

same volunteers who are involved in the process of creating Electoral Rolls are also pushing people and creating awareness about the said program, the program is not a government program but a politically motivated program and is a part of the election campaign of the Current Ruling party in the State of Andhra Pradesh. It is pertinent to note that there is an obvious partisan bias of the Volunteers engaged in the activity of preparing electoral rolls and especially given that volunteers hold such an important database and also the profiling done by them over the last 4 years will lead to a tainted and an undemocratic electoral roll.

56. It is further submitted that in the past in the state of Andhra Pradesh, the employees in the post of teachers were the mainstay of electoral vote verification and enrolment program. They were also well trained, objective and fair with full appreciation of the responsibility devolved on them. They had discharged this responsibility with aplomb. It is pertinent to note that Complaints were nonexistent and there was transparency and they discharged their duties with only a view to maintain democratic values in the election process. It is further to be noted that while neither the ECI nor the

constitutional courts have made any observation regarding the continuation of this tested practice, the Government of AP had Suo moto sent a proposal to ECI and obtained permission from ECI by misrepresenting the facts and secured the concurrence for deployment of ward secretariat staff as replacement for teachers in the critical task of electoral roll verification and the just concluded comprehensive door to door survey, thereby compromising the sanctity of the Electoral Roll by undertaking various devious activities in the preparation of the same and also making use of the data that has been collected by them to delete the votes of the People that were known sympathizers of the opposition parties in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

57. It is submitted that the Mukesh Meena, Chief Electoral Officer stated on 04.10.2023 that the village and ward volunteers will not be drafted for any kind of election related duties in the State. He further stated that stern action will be taken against the officials if they use the services of ward and village volunteers in the Election Commission related work. It clearly depicts that the Election Commission itself does not want them to be a part of the free and fair process of election in the democracy or else they will hamper the process. A copy

of the Hans India Newspaper Report published on 04.10.2023 is annexed hereto and marked as **ANNEXURE P - 14.** .(Page No. 119-120)

58. It is further submitted that While the Chief Election Officer, AP had explicitly prohibited volunteers to take part in any manner, the volunteers were actively acting in concert with ward secretariat staff. In a few cases where the volunteers were on record associated with the verification program, the CEO AP perforce had suspended them. This is nothing but tokenism and the fact remains that the verification program is tainted due to their participation and insidious influence exerted. The ward secretariat was largely responsible for the major anomalies which are now part of public record. A large number of voters who are supporters of opposition groups were brazenly disenfranchised without following due procedure of law and in violation of Principles of Natural Justice, i.e., issue of Form -14 & due opportunity.

59. It is humbly submitted that most recently the ECI had enquired into the issue of deletion of several thousands of voters from the voter list in the Uravakonda Assembly constituency of Anantapur district, The same came into light

when the same was taken up and represented by a legislator of the opposition and the ECI restored the votes illegally removed with the active connivance of ward secretariat staff and volunteers. The then ERO responsible was suspended. It is pertinent to note that the real culprits i.e., Village and Ward secretariat staff who were involved in this were not enquired into and no disciplinary action is being taken against them.

60. It is submitted that in the background of the spate of complaints arising out of the colorable actions that are entrusted to the same delinquents, The ends of justice will be ill served. It is submitted that the situation has amounted to a common belief among the citizens of the State of Andhra Pradesh that there is little faith in restoration of legitimate claims.

61. It is submitted that unless the known and admitted defects in the system are rectified the electoral rolls would be devoid of sanctity. It is pertinent to note Electoral rolls are the foundation of free and fair elections. A flawed exercise in addressing electoral rolls vitiates free and fair elections thereby killing the spirit of democracy in a country that prides itself as being the largest democracy in the world. It is

submitted that the entrustment of grievances and appeals of disenfranchised voters should not be entrusted to the same machinery, i.e., The Volunteers for redressal. It is submitted that the actions of the Village & Ward Volunteers have not left an iota of doubt that they are politically inclined and working towards the interest of the ruling regime. It is further submitted that the volunteers have also been found to have been indulging in activities such as threatening beneficiaries of the Government schemes of not only losing the benefits of the schemes but also their Right to vote, if they do not submit to the regime. It is pertinent to note that this action borders on criminal intimidation and is punishable by the Penal code.

62. It is submitted that in the past teachers were the mainstay of the electoral roll verification and the Government have deliberately kept them away only to replace them with ward & village secretariat staff who are totally partisan and don't inspire the confidence of voters whereas in contrast, the teachers are highly respected and non-partisan members of the State. The verification done by teachers in the past was fair & objective. It is pertinent to note that the complaints if at

all were far & few & not systemic in nature as is the present case.

63. It is submitted that the large numbers of the volunteer force at the rate one for every 50 households being involved in the election process and in voting would lead to an increased chance of post electoral violence, if the voting of the households under their watch do not take place in the predicted pattern. It is pertinent to note that the ECI had in the recent past dealt with such an extraordinary contingency which justifies the disbandment of volunteers who are the paid goons of the ruling regime.

64. It is further submitted that, it is a matter of grave urgency and injustice as the ECI themselves vide Letter No.1350/Elecs.B/A1/2023-2, Dt.08.09.2023, admitted that there are some serious anomalies, like large number of electors being enrolled in a single door number, electors being enrolled without any door number. It was also further noted by them that data of house numbers having junk number, zero number etc. were present and nearly 24 Lakh voters were present in the State, that have been enrolled under these suspicious circumstances. It is pertinent to note that, the

above discrepancies have arisen only after deployment of Ward and Village Volunteers in the election related processes and their insidious participation in the process of voter enrolment and preparation of voter lists, and the same is an alarming situation and needs rectification at the earliest and it is reliably suspected that there is an involvement of the Village and Ward Volunteers in the said discrepancies. A copy of the Letter No.1350/Elecs.B/A1/2023-2 dated 08.09.2023 is annexed hereto and marked as **ANNEXURE P - 15**.(Page No. 121-122)

GROUND

The present Writ Petition is being filed on the following grounds and without prejudice to one another, in addition to further grounds that the petitioner craves leave to raise at the time of hearing:

- A. It is submitted that, the ECI's action to link or seed voter information with data from Aadhaar and State Resident Data Hub (SRDH) is an unconstitutional profiling of voters. The 9 Judge Bench of this Hon'ble Court in ***K S Puttaswamy vs. Union of India***¹, recognized data minimization and purpose

¹(2017) 10 SCC 1

limitations essential to preserve the right of privacy from unwarranted governmental invasion. Here, the ECI failed to justify a lawful purpose to link voter information with details of Aadhaar number and SRDH data. Likewise, the ECI failed to show the necessity to authenticate voter records through Aadhaar and SRDH data, either in place of, or in addition to, existing verification mechanisms (through field surveys by BLOs).

- B. It is submitted that, the ECI has effectively created a surveillance architecture given that the Aadhaar database and SRDH contains sensitive information voters, including religion, caste, tribe, ethnicity, language, records of entitlement, income, and medical history, is now linked to voter information.
- C. It is submitted that, the voter profiling allows political actors to segment people into 'interest groups' and either selectively target or ignore them from the electoral process, all of which interferes with free and fair conduct of election.
- D. It is submitted that, by applying the test of proportionality laid down by the Hon'ble Court to evaluate privacy violations.

For one, the ECI failed to show any valid law, rule, or notification to create linkages between EPIC and Aadhaar and SRDH data. *Two*, the ECI failed to establish a nexus between electronic linkages and voter verification. *Three*, the ECI failed to show that such voter profiling is necessary for verifying voter records, and that no other effective method or solution exists to achieve the stated goal. *Finally*, and more importantly, the ECI failed to justify the burden on privacy rights is proportionate *stricto sensu* to their stated goals.

- E. It is submitted that, the ECI allowed the state government to access EPIC data without valid authority or sought the consent of voters.
- F. It is submitted that, the ECI has allowed the right to secrecy of vote to be compromised by linking voter records with information sources controlled and maintained by government agencies. It is further submitted that the ECI alone is entrusted with the mandate to hold elections in India. The Constitution, furthermore, exclusively reserved the authority to prepare electoral rolls to the ECI. The ECI's attempt to delegate its responsibility to prepare voter lists

using information sources under the control of government agencies is extra-constitutional.

G. It is submitted that, the abdication of responsibility by the ECI not only resulted in large scale voter deletions in Andhra Pradesh, but further allowed political parties in Andhra Pradesh access sensitive information from SRDH including voter data during the General Elections of 2019. In fact, a Special Investigative Team was constituted by Telangana police to look into the voter profiling and data breaches of SRDH in 2019.

H. It is submitted that, the ECI deleted voters from the electoral rolls without disclosing the algorithm, source-code of their deduplication software to the public. The deduplication software has, in the past, led to widespread disenfranchisement of voters. In 2015, a similar exercise conducted in Bihar using the software identified 37,54,648 voters as duplicates, while only 2,47,789 voters (8%) were found to be duplicate voter entries after field verification. And three years later, the adverse impact of deduplication was seen in Hyderabad during the state elections in December 2018 when a large number of voters found their names deleted from the rolls on the day of elections at the polling stations.

I. The Hon'ble Court in **Lal Babu Hussein v Electoral Registration Officer**², held that:

“.... If the opportunity of being heard before deletion of the name is to be a meaningful and purposive one, it goes without saying that the person concerned whose name is borne on the roll and is intended to be removed must be informed why a suspicion has arisen in regard to his status as a citizen of India so that he may be able to show that the basis for the suspicion is ill-founded. Unless the basis for the doubt is disclosed, it would not be possible for the person concerned to remove the doubt and explain any circumstance or circumstances responsible for the doubt.”

Per **Lal Babu Hussein**, the affected voter has the right to know the circumstances or grounds for the suspicion. The ECI, in this instance, has neither explained the basis for deleting voters nor have they disclosed the algorithm, source-code which makes it impossible for voters to learn about the “basis for the suspicion”. In any event, mere similarities between two or more entries amongst millions of voters alone is insufficient to flag them as suspicious voters.

J. It is submitted that, the right to vote encompasses the right to not have an excessive administrative burden that impedes or deprives the right to vote. In failing to inform the affected voter, and without specifying the reasons for deletion, the ECI unlawfully placed the burden on voters to prove that they are neither duplicate nor shifted nor a dead voter. There would be considerable injury which would be caused to the public

²(1995) 3 SCC 100.

in case if the citizens are deprived of their valuable right to vote.

K. Therefore, unless or until, this Hon'ble Court suspends the operation of G.O.Ms.No.104, PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MDL-I) DEPARTMENT dated 22.06.2019 issued by the Respondent 2 for Positioning of Village Volunteers @ one per around 50 households in the entire state of Andhra Pradesh, the Petitioner herein as well as the public at large will be put to irreparable loss, injury and grave injustice as their fundamental as well as constitutional rights are being violated. It is further submitted that, In the efficacy of fairness and natural justice, independent and objective functionaries are to be entrusted with the duty of preparing electoral rolls with immediate effect in grievance redressal and to restore credibility as well as to serve the ends of justice and any non-government servant with partisan bias such as Volunteers must be kept away from the said process. The balance of convenience is in favor of the Petitioner and the general public, and prima facie case is made out for the grant of ad-interim order.

L. The Petitioner had also sent a representation to the State Government addressing the issue raised in this Petition, and was seeking intervention of the Respondent in addressing the issues. The Petitioner however never received any reply or corrective measures from the side of Respondent the said representation.

M. The present writ petition, under Article 32 of the Constitution of India, is being filed in public interest, to raise issues which endanger Fundamental Rights of citizens of India, protected under Articles 21 and 243 of the Constitution of India. Having regard to the nationwide implications of the important issues raised in this petition, this Hon'ble Court ought to entertain and hear the present petition. The Petitioners state that they have not filed any other similar petition challenging the impugned Ordinance before this Hon'ble Court or any High Court.

PRAYER

In View of the Facts and circumstances mentioned above, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ;

Prayers concerning Village/ward volunteers

- a. SET ASIDE the impugned G.O.Ms.No.104, PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MDL-I) DEPARTMENT dated 22.06.2019 as being illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 21, Article 243 of the Constitution of India;
- b. TO RESTRAIN/PROHIBIT the functionaries of the illegally recruited and partisan based Village and Ward Volunteer functionaries from involvement in the process of preparation of Electoral Related functions;
- c. TO DIRECT the Election Commission of India to utilize the services of the employees of the Government and

teachers for the preparation of Electoral Rolls and for the Conduct of a Free and Fair Elections.

Prayers against the illegal data usage

- d. TO CONSTITUTE an empowered technical committee to examine the allegations of data breach and profiling by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh through collection of data by Gram Volunteers/ward volunteers and the involvement of certain organizations such as M/s. IPAC and M/s. Raminfo Pvt. Ltd.
- e. TO INITIATE appropriate criminal action against erring officials for privacy breach of lakhs of citizens of State of Andhra Pradesh.
- f. PASS such other appropriate relief which this Hon'ble Court may deemed fit in the facts and circumstances of the case.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS, THE PETITIONERS SHALL, AS IN DUTY BOUND, EVER PRAY

DRAWN BY:

Sughosh Subramanyam
Advocate

FILED BY:



**VIPIN NAIR
ADVOCATE-ON-RECORD
FOR THE PETITIONER**

DRAWN ON:-10.10.2023
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NEW DELHI

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. _____ OF 2023**

IN THE MATTER OF:
CITIZENS FOR DEMOCRACY
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY
ELECTION COMMISSION OF
INDIA AND OTHERS
RESPONDENTS

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Dr. N RAMESH KUMAR (Retd. IAS), son of Late N Ravindranath Choudary, aged about 67 year, resident of Railpeta, Duggirala Village and Mandal, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. THAT I am the Secretary/Authorized Representative of the Petitioner in the above-mentioned Petition and I am competent to swear the present affidavit on its behalf. I further state that I am fully aware of and conversant with the facts and circumstances of the present case.
2. THAT I have read and understood the contents of the accompanying Synopsis and List of Dates & Events [Page B to J], Writ Petition [Page 1 to 48], [Para 1 to 64], Annexures [Page 123 to -127] and accompanying application [Page 1 to 9] and state that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. THAT I state that the accompanying annexures are true copies of their respective originals.

Ramesh Kumar
DEPONENT

For M/s. CITIZENS for DEMOCRACY
President / Secretary

VERIFICATION:

VERIFIED at Hyderabad on this the 17th day of October, 2023, that the contents of the above affidavits are true and correct to my knowledge and belief. Nothing false has been stated therein or material concealed therefrom.

Ramesh Kumar
DEPONENT

For M/s. CITIZENS for DEMOCRACY
President / Secretary



ATTESTED

Mohd. Muzibulla Baig
Mohd. Muzibulla Baig
ADVOCATE
HIGH COURT OF A. P.
NOTARY
(Appointed by Govt. of A. P.)
GOMS NO: 1479/2010

17 OCT 2023

Tolichowki, Hyderabad - 500 008

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(2) In this article,—

(a) the expression “estate” shall, in relation to any local area, have the same meaning as that expression or its local equivalent has in the existing law relating to land tenures in force in that area and shall also include—

(i) any *jagir*, *inam* or *muafi* or other similar grant and in the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, any *janmam* right;

(ii) any land held under ryotwari settlement;

(iii) any land held or let for purposes of agriculture or for purposes ancillary thereto, including waste land, forest land, land for pasture or sites of buildings and other structures occupied by cultivators of land, agricultural labourers and village artisans;

(b) the expression “rights”, in relation to an estate, shall include any rights vesting in a proprietor, sub-proprietor, under-proprietor, tenure-holder, *raiyat*, *under-raiyat* or other intermediary and any rights or privileges in respect of land revenue.

31B. Validation of certain Acts and Regulations.—Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained in article 31A, none of the Acts and Regulations specified in the Ninth Schedule nor any of the provisions thereof shall be deemed to be void, or ever to have become void, on the ground that such Act, Regulation or provision is inconsistent with, or takes away or abridges any of the rights conferred by, any provisions of this Part, and notwithstanding any judgment, decree or order of any court or Tribunal to the contrary, each of the said Acts and Regulations shall, subject to the power of any competent Legislature to repeal or amend it, continue in force.

31C. Saving of laws giving effect to certain directive principles.—Notwithstanding anything contained in article 13, no law giving effect to the policy of the State towards securing ¹[all or any of the principles laid down in Part IV] shall be deemed to be void on the ground that it is inconsistent with, or takes away or abridges any of the rights conferred by article 14 or article 19; ²[and no law containing a declaration that it is for giving effect to such policy shall be called in question in any court on the ground that it does not give effect to such policy]:

Provided that where such law is made by the Legislature of a State, the provisions of this article shall not apply thereto unless such law, having been reserved for the consideration of the President, has received his assent.

31D. [*Saving of laws in respect of anti-national activities.*] *Rep. by the Constitution (Forty-third Amendment) Act, 1977, s. 2 (w.e.f.13-4-1978).*

Right to Constitutional Remedies

32. Remedies for enforcement of rights conferred by this Part.—(1) The right to move the Supreme Court by appropriate proceedings for the enforcement of the rights conferred by this Part is guaranteed.

(2) The Supreme Court shall have power to issue directions or orders or writs, including writs in the nature of *habeas corpus*, *mandamus*, prohibition, *quo warranto* and *certiorari*, whichever may be appropriate, for the enforcement of any of the rights conferred by this Part.

1. Subs. by the Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Act, 1976, s. 4, for “the principles specified in clause (b) or clause (c) of article 39” (w.e.f. 3.1.1977). Section 4 has been declared invalid by the Supreme Court in *Minerva Mills Ltd. and others vs. Union of India and others* (1980) s. 2, S.C.C. 591.

2. In *Kesavananda Bharati vs. the State of Kerala* (1973). Supp. S.C.R.1., the Supreme Court held the provisions in italics to be invalid.

(3) Without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Supreme Court by clauses (1) and (2), Parliament may by law empower any other court to exercise within the local limits of its jurisdiction all or any of the powers exercisable by the Supreme Court under clause (2).

(4) The right guaranteed by this article shall not be suspended except as otherwise provided for by this Constitution.

32A. [*Constitutional validity of State laws not to be considered in proceedings under article 32.*] Rep. by the Constitution (Forty-third Amendment) Act, 1977, s. 3 (w.e.f. 13-4-1978).

33. Power of Parliament to modify the rights conferred by this Part in their application to Forces, etc.—Parliament may, by law, determine to what extent any of the rights conferred by this Part shall, in their application to,—

(a) the members of the Armed Forces; or

(b) the members of the Forces charged with the maintenance of public order; or

(c) persons employed in any bureau or other organisation established by the State for purposes of intelligence or counter intelligence; or

(d) person employed in, or in connection with, the telecommunication systems set up for the purposes of any Force, bureau or organisation referred to in clauses (a) to (c),

be restricted or abrogated so as to ensure the proper discharge of their duties and the maintenance of discipline among them.

34. Restriction on rights conferred by this Part while martial law is in force in any area.—Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Part, Parliament may by law indemnify any person in the service of the Union or of a State or any other person in respect of any act done by him in connection with the maintenance or restoration of order in any area within the territory of India where martial law was in force or validate any sentence passed, punishment inflicted, forfeiture ordered or other act done under martial law in such area.

35. Legislation to give effect to the provisions of this Part.—Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution,—

(a) Parliament shall have, and the Legislature of a State shall not have, power to make laws—

(i) with respect to any of the matters which under clause (3) of article 16, clause (3) of article 32, article 33 and article 34 may be provided for by law made by Parliament; and

(ii) for prescribing punishment for those acts which are declared to be offences under this Part,

and Parliament shall, as soon as may be after the commencement of this Constitution, make laws for prescribing punishment for the acts referred to in sub-clause (ii);

(b) any law in force immediately before the commencement of this Constitution in the territory of India with respect to any of the matters referred to in sub-clause (i) of clause (a) or providing for punishment for any act referred to in sub-clause (ii) of that clause shall, subject to the terms thereof and to any adaptations and modifications that may be made therein under article 372, continue in force until altered or repealed or amended by Parliament.

Explanation.—In this article, the expression “law in force” has the same meaning as in article 372.

Citizens For Democracy (CFD)

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY:

The name of the society shall be 'Citizens for Democracy.'

2. AREA OF OPERATION OF THE SOCIETY:

The Society shall operate in India.

3. LOCATION:

The registered office of the society shall be located at 4-2-5/6, 2nd Floor Ramannapeta, 1st Line, Koratipadu, Guntur - 522007.

4. AIMS:

1. To impart knowledge about the importance of democratic institutions especially the electoral process and the role of citizens in it.
2. To strive for strengthening of institutions crucial for functioning of democracy.
3. To promote pro-active citizenship to strengthen grass-root democracy.

5. OBJECTS:

The objects to be pursued by the society shall be as under.

1. To impart knowledge about importance of election process, adult franchise to the general public.
2. To create general awareness about the importance of free and fair elections and transparent elections as a fundamental principle as enshrined under the Constitution of India.
3. To promote free and fair elections and inculcate in voters at large the principles of citizens obligations and active citizen participation.
4. To promote people's enrollment as voters and their exercise of franchise.
5. To promote free and fair elections for achieving the free expression of the will of the people, to educate public at large about the governance and democratic values with special emphasis on transparent, inclusive, accountable and equitable opportunities to compete in the elections and research to conduct all types of seminars and other related activities.
6. To assist Government, Government Institutions, Election Commission of India and State Election Commission, Universities, other public Institutions and Organizations by providing information, statistics, conducting surveys, preparing and furnishing comprehensive reports and promoting the electoral process


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amongst the public at large and envisaging about the importance of right to exercise adult franchise, and to promote the electoral code of morality for the betterment of the society at large.

7. To be a centre for Research, documentation and information dissemination on all aspects of Elections in the country and to act as a forum of advocacy for the formulation and implementation of policies, Plans and programs.
8. To recruit, employ, appoint required technical, financial, administrative and other manpower for the functioning of the society and to pay them from the funds of the society. To buy required equipment and furniture.
9. To negotiate and enter into agreements and contracts with any entity for technical, financial or any other such assistance for carrying out all or any of the objects of the society.
10. To undertake any other activity incidental to further the cause of above objects.

5. GENERAL BODY:

The General body of the society shall consist of all the members of the society.

6. MANAGEMENT:

The Management of the society shall vest in an Executive Committee consisting of the following seven Members.

Name of the office Bearers & S/o, W/o, D/o	Age	Designation in the society	Occupation	Residential address
Justice Bhavani Prasad Gradhi S/o. Kesavarama Murthy Grandhi	72 Y	President	Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Former Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh	Villa No.41, Empire Insignia, Behind Ara Maisamma Temple (Kalimandir), Peerancheru, Bandlaguda Jagir Municipal Corporation, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad - 500 091
Sri. Gopala Rao Tatipaka S/o. Durgaiiah Tatipaka	81Y	Vice President	IAS (Retired)	7-1-2/D FF, Shantibagh Apts, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500 016
Sri. Ramesh Kumar Nimmagadda S/o. N. Ravindranath Chowdary	67Y	General Secretary	IAS (Retired)	D.No.2-54A, Station Road, Satue of Subhash Chandra Bose, Railpet, Duggirala, Guntur District - 522 330
Sir. Vallamreddy Lakshmana Reddy S/o. V. Venkata Subba Reddy	68Y	Joint Secretary	Retired Lecturer in Economics	3A Park Villa Apartment, 10 th Lane, Syamalanagar Guntur -522006


General Secretary

Sri. Erukondla Phalguna Kumar S/o. Veeraswamy Naidu	68Y	Treasurer	Chartered Accountant	1-5-599/2, Balaji Colony, Govt working women hostel, Tirupati, S.V. University, Chittoor - 517 502
Sri. Venkata Krishnarao Maddala S/o. Chandra Rajudora Maddala	72Y	Executive Member	IPS (Retires)	Plot No.191, Road No.21-A, Prasasan Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Shaikpet, Film Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 096
Sri. Venkata Subramanyam Lanka S/o. L Siva Rama Krishna Sastry	63Y	Executive Member	IAS (Retired)	Plot No.116, Road No.72, Prashasan Nagar, Shaikpet, Hyderabad - 500 033.
Sri. Syed Abdul Sayeed S/o. Syed Mahboob	68Y	Executive Member	Retired Professor	Flat No.1404, T-14, Prajaya Megapolis, Kukatpally, Near Fortune fields, Kukatpally - 500 072
Sri. Yedukondalu Malikala S/o. Penchalaiah	58Y	Executive Member	Former Chief Engineer-South Central Railway General Manager-L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad	Plot No.49, Dhana Lakshmi Society, Mahendra Hills, East Marredpally, Nehru Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 026
Sri. Raghu Pervela S/o. Papayyapantulu Pervela	68Y	Executive Member	IRS (Retired)	E-602, Myhome Abhra Apts, Hitech City, Opp Inorbit Mall, Gachibowli, Serilingampally, K V Ranga Reddy - 500 032
Smt. Nirupama Rani .K D/o. Late K.P.N. Swamy	68Y	Executive Member	Professor	1-118-1/1, Sector 12, MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam 530017
Sri. Nakkala Rangaiah S/o. Venkata Swamy NAKKALA RANGAIAH	79Y	Executive Member	Professor (Retired)	26-44-5/8, 2 nd Lane, Venkataramana colony, Guntur 522006
Sri. Jandhyala Shankar S/o. Dakshina Murthy Jandhyala	88Y	Executive Member	Ex. Mayor vijayawada	29-12-1, Venkataratnam Street, Suryarao Pet, Vijayawada (Urban). Buckinghampet, Krishna - 520002


General Secretary

Sri. Chiranjeevi Das Manda Sp. M.V. J. Bhukta	79y	Executive Member	Professor and Management Consultant	54-14/8-5, Main Road, Opp: Vinayaka Theatre, Bharathi Nagar, Vijayawada Krishna - 520008.
Sri. D. Soma Sundar Sp. D. Vinata Raju	66y	Executive Member	Senior Journalist	1-34-25, Viratraj Street, Kadakata road, Tadepalli Gudam, West Godavari - 534107.

7. AMENDMENT:

No amendment or alteration of Memorandum of Association with respect to (a) Change of objects or name of the society; or (b) to amalgamate itself with any other society; or (c) to divide itself into two or more societies, shall be made unless it is approved by its General body through a 'special resolution' i.e. with a 3/5th majority of its members present at a special meeting convened for the purpose.

Provided that upon obtaining registration under section 12AA and/or section 80G of the Income tax Act, 1961, such amendments/alterations shall be carried out with the prior consent of the concerned Director (Exemptions) / or any other concerned officer as may be specified by the Income tax authorities from time to time.

Every alteration in the memorandum of association or in the Bye-Laws of the society shall be intimated to the concerned Registrar of societies.


8. DISSOLUTION:

Upon dissolution of the society, after disposal and settlement of the property of the society and its claims and liabilities, if there are any surplus assets, such assets shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the society but shall be transferred to some other society or institution with similar objects.

9. ESSENTIAL CERTIFICATES:




We the following members of the Executive Committee certify that:

- (i) The society is formed with a 'no profit' motive and no commercial activities are involved in it.
- (ii) No Remuneration will be paid to the office bearers from the funds of the society.
- (iii) The society would not engage in agitational activities to ventilate grievances
- (iv) The office bearer's signatures are genuine.


General Secretary

DECLARATION:

We the undersigned persons have formed into an association and responsible to run the affairs of the Association are desirous of getting the same registered under Societies Registration Act.

Name of the office Bearers & S/o, W/o, D/o	Age	Designation in the society	Occupation	Residential address	Signature
Justice Bhavani Prasad Gradhi S/o. Kesavarama Murthy Grandhi	72 Y	President	Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Former Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh	Villa No.41, Empire Insignia, Behind Ara Maisamma Temple (Kalimandir), Peerancheru, Bandlaguda Jagir Municipal Corporation, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad - 500 091	
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Sri. Yedukondalu Malikala S/o. Penchalaiah	58Y	Executive Member	Former Chief Engineer-South Central Railway General Manager-L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad	Plot No.49, Dhana Lakshmi Society, Mahendra Hills, East Marredpally, Nehru Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 026	
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Witness :-

Signature: 
 Naresh Kumar Chande
 S/o. Late odayah Chande
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BYELAWS
OF
CITIZENS FOR DEMOCRACY

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY:

The society shall be known as 'Citizens for Democracy'

2. ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY:

The Registered office of the Society will be situated at 4-2-5/6, 2nd Floor Ramannapeta, 1st line Koratipadu, Guntur - 522007

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- (i) membership or addition of new members shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- (ii) membership in the Executive Committee of any member may be revoked through a resolution in the General Body on grounds of health, unsoundness of mind or actions repugnant to the objectives of the Society or on grounds of conduct unbecoming of a member.
- (iii) Whenever a member desires to resign from membership of the Executive Committee or to the general body it shall take effect on its acceptance by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- (iv) The society shall have only one category of members.
- (v) The annual membership fee of the members shall be decided by executive committee from time to time and the same shall be paid by the members within 60 days of the commencement of the financial year.

4. FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL BODY:

- (i) The General Body shall provide overall policy guidance and directions for the efficient functioning of the society in fulfilling its objects as laid down in the Memorandum of Association.
- (ii) It shall meet at least once in every financial year in the month of September excluding the financial year in which it is incorporated / registered.
- (iii) It shall consider and adopt the annual audited accounts of the society and report of the activities of the society presented by the Executive Committee.
- (iv) It shall approve the Annual Action Plan and budget for the ensuring year.
- (v) It shall elect the Executive Committee for the society once in five years.
- (vi) It shall appoint the auditors for the society.

5. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall have the power:


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- (i) To undertake all activities necessary for the fulfillment of the objects as laid down in the Memorandum of Association.
- (ii) To expand the strength of its membership
- (iii) To approve and recommend to the General Body to add, modify or amend the Memorandum of Association and these bye-laws provided that all such additions, modifications or amendments shall be aimed at promoting the objects of the Society.
- (iv) To remove a member on the grounds as it deems fit.
- (v) To acquire movable and immovable properties by purchase, lease, hire or otherwise, to construct, alter and maintain them, and to dispose them as it deems fit.
- (vi) To approve and recommend for adoption by the General Body the annual report and the annual audited accounts of the society
- (vii) To approve and recommend the appointment of the auditors of the society and fix their remuneration.
- (viii) To meet at least once in every calendar quarter
- (ix) To convene a General Body meeting within thirty days of receipt of a requisition for convening a meeting signed by at-least one third of the members of the society and any such requisition shall contain the proposed agenda and the reasons for such meeting.
- (x) To borrow / raise funds for the fulfillment of its objects, wherever necessary and to invest the funds of the society in bank deposits and other securities.
- (xi) To accept donations, transfer of assets, devolutions for the fulfillment / furtherance of its objects
- (xii) To recruit, employ, appoint required technical, financial, administrative and other manpower for the functioning of the society and to pay them from the funds of the society.
- (xiii) To negotiate and enter into agreements and contracts with any entity for technical, financial or any other such assistance for carrying out all or any of the objects of the society.
- (xiv) The members of the Executive Committee shall be duty bound to attest the signatures of all the members of newly elected Executive Committee and to see that the said signatures of the out going Committee tally with the annual list as filed with the Register of societies before 15 days of the succeeding month in which elections were held

6. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE OFFICE BEARERS:

President:

The functions and powers of the President of the Executive Committee are:

- I. To convene / call meetings of the Executive Committee
- II. To preside over the meeting of the Executive Committee and General Body and to have a casting vote in case of a tie.
- III. To decide on the exclusions from the minutes of the meeting and sign the minutes


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- IV. To accept resignation of the member of General Body / Executive Committee when offered

VICE-PRESIDENT:

He shall assist the president in discharging his duties. In the absence of the President he shall perform the duties of the President as entrusted by him.

SECRETARY:

- I. He is the Executive Officer of the society and custodian of all records relating to the society and correspondent on behalf of the society.
- II. He has to record and maintain all minutes of the meetings of the society
- III. to convene the meetings of Executive Committee and General Body of the society with the permission of the President.
- IV. He shall guide the treasurer in preparing the budget and expenditure statement of the society.

JOINT SECRETARY:

- I. He has to do the work as entrusted by the executive
- II. committee.
- III. He has to assist the Secretary in discharging his duties.
- IV. In the absence of the secretary, he shall perform the duties of the secretary.

TREASURER:

- I. He is responsible for all-financial transactions and funds of the society.
- II. He has to maintain accounts properly along with the vouchers
- III. He has to operate the bank accounts of the society jointly with the Secretary or President.

7. MEETINGS:

- (i) Meetings of the General Body and the Executive Committee shall be notified 7 days and 3 days in advance of the date set for the meetings respectively
- (ii) Quorum for the meetings of the General Body shall be 50% of the total members and that of the Executive Committee shall be 25% of the committee members.
- (iii) The agenda for the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be finalized by the General Secretary. Any member proposing an item for the agenda shall give notice thereof to the General Secretary 7 days in advance of the meeting.
- (iv) Each member of the General Body and the Executive Committee shall have one vote each and in the event of an equality of votes on any question, it shall be decided by the casting (additional)vote of the chairman.
- (v) The General Secretary shall keep a record / Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body. He shall communicate the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, signed by the President, to all the Committee members within 30 days from the date of the meeting.
- (vi) Any business required to be conducted by the Executive Committee may also be conducted by a resolution in writing circulated among all its members and any


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such resolution so circulated and approved by a majority of members signing shall be as effective and binding as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee.

8. FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY:

- (i) The banker / bankers of the Society shall be decided by the Executive Committee.
- (ii) All funds of the Society should be paid into Society's account with the said banker(s). The said bank account(s) shall be operated by the Treasurer with the joint signatures of either the President or the General Secretary.

9. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:

- (i) The Society shall keep at its registered office proper books of account in which should be entered accurately all sums of money expended by the Society and the object or purpose for which such sums are expended.
- (ii) The accounts of the Society shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant to be appointed by the General body.
- (iii) Every member of the Executive Committee shall have the right of inspection of accounts and registers maintained by the Society and proceedings of the meetings of the Society at any time during office hours.

10. ANNUAL REPORT :

An Annual Report of the proceedings of the Society and of all work undertaken during the year shall be prepared by the Executive Committee for the information of the members and shall be placed before the General Body of the Society at the Annual General Meeting.

Within 15 days after the holding of Annual General Meeting there shall be filed, with the Registrar of Societies (I) a list of names, addresses and occupations of the members of the Executive Committee; (ii) an annual report of the previous year;

11. PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY:

- (i) All property belonging to the Society shall be deemed to be vested in the Executive Committee of the Society but shall be referred to as 'the property of the Society'.
- (ii) The income and property of the Society shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects as set forth in the Memorandum of Association.

12. SUITS AND PROCEEDINGS BY AND AGAINST THE SOCIETY:

- (i) The Society is a body corporate with a separate legal entity and hence may sue or may be sued and may be represented by the General Secretary or any other officer authorized by the Executive Committee in this behalf


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- (ii) Every decree of order against the Society in any suit or proceedings shall be executable against the property of the Society and not against the person or the property of any officer or member of the Society.
- (iii) Every member of the Society may be sued or prosecuted by the Society for any loss or damage caused to the Society or its property or for anything done by him intentionally which is detrimental to the interests of the Society




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Ramesh Kandula


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Dr. N. Ramesh Kumar IAS Retd

To
The Election Commission
Nirvachan Sadan
New Delhi

Sir ,
Sub : Electoral rolls in AP
Anomalies - Suggestions

Citizens for Democracy (CFD) is a registered society under the Presidentship of Justice Bhavani Prasad (retd) formed by like minded and accomplished citizens ,to work for strengthening democracy at grassroots level, for bringing about greater citizen & voter awareness and to work for free and fair elections. These objectives s are aligned with the objectives of the ECI itself . The aims , objectives and the particulars of founders is enclosed .

CFD had its launch function at Vijayawada AP with Sri VS Sampath former CEC who enlightened about the various pro active measures taken by ECI towards free and fair elections.

CFD is seized of widespread concerns prevailing regarding the defects apparent and persisting in electoral roll preparation in AP despite several remedial measures taken by CEO AP which we are appreciative .

The root cause of the problem relates to enrolment of bogus voters as well as deletion of bonafide voters without following due procedure ie issue of Form - 14 with the active connivance of low level Govt functionaries ie village secretariat staff & village volunteers . The ECI is alive to the plight of a large number of migrant labourers and the consideration required not to delete them on grounds of non response or absence during visits of BLO ! The ECI itself is sympathetic of their hardship and came with initiatives ! These cases need to be dealt with special consideration.

Overall the Govt servants are acting under undue pressure either wilfully or otherwise . Added to this dimension is the spectacle village secretariat staff acting as BLO 's and village secretaries playing an active role behind the scenes . At the outset it would appear that most of them have neither the experience nor the maturity to deal with a critical matter of dealing with an important issue involving right to vote .



**CITIZENS *for*
DEMOCRACY**

(Regd. vide 313 of 2023 Societies Act)

It is pertinent to point out that the State Election Commission of AP had taken a conscious decision in the recent past to keep out volunteers from election process after due application of mind that they are partisan and have a motive to promote political interests . The same holds good for village secretariat staff as well particularly in the light of recent C& AG observations which castigated the village secretariat functioning as violative of 73 rd & 74 th amendments . The Govt had just announced that the village secretariat staff and volunteers are going to be part of a major outreach programme from 11 th October for one month in which all the political functionaries of the ruling YSRCP party are involved . This is a political programme to further political prospects .

Prima facie it would appear that a substantial number of genuine Form 7's already filed are not disposed off on merits . At the same time bulk Form 7 's are filed for political ends by circumventing the limits prescribed . At the same time deletions are effected in a substantial number of cases without following due procedure despite protests .

The CDF is appreciative of the Anantapur district episode which was taken due note by ECI . This is not an isolated case in as much as the malice has spread wide !

Unless electoral rolls are cleaned up , the ends of free and fair elections advocated by ECI will not be served . The cleaning up of electoral rolls is to be initiated immediately as elections are underway !

