

RSS Should View Rahul’s Remarks on Women’s Representation with an Open Mind: Dr Anand Kumar

Bengaluru : Dr Anand Kumar, National Coordinator of the AICC Scheduled Caste (SC) Department and in-charge of Maharashtra, has urged the RashtriyaSwayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to consider Rahul Gandhi’s remarks describing it as a male-dominated organisation from a broader perspective, saying the debate should focus on women’s empowerment, equal opportunities and representation in leadership.

In a statement issued during Navaratri, Dr Kumar said women’s empowerment should extend beyond speeches, slogans and the worship of goddesses to ensure equal participation in decision-making, leadership and positions of authority. He alleged that the RSS had not provided adequate opportunities for women and oppressed communities, and questioned its historical position on the national flag, national



anthem and the freedom struggle. He also criticised what he described as the organisation’s adherence to Manusmriti-based ideology. Rather than dismissing Rahul Gandhi’s remarks as political criticism, senior leaders of the Sangh Parivar should examine the issues raised and consider whether organisational reforms were necessary, Dr Kumar said. He stressed that respecting women meant more than assigning them roles as followers or sup-

porters. Women should be recognised as leaders capable of making independent decisions and influencing organisational policies.

“Women’s participation and their authority to make decisions are two different things,” he said, arguing that the real measure of equality lay in the representation of women at the highest levels of leadership.

Dr Kumar said that while women in India were widely worshipped as embodiments of divine power, questions remained about the extent to which they enjoyed equal authority, independent decision-making powers and leadership opportunities in institutions. He said women associated with RSS-affiliated organisations participated in social activities and promoted their ideology, but their role in formulating policies, selecting leaders and shaping organisational strate-

gies needed closer examination.

The existence of separate organisations for women sharing the RSS ideology, he argued, did not by itself resolve questions about equal representation within the principal organisation. Greater clarity was needed on the responsibilities assigned to women and their participation in key decision-making processes.

Dr Kumar said the debate should extend beyond the RSS to include social organisations, religious institutions and public bodies. He called for a wider discussion on the gap between the cultural worship of feminine power and the practical empowerment of women. Education, employment, economic independence, property rights, political participation and access to leadership positions were important indicators of genuine empowerment, he said.

Bulgaria to Send Ministerial Delegation to Bengaluru in November to Explore Clean Energy Partnerships

Bengaluru: Bulgaria will send a high-level delegation comprising government ministers and senior officials to Bengaluru in November to explore partnerships with Karnataka in bioenergy, renewable energy and clean technology. The proposed visit, scheduled to coincide with the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS), was discussed during a meeting between Bulgarian Ambassador to India Dr. Nikolay Yankov and S.E. Sudheendra, Chairman of the Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board (KSDBB), in Bengaluru.

The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation through technology transfer, sustainable investments and joint initiatives in bioenergy and renewable energy. The two sides also explored opportunities to connect Bulgaria’s industrial biotechnology expertise with Karnataka’s biofuel research and demonstration infrastructure.

During the meeting, Sudheendra highlighted Karnataka’s efforts to promote international partnerships in the renewable energy sector. He referred to an 11-member delegation he led to Germany last year, during which discussions were held with senior diplomatic officials at the Consulate General of India in Frankfurt to explore opportunities for clean technology collaboration.



The German visit resulted in a memorandum of understanding with academic institutions, including Fachhochschule Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts. The delegation also facilitated an investment framework with Hamburg Invest, a German investment promotion agency, with a projected investment of Rs.1,000 crore in Karnataka’s bioenergy infrastructure.

Sudheendra said the German experience demonstrated the importance of combining diplomatic engagement, academic collaboration and private-sector investment to advance clean energy initiatives. Karnataka is prepared to adopt a similar approach to develop partnerships with Bulgarian academic institutions, industrial research centres and technology companies, he added.

Toyota launches mobile computer bus for digital literacy in Surat schools



Surat: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), in collaboration with the Surat District Panchayat, has launched ‘Toyota-E-Kaksha’, a mobile computer education programme aimed at improving digital literacy among students in government schools across the district.

The initiative was launched by Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi in the presence of Surat District Development Officer Devendra Prakash Meena and senior TKM officials.

Under the programme, a mobile classroom equipped with 21 computers, internet connectivity, educational software and interactive digital learning tools will travel to government schools, giving students hands-on exposure to information technology. It is expected to benefit 1,000 Class 8 students annually across 50 government schools, following an MoU signed between TKM and the District Panchayat on March 11, 2026. Sanghavi said digital literacy was essential for children’s future and stressed equal learning opportunities for students in urban and rural areas. He said the mobile classroom would bring computer education directly to government school students and strengthen the state’s efforts to improve education quality. Vikram Gulati, Country Head and Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, TKM, said access to technology should not be determined by a student’s school or geographical location.

Ramesh Babu urges Governor to make Lok Bhavan accessible to public

Bengaluru : Former Karnataka Legislative Council member Ramesh Babu has urged Governor Dr. Sudha Yadav to uphold constitutional values, promote social justice and strengthen public engagement with Lok Bhavan.

In an open letter congratulating the Governor on assuming office, Babu expressed hope that her tenure would be marked by impartiality, democratic accountability and inclusive development, with particular attention to the aspirations of backward classes, Dalits, minorities, women, farmers, workers and other disadvantaged sections.

He said Karnataka had a strong legacy of social reform, progressive thought and equality, and stressed



the importance of ensuring equal opportunities, dignity, representation and access to education and employment for historically disadvantaged communities. Babu also emphasised the need to respect the elected mandate and established constitutional conventions governing relations between the Governor and the elected State govern-

ment. Upholding constitutional morality, federalism, secularism and democratic accountability would help strengthen public confidence in democratic institutions, he said.

Recalling the initiatives associated with former Governor V.S. Ramadevi to make Raj Bhavan accessible to the public, Babu urged Dr. Yadav to continue and expand the practice of organising visits to Lok Bhavan.

Such visits, particularly for students, educational institutions, social organisations and citizens from different districts, would promote constitutional awareness and help younger generations understand the role of democratic institutions, he said.

Kia India opens skill development centre in Mumbai

New Delhi: Kia India, in partnership with the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC), has inaugurated an automotive skill development centre at Don Bosco ITI in Kurla, Mumbai, as part of an initiative to train 360 candidates across four cities.

Supported under Kia India’s CSR programme, the initiative aims to improve youth employability and develop an industry-ready workforce. The programme covers Mumbai, Faridabad, Bengaluru and Kolkata. Mumbai and Faridabad centres will be exclusively dedicated to Kia India, while Bengaluru and



Kolkata will also cater to other manufacturers.

The Mumbai centre will train 150 candidates in three roles—four-wheeler service technician, automotive service adviser and automotive sales executive. