

## **Condemnation by Concerned Citizens from across 18 States of India and Demand for Immediate and Exemplary Action**

### **Attack on Head Priest of Sri Chilkur Balaji Temple by Members of Ram Rajyam**

74 Concerned citizens from 18 states from across India came together on Change.org to strongly and unequivocally condemn the dastardly attack on Dr. C.S. Rangarajan, Head Priest of Sri Chilkur Balaji Temple near Hyderabad in Telangana State. The attack was by a group of over 20 persons led by Veera Raghava Reddy of Society of Ram Rajya who entered the house of Dr. Rangarajan on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and seriously manhandled and landed blows on him and he had to be treated for internal injuries at a hospital as per the Press release by Dr. M. V. Sounderarajan.

The Press Release continues to say that “a few individuals who proclaimed themselves as descendants of the Ikshwaku Clan and want to form Rama Rajya in which they create private armies to punish the people who do not accept their mission or agenda have not understood the concept of Constitutional Rama Rajya”.

The Concerned Citizens asserted that this is unthinkable and an extremely dangerous development where a renowned and highly respected Priest of a most revered temple is assaulted and forced to follow an agenda that is unacceptable to him. If such trends are allowed to continue, common people can become exposed to unprecedented violence making society unsafe and unlivable for all

They demanded that The Home Minister of India and The Chief Minister of Telangana should initiate immediate and exemplary action against all members of Society for Rama Rajya who were involved directly or indirectly and all such extremist movements and actions should be contained immediately by the State and Central Governments in the interest of people, society and the country.

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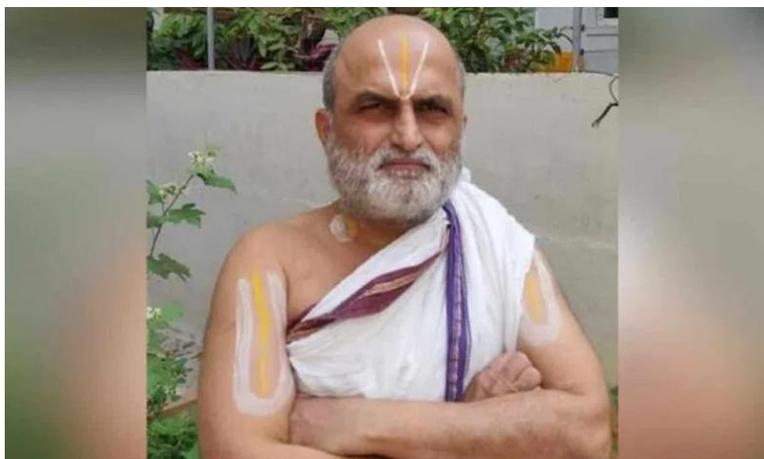
### **56 concerned citizens from 18 States condemn attack on Chilkur head priest**

If such trends are allowed to continue, common people can become exposed to unprecedented Violence, making society unsafe and unliveable for all, they say

**Hyderabad:** A total of 56 concerned citizens from 18 States across India on Monday came together on the Change.org platform to strongly and unequivocally condemn the attack on Dr

CS Rangarajan, the head priest of [Chilkur Balaji Temple](#), said the founder of Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA), Mazher Hussain.

A few individuals who wanted to create private armies to punish the people who do not accept their mission/ agenda have not understood the concept of Constitutional Rama Rajya, the concerned citizens in the press release said.



## **THE HINDU**

### **Citizens condemn attack on Chilkur Balaji temple head priest**

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A group of 56 citizens from 18 States across the country came together on change.org to condemn the attack on C.S. Rangarajan, the head priest of Chilkur Balaji Temple, near Hyderabad.

The citizens expressed deep alarm over the incident, describing it as an “extremely dangerous development” where a respected religious figure is subjected to violence for not adhering to a particular agenda. They warned that if such extremist activities go unchecked, society could descend into unprecedented violence, endangering public safety.

In their appeal, they urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to take immediate action against all the people involved in the attack. Additionally, they called for stringent measures to curb extremist movements that threaten the peace and security of the country.

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## THE TIMES OF INDIA

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### Citizens demand action after attack on Chilkur priest

Hyderabad: In response to the attack on CS Rangarajan, head priest of Chilkur Balaji temple, 56 citizens from 18 states rallied on Change.org within five hours, condemning the assault and demanding immediate action.