The solution CDF would like to offer is to keep volunteers and village secretariat staff completely away from electoral roll preparation process due to their tainted background and deep rooted political affiliation . If the complaints are referred back to the same machinery, ends of justice will not be served at all . They are the root cause behind many of these complaints .

In the past teachers who are experienced and impartial were entrusted with this responsibility and complaints were non existent largely . They are a tested & reliable machinery and it's not known why they are deliberately kept away at present .

The CFD is of the considered view to bring back teachers to deal with all the pending and unresolved complaints so as to restore the sanctity to electoral roll preparation . Unless timely measures are resolutely taken , the election process in AP will be significantly flawed .

CFD urges immediate corrective steps and set at rest the serious doubts that are persisting in the minds of the electorate , the media and public at large .

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Dr N Rameshkumar Ias Retd
& former SEC AP
Secretary - CDF

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department–Positioning of Volunteers @ one per around 50 households in the State to ensure leak proof implementation of Government Programmes/ Schemes –Orders –Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MDL-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.104

Dated:22.06.2019

Read:

From the Commissioner, PR & RD, Tadepalli, Guntur
Note/Letter.No.575/RWS/2019, dated:11.06.2019.

ORDER:

Government is committed to revamp delivery systems in the State with an aim to improve living standards of the people through the concept of **NAVARATHNALU** as core theme of governance. In order to operationalize Navarathnalu, Government intends to deploy Volunteers in rural areas for delivering Government Services **at door step of all eligible households irrespective of Caste/Creed/Religion/Gender and political affiliation**. This system will ensure **leak proof implementation of Government Programmes/Schemes**. The objective of positioning Village Volunteers is to ensure timely and transparent services, **to eliminate the corruption at all levels of administration**. Village Volunteers will identify the problems being faced by anybody in his jurisdiction and the same will be brought to the notice of Gram Panchayat and then get them resolved.

2. Accordingly, the Commissioner, PR & RD has submitted proposals on procedure for selection, imparting training and positioning of the Volunteers and requested to permit for commencing the process for selecting Volunteers @ one per around 50 households in the State **by 15th August, 2019**. Further, he has also requested to permit him to incur an expenditure of Rs.13.50 Cr. (Rupees Thirteen Crores and Fifty Lakhs Only) for recruitment and training and Rs.1,200 Cr. (Rupees One thousand Two Hundred Crores Only) per annum for payment of honorarium to positioned volunteers @ Rs.5,000 /- per volunteer per month. He has formulated the following guidelines for positioning of Village Volunteers.

I. NOTIFICATION:

The Notification shall be issued in Telugu in two Telugu Daily News Papers by the District Collectors concerned.

II. NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS:

The Number of volunteers shall be arrived by the respective District Collectors.

III. ELIGIBILITY:

The applicant must belong to the village/Gram Panchayat for which she/he is applying.

IV. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant must pass Intermediate (or) its equivalent exam in plain areas whereas 10th Class or its equivalent pass in Agency/ Tribal Areas.

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- V. RESERVATION:**
Rule of reservation is applicable as per the rules in vogue. 50% of posts within each category may be considered for women. **ROR** will be applicable considering Mandal as a unit.
- VI. AGE:**
The applicant shall have 18 years of age as on 30-06-2019 and shall have not exceeded 35 years.
- VII. HOW TO APPLY:**
The candidates shall apply online through Website link <http://gramavolunteer.ap.gov.in>
- VIII. METHOD OF SELECTION:**
All eligible applicants shall be called for interview by the Selection Committee consisting of MPDO/Tasildhar/EO(PR&RD). The letter of engaging the services of selected Village Volunteers will be issued by the Chairman of the Selection Committee, i.e. MPDO.
- IX. HONORARIUM:**
The selected applicants will be engaged as volunteers by Gram Panchayat on honorarium basis for the services rendered. Each volunteer will be paid performance based honorarium of Rs.5,000/- per month.
- X. TRAINING:**
Two days induction training will be imparted to all selected volunteers at Mandal Level.
- XI. POSITIONING:**
Positioning and Commencement of work by Village Volunteers in the village shall start from **15th August, 2019**.
- XII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF VILLAGE VOLUTEERS:**
Roles and responsibilities of Village Volunteers will be determined by the Commissioner, PR&RD, AP.
- XIII. MAPPING OF VILLAGES FOR VOLUNTEERS:**
Mapping of Village dividing into territorial units @ 1 unit for 50 Households contiguously by the committee consisting of MPDO/Tasildhar/EO (PR&RD).
- XIV. REVIEW MECHANISM/PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL:**
MPDO at Mandal Level and Panchayat Secretary at Village Level will monitor the performance of village volunteers at frequent intervals.

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XV. PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE CUM GRIEVANCE CELL:

Performance appraisal at District Level will be done by the District Collector as Chairman.

XVI. PROVISION FOR DISCHARGE:

Any Village Volunteer who is not able to provide satisfactory services shall be discharged from the duties.

XVII. TENTATIVE TIME LINE:

1	Notification inviting applications	23/24-06-2019
2	Receipt of application	24-06-2019 to 05-07-2019
3	Scrutiny of applications	By 10-07-2019
4	Interviews by Selection Committee	11-07-2019 to 25-07-2019
5	Intimation letters to selected Volunteers.	01-08-2019
6	Induction and training programme	05-08-2019 to 10-08-2019
7	Positioning of volunteers	15-08-2019

3. Government after careful consideration of the proposal, hereby permit the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development to take necessary action of placing one Volunteer for nearly 50 households by 15th August, 2019 and to incur expenditure for recruitment process and training along with payment of honorarium. The positioned volunteer shall be paid honorarium @ Rs.5,000/- per month. Training shall be imparted to all volunteers. The Commissioner, PR&RD is requested to issue detailed guidelines in the matter immediately.

4. This order is issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department, vide their U.O.No.1/Fin.(FMU-PR&RD)/2019, Dt.18.06.2019.

5. A copy of this order is available in the Internet and can be accessed at address: <http://www.goir.ap.gov.in>.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**L.V.SUBRAHMANYAM
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner, PR & RD Department, AP, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

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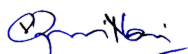
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The PS to Principal Secretary, PR&RD Department, Secretariat, Velagapudi.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

General Administration Department - Insertion of a New Department i.e. "Department of Gram Volunteers/Ward Volunteers and Village Secretariats /Ward Secretariats" into the First Schedule of the Andhra Pradesh Government Business Rules,2018 - Amendment - Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (CABINET-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 33

Dated: 13-04-2020
Read:

G.O.Ms.No.156, General Administration (Cabinet.II) Department,
Dated:21.12.2019.

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ORDER:-

In the G.O. read above, Government have created a new department i.e., "Department of Gram Volunteers/Ward Volunteers and Village Secretariats /Ward Secretariats".

2. In the exercise of the powers conferred by the clauses (2) and (3) of article 166 of the Constitution of India, read with sub rule (2) of rule 5 of the Andhra Pradesh Government Business Rules, 2018 the Governor of Andhra Pradesh here by make the following amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Government Business Rules,2018.

AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, in First Schedule, under Sector VI (Local Bodies Sector), after the entry (2) Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, the following shall be added, namely:-

"(3). Department of Gram Volunteers/Ward Volunteers and Village Secretariats/Ward Secretariats".

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NILAM SAWHNEY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

All the Departments of the Secretariat.

All the Heads of Departments.

All the District Collectors.

The Finance (BG) Department.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, AP, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.

The PS to the Prl.Adviser/Prl. Secretary/Secretary/Addl. Secretary/
OSD. to Chief Minister.

The PS to the Chief Secretary to Government.

The PS to the Prl. Secretary to Govt.(Poll.).

The PS to the Secretary to Govt.(GWS)

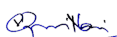
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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

DEPARTMENT OF GV/WV & VS/WS - Constitution of a Committee for delegation of authorities to the staff of Village/Ward Secretariats by different departments for providing services to the citizens at their door steps effectively - Orders – Issued.

**DEPARTMENT OF GRAM VOLUNTEERS/WARD VOLUNTEERS
AND VILLAGE SECRETARIATS/WARD SECRETARIATS**

G.O.RT.No. 2

Dated: 14-08-2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.104, PR&RD (MDL-I) Dept., dt.22.6.2019
2. G.O.Ms.No.20, MA&UD (UBS) Dept., dt.23.6.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.110, PR&RD (MDL-I) Dept., dt.19.07.2019.
4. G.O.Ms.No.217, MA&UD (UBS) Dept., dt.20.07.2019.

ORDER:

In the G.Os read above, Government have established Gram/Ward Volunteers and Village/Ward Secretariat system for effective implementation of welfare programmes and improve delivery of services at the doorsteps of citizens in a transparent and corruption free manner. Accordingly, Gram/Ward Volunteers were appointed and Village/Ward Secretariat functionaries positioned. The purpose of creation of Village & Ward Secretariats system is to ensure that services to citizens are available at door step and for this purpose it is felt necessary that different Departments delegate authorities of approving services to the staff of Village/Ward Secretariats.

2. Whereas, a large number of persons who have joined in different positions in Village & Ward Secretariats are either holding technical/professional bachelors degrees or post graduates. The Hon'ble Chief Minister desires that their capabilities are fully harnessed to provide citizens with services at their door steps by using latest technologies such as data security, cloud computing etc. can be optimally utilized.

