

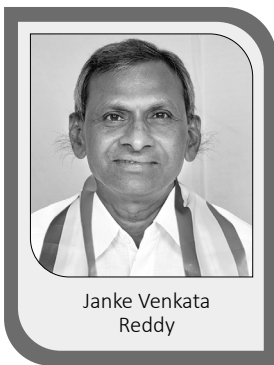
REDDY COMMUNITY RULES MARKAPURAM CONSTITUENCY

NARESH NANDAM ONGOLE

WHOEVER is the Chief Minister of the State, the voters in Markapuram Assembly constituency are about to continue the tradition of electing a Reddy MLA for the twelfth consecutive time.

The Markapuram Assembly constituency has existed since the 1952 elections. The constituency consists of Konakanamitla, Podili, Tarlupadu and Markapuram mandals. In the 2019 elections, 1,78,712 voters used their right to vote and elected Kunduru Nagarjuna Reddy of YSRCP against Kandula Narayana Reddy of the Telugu Desam Party. Nagarjuna Reddy received a total of 92,680 votes and a majority of 18,667 votes against Narayana Reddy.

The Markapuram constituency is dominated by Reddys, followed by Muslims, Vysyas, SCs and BCs. Of the 15 elections held, Reddys won 11 times as the MLA of the constituency. While the Congress party used to be the most preferred in Markapuram, the TDP influenced the voters



Janke Venkata Reddy



Kandula Narayana Reddy



Kunduru Nagarjuna Reddy



Sri Lakshmi Chennakesava Swamy temple

only two times since its inception. After the YSR Congress Party was established, the locals supported its candidates and elected them as MLAs in 2014 and 2019.

Kunduru Nagarjuna Red-

dy, the present MLA of the Markapuram constituency, and his brother Krishna Mohan Reddy face many allegations like land grabbing, occupying government land, and corruption. Though

Nagarjuna Reddy is expecting the ticket this time, the chances are meek.

The YSRCP district in-charge and former MLA Janke Venkata Reddy is also expecting the ticket

and is said to have almost convinced of the party. Meanwhile, Peddireddy Suryaprakash Reddy, an expelled leader of YSRCP, is also trying to convince the top leadership of the party that he is the ideal candidate.

He claims that his fight against the Nagarjuna Reddy brothers over land grabbing and the agitation in support of the Makapuram district would fetch more votes.

Even if the YSRCP is not ready to offer the ticket to him, he is prepared to contest as a YSRCP rebel at Markapuram. The TDP in-charge of the constituency and former MLA Kandula Narayana Reddy is the official candidate of the party.

Markapuram was once famous for the slate industry. The industries used to export the slates to Singapore, Japan and other countries. Now, as the demand for slates has fallen, the number of industries has also reduced from over 300 to less than 10. The rain shadow area is mostly dependent on the borewells for agriculture and tankers for drinking water supply.

2024 will be 'Rythu, Mahila, Yuvata Nama Samvatsaram': CM

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

CHIEF MINISTER A Revanth Reddy on Sunday said the government is determined to take 2024 as the 'Rythu, Mahila, Yuvata Nama Samvatsaram'

Wishing people of the State a Happy New Year, he said people's rule has been ushered in with the cooperation of all. "We have made people involved in governance, removed the barricades and iron fences, restored democracy and guaranteed freedom to citizens. We have started implementing two of the six guarantees; the remaining will be implemented next year," he sought to assure them.

Asserting that future of youth was its priority, Reddy said the government was planning to provide advanced technical knowledge to them. "The government is thinking of revamping the

- Conveys New Year greetings to people; tells them not to believe fake campaign, propaganda
- White paper soon on corruption in irrigation



education system from basic to advanced. It is ready to fulfil all promises made to people.

The CM said the government was revamping the administration which was not active during the previous regime. "The systems are being re-arranged as per aspirations of people". He recalled that the 'Pravasi' programme was being taken up in Praja Bhavan.

Reddy said the government had brought out facts by releasing white papers on the finance and power sectors; soon a white paper would be brought out to bring out corruption in the irrigation sector. Stating that lakhs of people have waited for ration cards, pensions and house-sites for the last ten years, 'soon their aspirations would come true'. 'Everyone who is eligible would get fruits of welfare. Some mischievous persons out of jealousy and envy are indulging in fake campaigns and propaganda. Don't get confused. This is not the rule of the past... this is rule of people. The government is accessible to every citizen and its doors are open for 24 hours'.