A statement from the group described the attack as "unthinkable" and "an extremely dangerous development," warning that unchecked extremist actions could put ordinary citizens at risk of violence.

The incident took place on Feb 7 when over 20 individuals, allegedly led by Veera Raghava Reddy from the Society for Rama Rajya, entered Rangarajan's residence and physically assaulted him. The priest sustained internal injuries.



The assailants claimed to be descendants of the Ikshwaku Clan and sought to impose their version of Rama Rajya through private militias, enforcing their ideology on those who do not conform. This interpretation of Rama Rajya distorts constitutional principles and poses a serious threat to social harmony," the statement added.

The group has urged the Union home minister and the Telangana chief minister to take swift and exemplary action against those responsible for the attack, as well as extremist movements that incite violence.

They emphasised the need for immediate govt intervention to safeguard public safety and uphold democratic values.

### CM assures action

On Monday, chief minister A Revanth Reddy made a phone call to CS Rangarajan and assured him that the police would take firm action against the accused. "I will take stringent action. You need not worry. I will also instruct the commissioner of police to follow up on the issue," Revanth told the priest.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/citizens-demand-action-after-attack-on-chilkur-priest/articleshow/118126513.cms>

## THE HINDU

### Six nabbed for attack on Chilkur Balaji temple priest

#### Politicians condemn attack on the pontiff

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Within 24 hours of reporting of the attack on C.S. Rangarajan, the priest of Chilkur Balaji temple, six persons have been nabbed so far by the Moinabad police.

The main accused, K. Veer Raghava Reddy, the self-proclaimed leader of 'Ram Rajyam' militia was arrested from his home in Manikonda on Saturday evening.

On Monday, five more persons allegedly involved in the attack on the priest were arrested by the police as the issue blew up with all the political parties and civil society leaders across the country condemning the attack.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy called up the priest to commiserate and promised stringent action against the attackers.

Meanwhile, a group of 56 citizens from 18 States across India created a petition on change.org to condemn the attack on C.S. Rangarajan. The petitioners expressed alarm over the incident, describing it as an 'extremely dangerous development' where a respected religious figure is subjected to violence for not adhering to a particular agenda.

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# DECCAN Chronicle

## Attack on Chilkur Balaji Temple Chief Priest: CM Orders Police to Nail Culprits Telangana DC Correspondent 10 February 2025 10:30 PM BJP, BRS and VHP demand stringent action against assailants

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. (DC file photo) Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy led the state in offering support to the chief priest of Chilkur Balaji temple Dr C.S. Rangarajan, who was attacked by some people, led by a person claiming to belong to the Rama Rajyam Society, on Sunday.

Talking to Rangarajan over the phone on Monday, Reddy asserted that such attacks on priests would not be tolerated. He ordered police officials to take stringent action against the assailants. Meanwhile, Telangana BJP president and Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, while condemning the attack, said that there was no place for physical attacks, threats and inhuman actions in the civil society. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao visited the Chilkur temple and met Dr Rangarajan. The Confederation of Voluntary Organisations Peace Network termed it as an extremely dangerous development. In a release, Mazher Hussain, executive director of the network, said, "If such trends are allowed to continue, common people will be subject to violence making the society unsafe." ( Source : Deccan Chronicle )

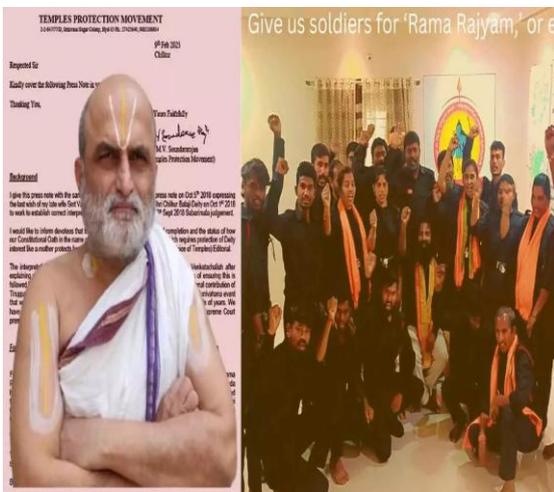
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"രാമരാജ്യം സ്ഥാപിക്കാൻ' ഹിന്ദുത്വ സംഘടനയുമായി സഹകരിച്ചില്ല; ചിൽക്കൂർ ബാലാജി ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലെ മുഖ്യ പുരോഹിതന് ക്രൂര മർദ്ദനം"

വീട്ടിൽ അതിക്രമിച്ചു കയറിയ കറുത്ത വസ്ത്രം ധരിച്ച ഇരുപതോളം പേരാണ് ബാലാജി ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലെ പ്രധാന പുരോഹിതനായ രംഗരാജനെ മർദ്ദിച്ചത്.