3. After careful examination of the entire issue, Government hereby constitute a committee for delegation of authorities to the staff of Village/Ward Secretariats by different departments for providing services to the citizens at their door steps effectively, with the following Members:-

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| 1) Chief Secretary to Govt. | - Chairperson |
| 2) Chief Commissioner of Land Administration | - Member |
| 3) Principal Secretary to Govt., PR&RD Dept. | - Member |
| 4) Secretary to Govt., ITE&C Dept. | - Member |
| 5) Secretary to Govt., MA&UD(UBS) Dept. | - Member |
| 6) Principal Secretary to Govt.
Dept. of Gram Volunteers/Ward Volunteers and
Village Secretariats/Ward Secretariats | - Convenor |

4. The Committee shall study and submit the report within 14 days from the date of issue of this order to Government, positively.

5. The Commissioner & Director, Gram Volunteers/Ward Volunteers and Village Secretariats/Ward Secretariats shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT. (FAC)

To:

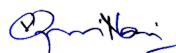
- 1) The Chief Secretary to Govt. A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
- 2) Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Govt of A.P.
- 3) Principal Secretary to Govt., PR&RD Dept. Govt of A.P.
- 4) Secretary to Govt., ITE&C Dept. Govt of A.P.
- 5) Secretary to Govt., MA&UD(UBS) Dept. Govt of A.P.
- 6) Principal Secretary to Govt.
Dept. of Gram Volunteers/Ward Volunteers and
Village Secretariats/Ward Secretariats, Govt of A.P.
- 7) The Commissioner & Director, Gram Volunteers/Ward Volunteers
and Village Secretariats/Ward Secretariats, Govt of A.P.

Copy to:

P.S to the Principal Secretary to C.M
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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Department of Gram Volunteers / Ward Volunteers and Village Secretariats / Ward Secretariats – Awarding the services to M/s Raminfo Limited, Vijayawada, as Field Operating Agency (FOA) for Training, Coordinating and Monitoring Gram Ward Volunteers / Secretariat functionaries in AP at the cost of Rs.68,62,84,585/- (Rupees Sixty eight crore sixty two lakhs eighty four thousands five hundred and eighty five only) inclusive of taxes for a period of One (01) year – Post-facto Administrative approval – Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF GRAM VOLUNTEERS / WARD VOLUNTEERS & VILLAGE SECRETARIATS
/ WARD SECRETARITS

G.O.RT.No. 13

Dated: 31-05-2021.
Read the following:

1. Lr.No.ITC51-20021/27/2019-APSDC-APTS, dated 23.12.2019 from Managing Director, APTS, Vijayawada.
2. From the Commissioner & Director, GV/WV& VS/WS, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.3/VSWS/FIN/2020, Dt:25.05.2021

ORDER:

In circumstances explained by the Director, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada in the letter 2nd read above, and after careful examination of the matter Government hereby accord post-facto administrative approval to M/s Raminfo Limited, Vijayawada for Training, Coordinating and Monitoring of Gram / Ward Volunteers & Village / Ward Secretariat functionaries in AP at the cost of Rs.68,62,84,585/- (Rupees Sixty eight crore sixty two lakhs eighty four thousands five hundred and eighty five only) inclusive of taxes for a period of One (01) year from March, 2020. The cost includes development of Portal and its Operation & Maintenance for next four (04) years as per the Notification Awarded to them as Field Operating Agency (FOA) by Andhra Pradesh Technology Services Limited, Vijayawada vide reference 1st read above.

2. The Director, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

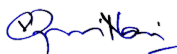
(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
The Commissioner & Director, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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ANNEXURE P-7GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Dept., of GV/WV & VS/WS - Awarding the services to M/s Raminfo Limited, Vijayawada, as Field Operating Agency (FOA) for Training, Coordinating and Monitoring Gram Ward Volunteers / Secretariat functionaries in AP – Extension of the Contract period for one more year from 01.03.2021 to 28.02.2022-Orders-Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF GRAM VOLUNTEERS / WARD VOLUNTEERS & VILLAGE SECRETARIATS / WARD SECRETARIATS

G.O.RT.No. 16

Dated: 29-07-2021.

Read the following:-

1. Notification award (NoA) No:ITC51-20021/27/2019-APSDC-APTS, Dt:22.11.2019.
2. G.O.Rt.No.13, Dept., of GV/WV & VS/WS, Dt:31.05.2021.
3. From Project Director, Field Operation Agency, Raminfo Limited, Plot No: 40-1-1-91, Khanna Nagar, Vijayawada, Krishna District – 520010 Letter Dated: 19-01-2021.
4. From the Commissioner, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada, Lr.No.13/1/2021-GWS, Dt:09.04.2021.
5. From the Director, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada e-File.No. GWS01-COOR0MISC/12/2021-GWS (Computer.No.1434857).

ORDER:

In the reference 1st cited, M/s APTS issued Notification of Award (NoA) to M/s Raminfo Limited (along with 2 Consortium Members M/s Vupadhi Techno Services Pvt., Ltd., and M/s Max Detective and Guarding Services Pvt., Ltd) for "Field Operations Agency (FOA) for Training, Coordinating and Monitoring Gram /Ward Volunteers and Village / Ward Secretariats in AP".

In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have issued post-facto Administrative approval to M/s Raminfo Limited, Vijayawada for Training, Coordinating and Monitoring of Gram / Ward Volunteers & Village / Ward Secretariat functionaries in AP at the cost of Rs.68,62,84,585/- (Rupees Sixty eight crore sixty two lakh eighty four thousand five hundred and eighty five only) inclusive of taxes for a period of One (01) year from March, 2020. The cost includes development of Portal and its Operation & Maintenance for next four (04) years. The term of the contract period was expired on 28.02.2021.

In the reference 3rd read above, the Project Director, Field Operation Agency, Raminfo Limited, Vijayawada, has requested to extend the contract period for one more year.

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The Director, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada in his letter 4th read above, has recommended for the extension of the contract period vide clause 5.2 of the Agreement for one more year without any reduction in personnel as the agency has preformed significant work in training the volunteers regularly over the duration of the contract. In case of their absence, the department would be left with no alternative to train the Staff which is paramount as there are numerous Government benefits which are being delivered to the public through the volunteers.

After careful examination of the matter and continuation of the orders issued in the G.O. 2nd read above, Government hereby extend the contract period to M/s Raminfo Limited, Vijayawada with an estimated cost of Rs.67.50 Crores for one more year from 01.03.2021 to 28.02.2022.

The Director, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FMU0MISC/201/FMU. PR&RD, RWS.2021, dt.18.07.2021 (Computer No.1417636).

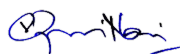
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AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Director, GV/WV & VS/WS, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Project Director, Field Operation Agency, Raminfo Limited, Plot No: 40-1-1-91, Khannna Nagar, Vijayawada, Krishna District – 520010.
Copy to:
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for MA & UD.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for PR & RD.
The PA to Prl. Secy., to Govt., Dept., of GV/WV & VS/WS.
The PA to Addl. Secy., to Govt., Dept., of GV/WV & VS/WS.
The Finance (FMU-PR&RD) Dept.,
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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Department of GVWV & VSWS – Village Secretariats – Proper Coordination between Gram Panchayats and Village Secretariats – Delegation of Authorities to certain functionaries – Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF GRAM VOLUNTEERS/ WARD VOLUNTEERS & VILLAGESCRETARIATS/
WARD SECRETARIATS

G.O.MS.No. 2

Dated: 25-03-2021

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.104, PR&RD (Mdl.I) Dept., Dated:22.06.2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.110, PR&RD (Mdl.I) Dept., Dated:19.07.2019
3. G.O.Ms.No.149, PR&RD (Mdl.I) Dept., Dated:30.09.2019
4. G.O.Ms.No.150, PR&RD (Mdl.I) Dept., Dated:30.09.2019
5. G.O.Ms.No.156, GA (Cabinet-II) Dept., Dated:21.12.2019.
6. G.O.MS. No.33 GA (Cabinet-II) Dept., Dated 13.04.2020.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders were issued for positioning of Volunteers @ one for around 50 households on honorarium basis in the rural are as to ensure leak proof implementation of Government programmes / Schemes at the door steps of people with utmost transparency.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Village Secretariats were established for providing “Last Mile Delivery” of State Government schemes to all eligible beneficiaries on saturation basis, irrespective of caste, creed, religion, region, gender and political affiliation. Further, to ensure that the living standards of the citizens are augmented on a continual basis, through the concept of NAVARATHNALU, requisite systems and processes were established for an impactful, transparent and timely service delivery at the village level.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Government issued Job Chart of Panchayat Secretary. In the reference 4th read above, Government issued Job Chart of Panchayat Secretary, Grade – VI (Digital Assistant).

4. In the reference 5th and 6th read above, Government of Andhra Pradesh established GVWV & VSWS Department, which shall act as an integrated institution for building capacities and ensuring real-time monitoring of newly positioned volunteers and secretariat functionaries for service delivery to the citizens.

5. The primary objective of GVWV & VSWS Department is to monitor and streamline the activities of newly established administrative setup, with targeted focus towards strengthening secretariats and empowering Village/Ward Secretariat functionaries. The State Government constituted 15,004 secretariats, as an extension arm of the State Government, for implementation of various Government schemes/ services. The Secretariats are servicing across 13,000 plus villages and 120 ULBs in the State. With over 1.34 Lakhs Village/ Ward Secretariat functionaries and 2.66 Lakhs Volunteers engaged in this new set-up, the Department is monitoring service delivery of over 543 plus services to the citizens.

6. Government of Andhra Pradesh envisions the Secretariats to become “One Stop Solution” to address all the requirements of the citizens and address grievances pertaining to service delivery. The Department foresees to augment the service delivery by adopting citizen-centric service delivery model by including below services:

- i. Set up Aadhar Centers, Branch post offices, facility of Sub- Registration in all Secretariats etc.
- ii. GOI services with necessary tie-ups with CSC and other institutions and augmenting service delivery by providing services related to Passport, B2C etc.

7. It was felt that there is a need for proper coordination between the local Gram Panchayat and the Village Secretariat(s) which serves as an extension arm of the State Government since the Secretariats provide around 543 plus services relating to various State Government Departments. The roles and responsibilities of the various Village Secretariat functionaries need to be defined properly so as to ensure proper coordination between the Gram Panchayat and the Village Secretariat(s). This Department has conducted multiple deliberations with various Line Departments like Agriculture, Panchayat Raj, Municipal Administration, Revenue, Energy etc. and also with District Collectors and District Level Officers of some of the Districts to ensure better convergence and coordination between Gram Panchayat and Village Secretariat(s).

8. To ensure better service delivery through the Village Secretariats and to ensure better coordination between Gram Panchayat and Village Secretariat(s) in public interest, the Director, GVVV & VSWS has proposed certain modifications in the references (2), (3) and (4) read above regarding the Executive, Drawing and Disbursement and Administrative Functions of Functionaries in the Village Secretariats.

9. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Director, GVVV & VSWS Department and taking into consideration the views expressed by the Line Departments, District Collectors and District level officers, in partial modification of the GOs issued in the references (2), (3) and (4) read above hereby issues the following orders so as to ensure better service delivery and coordination between Gram Panchayat and Village Secretariat(s) in public interest.

- i. **Executive functions:** Panchayat Secretary shall act as Executive Officer of the Gram Panchayat and shall function as a Link Officer between Gram Panchayat and Village Secretariat(s).
- ii. **Drawing and Disbursement functions and Coordinator for implementation of Government Schemes:**
 - a. Panchayat Secretary (I to V) shall act as a Drawing and Disbursement Officer (DDO) for himself/ herself and existing Panchayat Staff (regular / outsourcing / contractual staff) of Gram Panchayat.
 - b. Village Revenue Officer (VRO) shall act as a DDO for all the Functional Assistants in the Village Secretariat including Digital Assistant, except the Panchayat Secretary (Grade I to V) and existing Panchayat Staff (regular / outsourcing / contractual staff).
 - c. VRO shall act as a Drawing and Disbursement Officer for drawing and disbursing of honorarium to the Grama Volunteers.
 - d. VRO shall also act as a Coordinator for activities related to service delivery of Government Schemes and shall ensure effective implementation of State Government schemes / services being rendered by Village Secretariats.
- iii. **Administrative Functions:**
 - a. All Village Functional Assistants including Digital Assistants, except Panchayat Secretary (Grade I to V) and existing Panchayat Staff(regular/ outsourcing/ contractual staff), shall seek approval of Casual Leave from the respective Head of the concerned Department at the Mandal level and Casual Leave application shall be routed through VRO.
 - b. Sarpanch is the competent authority to sanction Casual Leaves of Panchayat Secretary (I to V) and existing regular Panchayat Staff of Gram Panchayat.

9. The Director, GVVV & VSWS Department, HODs of concerned Departments and the Chief Executive Officer, APCFSS are requested to take necessary action.

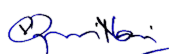
(BY ORDER IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Vijayawada.
All Special Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of all Departments.
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli.
The Director of GVVV & VSWS, Auto Nagar, Vijayawada.
The CEO of APCFSS, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
All HODs of Departments.
Copy to:
The OSD to Secy., to CM.
The PS to Chief Secretary.
The PS to Hon'ble Minister for PR&RD
The PS to Hon'ble Minister for MA & UD
The PS to Hon'ble Minister for Revenue

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NEWS

Return of FC funds to Panchayats demanded

Prakasam Zilla Panchayat Sarpanchula Sangam demands the government for cancellation of the memo issued for the collection of electricity charges from their own funds and finance commission funds

HANS NEWS SERVICE ONGOLE

PRAKASAM Zilla Panchayat Sarpanchula Sangam staged a protest in front of the Collectorate here on Monday and submitted a representation to the Collector demanding the State government to return the funds to a tune of Rs 8,630 crore withdrawn from the 14th and 15th Finance Commission funds immediately. They also demanded the government to release the share of panchayats in the taxes and cesses pending from 2019 and continue providing free electricity to minor panchayats as given earlier by the former Chief Ministers.



Sarpanches of various panchayats in Prakasam district staging a protest in front of the Collectorate in Ongole on Monday

Speaking at the protest, sarpanches leaders G Veerabhadrachari, R Sandhya, Ramasubbareddy, Y Rajasekhar Reddy, Atmarao, Bolineni Nageswara Rao and others said that since the elections held for panchayats in the State, the government didn't release even a single rupee to panchayats but withdrawn 14th and 15th Finance Commission

funds of Rs 8,629.79 crore released to 12,918 panchayats across the State from 2018-19 to 2021-22 to utilise for its schemes, without the knowledge or authentication of the sarpanches. They said the government even didn't release Rs 4,041 crore funds from 15th Finance Commission for 2022-23 and 2023-24. They said that the government has to release about Rs 3,000 crore as the share of

the panchayats in the taxes and cesses and demanded immediate release. They complained that the government is running a parallel system through its party by appointing volunteers, village secretariat, grihasaradhi system, and secretariat conveners and hijacking the panchayats' rights and powers against 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments. They demand-

ed the government continue the earlier system of releasing NREGA funds to panchayats directly to facilitate sarpanches and gram sabha to decide the works to be taken up under the scheme. They also demanded the government for cancellation of the memo issued for the collection of electricity charges from their own funds and finance commission funds.

SFI demands free books, midday meals for Junior college students

HANS NEWS SERVICE ONGOLE

SFI Prakasam district unit took out a rally and staged a protest in front of the Collectorate here on Monday. Speaking at the protest, SFI district secretary Ch Vinod said that by showing Amma Vodi beneficiaries, the government has stopped midday meals immediately after coming into power and now stopped free textbooks distribution also.

Vyavasaya Karmika Sangam district secretary Kanakanala Anjaneyulu said that by cancelling the aided education system, the government has forced poor students from Markapuram and Giddalur region away from free education.



SFI Prakasam district unit members staging a protest at the district Collectorate in Ongole on Monday

Koulu Rythu Sangam district secretary V Balakotaiah alleged that the failure of the government in appointing teachers in junior colleges and model schools was the reason for the failure of many students in the last academic year. The speakers

demanded the government to immediately distribute free textbooks and start midday meals in government junior colleges, establish government junior colleges in Markapuram and Giddalur, extend Amma Vodi to every student, establish a hostel for

every government junior college and increase Rs 2000 in mess charges, provide free bus passes for day scholars, and immediately recruit the qualified in the vacant teaching, non-teaching and principals posts in the government junior colleges.

World IVF Day celebrated

HANS NEWS SERVICE VIJAYAWADA

WORLD IVF Day was celebrated at Oasis Fertility here on Monday to emphasise the importance of fertility consultation and the possibilities of parenthood through advanced technologies.

Dr Sujatha Vellanki, Clinical Head and Fertility Specialist,

launched Ask Oasis Fertility, which is an interactive knowledge platform powered by AI that will serve as an eye-opener for fertility-challenged couples. Ask Oasis Fertility is exclusively designed to provide accurate and in-depth information for all fertility-related queries.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sujatha Vellanki stated that 10 million+ babies have been born

through IVF. "Therefore, I urge couples to consult a fertility specialist if they cannot conceive. Ask Oasis Fertility is a user-friendly AI-powered interactive chatbot that can alleviate all doubts related to infertility. Eating a healthy diet, regular exercise and proper sleep are highly essential to increase the chances of conception. And if you wish to postpone childbearing, opt



Karunasri, Dr Sujatha Vellanki and B Vinod of Oasis Fertility inaugurating the artificial intelligence-powered chatbot Ask Oasis in Vijayawada on Monday

for social freezing as fertility decreases with age," she said.

TTD Srinivasa Kalyanams evoke huge response in US, Canada

HANS NEWS SERVICE VIJAYAWADA

ALL THE 14 TTD Srinivasa Kalyanams performed in North America evoked a huge response from NRI devotees in USA. The splendid Kalyanams were organised in Morganville (NJ), Houston (TX), and Irving (TX) on July 15, 16 and 22.

Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu Society (APNRTS), an entity of government of Andhra Pradesh, working under the state government providing services to AP NRIs, closely coordinated with the TTD and NRI Telugu Cultural and Spiritual organisations for conducting Srinivasa Kalyanams.



TTD Srinivasa Kalyanams performed in Houston

Local volunteers made arrangements on a grand scale for these events along with providing boarding and lodging facilities for the visiting TTD priests & Vedic pundits. In a press release on Monday, APNRT Society president Venkat S Medapati stated that 14 Srinivasa Kalyanam events concluded successfully in US and Canada. He said the TTD Srinivasa Kalyanams organised and conducted across

14 cities in two countries and nearly 60,000 NRI devotees participated in these events. TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy, who participated in some of these events, said that 36 Kalyanam events have been organised over the last 13 months across various countries and that more than 1.5 lakh NRI Hindu devotees and locals participated in the events and sought Lord's blessings.

Gurram Jashuva remembered

HANS NEWS SERVICE GUNTUR

MINISTER for Water Resources Ambati Rambabu recalled the efforts made by the veteran poet and writer Gurram Jashuva to check unavailability through his literature. Following Jashuva's footsteps is a real tribute to him, he added. The Minister paid tributes to the statue of Gurram Jashuva on the occasion of his 52nd death anniversary at Nagarampalem Centre here on Monday.

