conditions, and such demands cannot be ignored or suppressed. "Even if we are arrested, our resolve will not weaken. We will continue our fight until justice is deliv-

ered," he asserted. Marayya also issued a strong warning to the state government, stating that the movement would intensify in the coming days. He announced that despite the arrests, they would go ahead with plans to lay siege to the Assembly if their demands are not addressed. The incident has sparked criticism from trade unions and opposition leaders, who have accused the government of adopting undemocratic methods to curb dissent. They demanded the immediate release of those detained and called for a constructive dialogue with ASHA workers. Meanwhile, police officials maintained that the arrests were carried out as a preventive measure to maintain law and order in the city. However, the developments have once again brought the spotlight on the ongoing tensions between the government and worker unions in the state. As the situation unfolds, all eyes are now on how the government responds to the escalating protests and whether a resolution can be reached through negotiations.



OU JAC Chairman Invites Soma Bhavana Goud for Minister's Birthday Event

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OU Joint Action Committee (JAC) Chairman Kotapalli Tirupati met social activist and Congress leader Soma Bhavana Goud at her residence in Nacharam on Friday in a courtesy visit.

During the meeting, Tirupati invited Bhavana Goud to attend the birthday celebrations of SC Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman, which are scheduled to be held on April 1 (Wednesday) at the Arts College grounds of Osmania University.

The event is being organized under the banner of OU JAC and is expected to see participation from student leaders, activists, and political representatives. Tirupati said the program would not only mark the minister's birthday but also highlight issues related to social justice and welfare.

He emphasized the importance of collective efforts in addressing the concerns of marginalized communities and strengthening student-led initiatives. Tirupati also noted that the OU JAC continues to play an active role in organizing awareness programs and mobilizing support for social causes.

Bhavana Goud welcomed the invitation and appreciated the initiative taken by the OU JAC. She assured her participation in the event and lauded the efforts of student organizations in bringing attention to key public issues.

The meeting underscores the growing coordination between student bodies and political leaders in the region. With preparations underway, the April 1 celebrations are expected to witness significant participation and engagement from various sections of society.

Include Beneficiaries in Assigned Land Committees: Bhoo Rakshana Samithi

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The Telangana Bhoo Rakshana Samithi has demanded that beneficiaries of assigned lands be included as members in government-appointed committees dealing with land-related issues.

The organization announced that it will hold a "Bhoomi Hakku Sabha" (Land Rights Meeting) on March 30 at the Press Club in Basheerbagh, demanding ownership rights for assigned lands. As part of the preparations, a wall poster for the meeting was unveiled at the Arts College of Osmania University.

Speaking on the occasion, State President Bugga Maisaiah and MRPS State Coordinator Dr. Nanduru Narasimha said that during the Congress government's "Garibi Hatao" campaign, nearly 30 lakh acres of land were distributed to the poor to eradicate poverty. However, they pointed out

that the beneficiaries of these lands were not given ownership rights, leaving them in an insecure position. They demanded that the government grant ownership rights to all assigned lands distributed to the poor. The leaders also called for the restoration of encroached lands to the original beneficiaries and urged the government to allocate one acre of land to every landless Dalit family in the state.

They further emphasized that beneficiaries must be included as members in assigned land committees to ensure transparency and justice. In addition, they demanded the formation of a dedicated Assigned Lands Commission in Telangana to address land-related issues effectively.

The upcoming meeting is expected to witness participation from activists and stakeholders across the state, strengthening the demand for land rights and reforms.



Vande Mataram Is a Force of Patriotism, Not Just a Slogan: Sandeep

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Chintal in Quthbullapur resonated with patriotic spirit as a grand marking 150 years of "Vande Mataram" was organized by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), Medchal district Chintal unit. The event, held at a convention hall, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, activists, and local leaders who came together for a collective rendition of the iconic national song.

Speaking as the chief guest, RSS Boinpally district Pracharak Sandeep said that "Vande Mataram" is not just a slogan but a powerful force that embodies patriotism, responsibility, and

national pride. He recalled how the chant played a crucial role during India's freedom struggle, inspiring millions with courage, unity, and determination against British colonial rule.

Sandeep stated that India has provided its citizens with freedom, education, and opportunities, and in return, expressing respect towards the nation is a fundamental duty. "Vande Mataram is not merely a chant; it is an emotional connection that reminds us of our responsibility towards the motherland," he said. He also highlighted the deep-rooted Indian cultural tradition of revering the nation as a mother, describing it as a unique and unifying sentiment.

Encouraging the youth, he

called upon students to strive for excellence in their respective fields, noting that the nation requires committed professionals such as doctors, scientists, teachers, and leaders to achieve holistic development. He urged individuals to expand their aspirations beyond personal success and work towards the betterment of society and the country.

The event concluded with spirited chants of "Vande Mataram," filling the venue with a sense of unity and national pride. Among those present were Kukatpally Vibhag Convenor Nagesh, Medchal district convenor Mrutyunjay, and activists Vivek, Karthik, and Mounika, along with several ABVP members and supporters.

Plastic Waste Threatens Cattle Lives, Calls for Strict Action

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Alarming scenes of cattle consuming plastic waste have surfaced in Subhash Nagar division under Kompally Circle, raising serious concerns over public hygiene and animal safety. Social activist Ravinder Mudiraj expressed deep concern over the issue and urged authorities to take immediate and strict action against those responsible.

The incident near the last bus stop in the area has highlighted the growing menace of indiscriminate garbage dumping on roads. According to Ravinder Mudiraj, lack of public awareness and negligence in waste disposal are putting the lives of innocent animals at risk. He noted that plastic covers and other non-biodegradable waste are being consumed by cattle, which can lead to severe health complications and even death.

"Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility. Throwing garbage on roads is not just irresponsible but also a punishable offense," he said. He stressed that strict legal action must be taken against individuals who dump waste



carelessly in public spaces. Mudiraj also appealed to municipal authorities to intensify monitoring and enforce regulations more effectively. He suggested that regular inspections and penalties could help curb such practices and ensure cleaner surroundings.

Further, he urged citizens to dispose of waste only in designated areas and reduce the use of plastic in their daily lives. Promoting eco-friendly alternatives and responsible waste management practices is crucial to safeguarding both the environment and animal life, he added.

The issue has once again drawn attention to the need for stronger implementation of waste management rules and increased public participation in maintaining cleanliness. Residents hope that authorities will act swiftly to prevent further harm and improve sanitation in the locality.

12-Hour Mega Sanitation Drive Covers 22-km Stretch

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As part of the ongoing 99-day action plan under the Praja Palana Pragathi programme, officials of Jeedimetla Circle carried out an extensive 12-hour special sanitation drive on Saturday, marking the 23rd day of the initiative. The large-scale cleanliness drive covered a stretch of nearly 22 kilometres, from Patancheru to Manikonda, within the limits of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation.

The drive commenced at 6 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m., with coordinated participation from all 16 circles under the corporation. Authorities undertook several measures aimed at improving urban sanitation and ensuring smoother traffic movement. Encroachments on footpaths were removed, accumulated mud and garbage on roads were cleared, and major roads were thoroughly cleaned.

In addition to sanitation efforts, officials also focused on increasing greenery by planting saplings along key routes.

The initiative aimed not only to improve cleanliness but also to remove obstacles that hinder traffic flow and create a more organized urban environment.

Officials stated that such drives are essential for maintaining public hygiene and promoting civic responsibility among citizens. They emphasized that continuous efforts will be made to ensure that the city remains clean and well-maintained.

The programme witnessed the participation of Jeedimetla Circle-55 Deputy Commissioner D. Shankar Singh, Executive Engineer Bhadr, Deputy Executive Engineer Papamma, ACP Zeeshan, and Sanitation Deputy Executive Engineer (SWM) Hussain. Staff from engineering, sanitation, UBD, UCD, and entomology departments also took part in large numbers, contributing to the successful execution of the drive. Authorities reaffirmed their commitment to sustaining cleanliness standards through regular monitoring and active public cooperation.

BRS Leaders Push for School Land in Bowrampet

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Leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) from Bowrampet have intensified efforts to secure land for a Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), citing growing difficulties due to the lack of proper infrastructure for students.

The local leaders met Medchal district BRS president and MLC Shambhipur Raju and submitted a representation seeking his intervention in resolving the issue. Responding promptly, Shambhipur Raju issued a recommendation letter in support of their demand.

Subsequently, BRS leaders submitted the recommendation letter to the District Collector, urging immediate allocation of land for the school. They explained that the in-



creasing number of students in Bowrampet has put pressure on existing facilities, and the absence of a dedicated school site is creating significant chal-

lenges for both students and staff. Highlighting the importance of education, the leaders stressed that providing ade-

quate infrastructure is essential for ensuring a better future for students. They appealed to the administration to prioritize the issue and take swift

action. Responding to the representation, the Collector assured the delegation that the matter would be examined thoroughly and appropriate steps would be taken at the earliest to address the problem.

The initiative reflects growing concern among local leaders over educational infrastructure in rapidly developing areas like Bowrampet. Residents have also expressed hope that the authorities will act quickly to resolve the issue and facilitate better learning conditions.

Among those present during the submission were Bowrampet PACS Chairman Middela Bal Reddy, S. V. Surender Reddy, Sarugari Dharma Reddy, and Palpanuri Vishnuvardhan Reddy, along with other party representatives.