The CM said insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh for the welfare of auto workers and unorganised workers was being offered. He assured to provide solutions to problems being faced by journalists.

KIRIBATI, NZ, OZ FIRST NATIONS TO RING IN 2024

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The celebrity-filled event will include live performances from Flo Rida, Megan Thee Stallion and LL Cool J, as well as televised appearances from Cardi B and others. Organizers said in-person attendance is expected to return to pre-COVID levels, even as foot traffic around Times Square remains down slightly since the pandemic.

Security will also be heightened across France on Sunday, with 90,000 law enforcement officers set to be deployed, do-

mestic intelligence chief Céline Berthon said Friday. Of those, 6,000 will be in Paris, where French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said over 1.5 million people are expected to attend celebrations on the Champs-Élysées. New Year's Eve celebrations in the French capital will center on the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, including DJ sets, fireworks and video projections on the Arc de Triomphe, highlighting "changes in the city and faces of the Games," according to the press service of the City of Paris.

Share Ram creations using hashtag 'ShriRamBhajan'

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He also urged people to share their creations on social media using hashtag 'ShriRamBhajan'. The Prime Minister acknowledged that people have composed various new bhajans and poems on Lord Ram and Ayodhya and urged them to share all of these using #ShriRamBhajan on social media.

"There is excitement and enthusiasm in the entire country in connection with

the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. People are expressing their feelings in a multitude of ways. You must have noticed that during the last few days, many new songs and new bhajans have been composed on Shri Ram and Ayodhya. Many people are also writing new poems. There are many experienced artists in it and new emerging young artists have also composed heartwarming bhajans. I have also shared some songs and

bhajans on my social media. It seems that the art world is becoming a participant in this historic moment in its own unique style," Modi said during the show.

"One thing comes to my mind... could we all share all such creations with a common hash tag? I request you to share your creations on social media with the hashtag Shri Ram Bhajan ('#ShriRamBhajan)," he added.

ISRO to launch XPoSat on New Year's day

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An astrophysicist at the IIT Bombay, Dr Varun Bhalerao informed that through this mission, the ISRO aims to "decipher the stellar remnants or corpses of dead stars".

Dr Varun Bhalerao said,

"This is only the second mission of its sophisticated class after NASA's 2021 mission named Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer or IXPE. The mission will try to decipher the stellar remnants or corpses of dead stars."

XPoSat will use X-

ray photons and their polarisation to study the radiation near black holes and neutron stars.

India's third launch in less than a year will also unravel the mysteries of the ultra-extreme environments that one sees in space.

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We have to maintain the same spirit and momentum in 2024 as well."

Noting that 2024 was just hours away, Modi said India's achievements are the achievements of every Indian and "we have to continuously work for the development of India keeping in mind the 'Panch Pran'.

"Whatever work we do, whatever decision we make, our first criterion should be what will the country get from it; what benefits it will bring to the country. 'Rashtra Pratham' - Nation First - there is no greater mantra than this," he asserted.

"Adhering to this mantra, we Indians will make our country developed and self-reliant. May you all reach new heights of success in 2024, may you all stay healthy, stay fit, and stay immensely happy - this is

my prayer. In 2024, we will once again discuss the new achievements of the people of the country," Modi said.

During the broadcast, the PM listed several achievements and highs the country experienced in various spheres this year.

He pointed out that the record business on Diwali proved that every Indian is giving importance to the mantra of 'vocal for local'. "Even today many people are sending me messages pertaining to the success of Chandrayaan-3.

I am sure that, like me, you too feel proud of our scientists and especially women scientists," he said.

"When 'Natu-Natu' won the Oscar, the whole country rejoiced with fervour. Who would not have been happy to hear about the honour accorded to the 'The Elephant Whisperers'? Through them

the world saw the creativity of India and understood our bonding with the environment," Modi said.

He pointed out that this year Indian athletes also performed marvelously in sports with Indian players winning 107 medals in Asian Games and 111 medals in Asian Para Games. "Indian players won everyone's heart with their performance in the Cricket World Cup. The victory of our women's cricket team in the Under-19 T-20 World Cup is very inspiring. The achievements of players in many other sports added to the glory of the country," Modi said.