YSRCP district president Dokka Manikya Vara Prasad said the State government has taken steps to construct Gurram Jashuva Audito-



Water Resources Minister Ambati Rambabu, YSRCP district president Dokka Manikya Vara Prasad, Gurram Mirchi Yard chairman Nimmakayala Rajnarayana and others paying tributes to poet and writer Gurram Jashuva in Guntur on Monday

rium and set up a library in Guntur city and keep books written by him in the library. He recalled that Gurram Jashuva was born in Vinukonda of Palnadu district,

which is erstwhile Guntur district. Guntur Mirchi Yard chairman Nimmakayala Rajanarayana, YSRCP leaders and others participated in the programme.

Disaster management training prog commences



APSDMA Director Dr B Ambedkar with NIDM and other officials and trainers in Vijayawada on Monday

HANS NEWS SERVICE VIJAYAWADA

ANDHRA Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) Director Dr B Ambedkar and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) senior programme officer Dr Kumar Raka stated that the country has taken rapid strides in disaster management field in the last few decades and emerged as a global leader, especially in terms of early warning system and specialised search and rescue handling. Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) Centre (South Campus), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India, is organising 'Training Programme on Engaging Youth and Adolescent in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation' at NDRF 10th Bn in Kondapavuluru of Gannavaram in Krishna district from July 24 to 28. They stressed that the essence of this programme is to train the trainees, who are working with youths, the agents of change in society, enabling and empowering them with a youth-oriented,

child-centric, gender-sensitive and disability-inclusive DRR & CCA regime so that the agenda of Sendai Framework and also Prime Ministers' 10 point agenda on DRR may be achieved at the earliest. About 45 officials from Women and Child Welfare, Police, NDRF, SDRF, Education, NYKS, Fire Dept and APSB Bn are attending this training programme. During this inaugural, APSDMA Director Dr B Ambedkar highlighted the vulnerabilities of the State with various disasters like cyclones, floods, heat waves and lightning. He also discussed the objectives of APSDMA stressing more participation of youths in DRR trainings for enhanced capacity building of new generation. He also requested NIDM to continue with similar training for different level officials. The training programme is being organised under the aegis of NIDM Executive Director Rajendra Ratnoo, CCDRR, Prof Santosh Kumar of NIDM Project, and 10th Bn NDRF Commandant Zahid Khan. NIDM South Campus Joint Director Col PS Reddy, NIDM faculties Dr Balu I, Ranjan Kumar and Nazia participated.

Jagan diluted panchayat raj system, alleges BJP

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BJP State general secretary Vishnu Vardhan Reddy criticised that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has diluted Panchayat Raj system by introducing ward volunteers. He said sarpanches have no powers in the YSRCP government.

Addressing the media here on Monday, Vishnu Vardhan Reddy recalled that 13,000 sarpanches belong to YSRCP and alleged that the

State government diverted Rs 7,650 crore panchayat raj department funds to other accounts. He demanded the State government to release a white paper on funds released to the panchayat raj department. He urged the government to regularise the services of ward volunteers. Central labour welfare board chairman Valluru Jaya Prakash Narayana, BJP State general secretary Sivannarayana, State secretary Maganti Sudhakar Yadav were present.

Govt ready to discuss Manipur issue: Shah

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Modi also appealed to all Chief Ministers to further strengthen the law & order mechanism in their states and take the most stringent action, especially in cases of crime against women. "Be it an incident in Chhattisgarh or Manipur, in any corner of the country or any

state ruled by anybody, the majesty of the law and dignity of women should be upheld," he said. The Opposition parties have stepped up protests both inside and outside Parliament over their demand for a statement by the Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on the Manipur situation.

Cong blames govt for logjam

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In a tweet, Ramesh said the Parliament did not function for the third day because of the 'continued refusal' of the Modi government to accept the demand of INDIA parties for a comprehensive statement by the Prime Minister in the House on the post-May 3rd situation in Manipur to be followed by a discussion.

"INDIA parties are only reflecting the sentiments of the people of Manipur and indeed of our country," he said. "Why is the PM running away from speaking inside the House?" he added.

Before the start of the proceedings, Ramesh said, "The

third day of the monsoon session of Parliament begins today. INDIA's demand is straightforward. The prime minister should make a comprehensive statement on the horrific post-May 3 developments in Manipur after which a discussion would take place to express our collective sense of pain, anguish and desire for reconciliation." "No 5D drama that PM does to escape responsibility in such situations: He denies, distorts, diverts, deflects and defames. Will he rise to the occasion? Manipur is waiting. The nation is watching," the Congress general secretary said.

Scanty rainfall may hit kharif

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Farmers have to suffer hardships if the deficient rainfall continues in the state.

In all, 14 districts registered deficient rainfall. Only Krishna and Alluri Sitaramajuru districts registered excess rainfall this rainy season. The Rayalaseema region received lesser rains compared to the Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

According to the Meteorological department, 14 districts have registered a deficient rainfall. Anakapalli, East Godavari, NTR

district, Palnadu, Prakasam, Potti Sriramulu Nellore district and West Godavari districts in the coastal Andhra have recorded deficient rainfall. In the Rayalaseema region, Anantapur, Annamayam, Chittoor, Kurnool, Nandyal, Sri Satyasai, Tirupati and YSR districts recorded deficient rainfall. Tirupati district received only 77 mm rainfall against the normal rainfall of 160 mm from June 1 to July 24. It received 52 per cent less rainfall compared to the normal rainfall. East Godavari district registered only 194 mm rainfall against the normal rainfall of 292 mm since June 1 and it is 34 per cent less than the normal rainfall. Palnadu district received 30 mm deficient rainfall, Nellore district 39 per cent deficient rainfall, West Godavari 30 per cent deficient rainfall. Annamayya district received 35 mm deficient rainfall. It received only 87 mm rainfall against the 133 mm normal rainfall. Kurnool district received only 110 mm rainfall against the normal rainfall of 154 mm. YSR district received only

85 mm rainfall against the normal rainfall of 137 mm. On the other hand, only two districts recorded excess rainfall this rainy season. Krishna district recorded 381 mm rainfall against the normal rainfall of 270 mm. Alluri Sitaramajuru district received 450 mm rainfall against the normal rainfall of 368 mm. Bapatla, BR Ambedkar Konaseema, Eluru, Guntur, Kakinada, Parvathipuram Manyam, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, and Vizianagaram districts received normal rainfall.

YSRCP district president Dokka Manikya Vara Prasad said the State government has taken steps to construct Gurram Jashuva Auditorium and set up a library in Guntur city and keep books written by him in the library. He recalled that Gurram Jashuva was born in Vinukonda of Palnadu district,

Karnataka HC judges get death threat

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According to the complaint filed by PRO K Muralidhar, he received a call and messages from an international number at 7 pm on July 12. The message in Hindi, Urdu and English allegedly threatened to kill him and six judges of the Karnataka High Court -- Justices Mohammad Nawaz, HT Narendra Prasad, Ashok Nijagannavar, HP Sandesh, K Natarajan, and Veerappa.

The threat messages also demanded a ransom of Rs 50 lakh from Muralidhar and also provided a Pakistani bank account number with 'ABL Allied Bank Limited' to deposit the ransom amount. The message sender also threatened K Muralidhar that if the money was not transferred, six judges of the court would be killed by a 'Dubai gang'. They also shared a few mobile numbers claiming 'Yah Indian hamare apne shooter hain (these are our Indian shooters)."

Amaravati is for all, not just elite: CM

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"The day will remain special and have a permanent chapter in the history of Andhra Pradesh as the poor have achieved social justice after a three-year-long legal battle," he said and declared that Amaravati is home for all henceforth. Gone are the days of capitalists' domination over the weaker sections and the change, backed by the Government, will continue for good in the future too. TDP president Chandrababu Naidu and his sponsored organisations filed 18 petitions in the High Court and five petitions in the Supreme Court with the aid of 'foster son' Pawan Kalyan and friendly media opposing distribution of house site pattas, he said.

TDP and its friendly media wanted NRIs to settle in the Amaravati region by opposing construction of houses for the poor, he said adding they want the poor to remain poor forever.

The most disgusting thing is they went to the apex court unabashedly claiming that distribution of house site pattas in Amaravati would endanger the demographic balance. "What is worse is that they took it as their heroism. We have never seen such moral degradation and dirty politics," he said. "For the last three years, the Government has been fighting a war over the evil forces that were opposing all good things and reforms being done for the poor," he said. The Government is spending Rs1,829.57 crore on this project, out of which Rs 1,371.41 crore will be incurred for the construction of houses and Rs 384.42 crore will be spent towards infrastructure facilities like roads, electricity and drinking water. Once the construction is over, the worth of each house will go up to around Rs 12 lakh, he said, formally handing over the house sanctioning papers to the beneficiaries.

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'Real-Time' Governance in AP: How Data Collection Is Raising Privacy Concerns

Personal information collected from every household by village volunteers has reportedly been susceptible to leaks.

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In [Andhra Pradesh](#), statements from actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan have put a deep spotlight on village volunteers, who are being accused of collecting [personal information](#) from every household.

Andhra Pradesh has developed a system of village volunteers similar to banking correspondents or Common Service Centre agents, who provide digital government services. Unlike Common Service Centres or Aadhaar Kendras, where one has to go



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are part of the last-mile governance setup, and also function as local tax collectors and provide support for several other governance activities.

But primarily, they are an integral part of a type of governance called "real-time governance."

'Real-Time' Governance in AP: How Data Collection Is Raising Privacy Concerns

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Real-time governance, as a system, has evolved and been experimented with in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh since 2014. Promoted by ex-UIDAI Chairman and bureaucrat J Satyanarayana, real-time governance involves real-time collection of information to facilitate a predictive form of governance.

In this setup, the government creates 360-degree profiles of every resident with an Aadhaar and provides them with everything they are entitled to – from subsidies to solving their broken electricity metres.