ഹൈദരാബാദ്: തലങ്കാനയിലെ ചിൽക്കൂർ ബാലാജി ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലെ മുഖ്യ പുരോഹിതന് തീവ്ര ഹിന്ദുത്വ സംഘടനാ പ്രവർത്തകരുടെ ക്രൂര മർദ്ദനം. ഫെബ്രുവരി ഏഴിന് വീട്ടിൽ

അതിക്രമിച്ചു കയറിയ കറുത്ത വസ്ത്രം ധരിച്ച ഇരുപതോളം പേരാണ് ബാലാജി ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലെ പ്രധാന പുരോഹിതനായ രംഗരാജനെ മർദ്ദിച്ചത്. സംഭവവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് കേസ് രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്ത മുഹൂനാബാദ് പൊലീസ് ഒരാളെ അറസ്റ്റ് ചെയ്തു.

രാമരാജ്യം' എന്ന് സ്വയം വിളിക്കുന്ന ഇക്ഷ്യാക്യ വംശത്തിൽപ്പെട്ടവരാണ് അവകാശപ്പെടുന്ന സംഘമാണ് ആക്രമണം നടത്തിയതെന്ന് രംഗരാജൻറെ പിതാവും ക്ഷേത്ര സംരക്ഷണ സമിതി കൺവീനറുമായ എം.വി സൗന്ദരരാജൻ പറഞ്ഞു. സായുധ സംഘങ്ങൾ രൂപീകരിച്ച് രാമരാജ്യം സ്ഥാപിക്കാൻ വേണ്ടി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നവരാണ് ഇവരെന്നും അവരുടെ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിന് തടസ്സം നിൽക്കുന്നവരെ ആക്രമിക്കുന്നതാണ് സംഘത്തിന്റെ രീതിയെന്നും സൗന്ദരരാജൻ പറഞ്ഞു.

സംഘടനയിലേക്ക് ആളുകളെ നികുട്ട് ചെയ്യാനും ഫണ്ട് കണ്ടെത്താനും സഹായിക്കണമെന്ന് രംഗരാജനോട് 'രാമരാജ്യം' പ്രവർത്തകർ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു. ഇതിന് വിസമ്മതിച്ചതാണ് തന്റെ മകൻ ആക്രമിക്കപ്പെടാൻ കാരണമെന്ന് സൗന്ദരരാജൻ പറഞ്ഞു.

സംഘടനയുടെ പ്രധാന നേതാവായ വീര രാഘവ റെഡ്ഡിയെയാണ് മുഹൂനാബാദ് പൊലീസ് അറസ്റ്റ് ചെയ്തത്. സർക്കാർ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്റെ ജോലി തടസ്സപ്പെടുത്തിയതിനും സ്ത്രീകളെ ശല്യം ചെയ്തതിനും ഇയാൾക്കെതിരെ നേരത്തെ കേസ് രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തിരുന്നുവെന്ന് പൊലീസ് പറഞ്ഞു. വരാനിരിക്കുന്ന ഹിന്ദു പുതുവർഷമായ ഉഗാദിയിൽ തങ്ങളുടെ രാമരാജ്യം സ്ഥാപിക്കുമെന്നാണ് സംഘടന അവകാശപ്പെടുന്നത്.

രാമരാജ്യം സ്ഥാപിക്കുക എന്ന ലക്ഷ്യത്തോടെയാണ് തങ്ങൾ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നത് എന്നാണ് ഇവരുടെ വെബ്സൈറ്റിൽ പറയുന്നത്. നിലവിലെ പൊലീസും നീതിന്യായ വ്യവസ്ഥയുമെല്ലാം അനീതിയെ സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നും ഇതിന് ധർമ്മം സ്ഥാപിക്കാനാവില്ലെന്നും ഇവർ പറയുന്നു. പ്രത്യേക പൗരന്മാരെയും സൈന്യത്തെയും നിയമപാലകരെയും സംഘം വിഭാവനം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

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