Now Paris Olympics will be held in 2024, for which the whole country is encouraging its players, he added. "Whenever we made efforts together, it has had a very positive impact on the development journey of our

country. We experienced successful campaigns such as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Meri Mati Mera Desh'. We are all witness to the participation of crores of people in them. Construction of 70,000 'Amrit Sarovars' is also our collective achievement," he said.

Modi said he has always believed that the development of a country, which does not give importance to innovation, stops. "India becoming an innovation hub is a symbol of the fact that we are not going to stop. In 2015, we were ranked 81st in the Global Innovation Index, today our rank is 40th," he pointed out.

Modi also underlined that this year, the number of patents filed in India was high, of which about 60 per cent were from domestic funds. This time the highest number of Indian universities

had been included in the QS Asia University Rankings, he said. "If we start making a list of these achievements, it can never be completed. This is just a glimpse of how effective India's potential is, we have to take inspiration from these successes of the country; these achievements of the people of the country; take pride in them, make new resolves," Modi said.

He stressed that when India turns developed, the youth will benefit the most. "But the youth will benefit more when they are fit," he said. "Nowadays we see how much talk there is about lifestyle-related diseases, it is a matter of great concern for all of us, especially the youth. For this 'Mann Ki Baat', I had requested all of you to send inputs related to Fit India. The response you people have given has filled me with enthusiasm," the PM said.

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QR code fraud targets Ayodhya devotees

HANS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

WITH weeks left for the grand Ram Temple consecration in Ayodhya, a racket involved in deception and fraud in the guise of collecting donations for the construction from the devotees has come to light, leading to a call for action by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP).

The right-wing body has even issued a warning on social media asking people not to fall prey to the scam and exposing a cybercriminal network circulating social media messages soliciting donations.

The incorporation of QR codes enables criminals to swindle money through a simple scan-and-pay process.

The scam came to light after reports of social media messages and phone calls urging individuals to donate to the temple. One recipient of such a call shared the



number with VHP workers, leading to a revelation of the fraudsters' tactics.

VHP spokesperson Vinod Bansal sounded the alarm, underscoring that the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, the trust responsible for overseeing the temple's construction, has not authorized any individual or group to collect funds on its behalf. The matter has been officially reported to the home min-

istry, with notifications sent to police authorities in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

In a statement, Bansal expressed concern about the "ugly" attempts to exploit the auspicious occasion for fraudulent gains. He emphasized, "Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Nyas has not authorized anyone to collect funds. I have written to the home ministry, Uttar Pradesh DGP, and Delhi's

Commissioner of Police, seeking strict action so that people do not fall prey to such frauds. People need to be careful too." He categorically stated, "This is an occasion for joy, we are sending out invitations. We will not accept any donation."

The VHP has released an audio clip of a recorded phone call, although the authenticity of it remains unverified. In the call, a VHP

worker posed as a potential donor, expressing the intent to contribute Rs 11,000, and reported that others in the village were also keen to make donations.

The alleged fraudster on the other end requested a WhatsApp number to send the QR code. To further deceive the caller, the scammer claimed to be documenting the names and contact details of donors, promising invitations to the Ram Temple once construction was completed. Shockingly, the fraudster introduced a divisive narrative, alleging a conflict between Hindu and Muslim societies hindering temple construction and justifying the collection of donations.

The QR code scam has become increasingly common with scammers making people scan a malicious QR code or deceive people by making them think it is for a dedicated purpose.

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Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Janigorla Nageswara Rao (Borrower) Jarnagala Koteswara Rao (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHKHA00001278016	Plot No 19 Madhura Nagar Road No 4 Khammam Khammam Municipal Corporation And Dist Plot No. 19 Khammam Telangana-507001	Rs. 50,33,861/- December 15, 2023	44,08,008/- Rs. 4,40,810/-	January 08, 2024 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	January 19, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website ([URL Link- https://BestAuctionDeal.com](https://BestAuctionDeal.com)) of our auction agency **Globe Tech**. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **January 18, 2024 before 05:00 PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

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Date : **January 01, 2024**
Place : **Khammam**

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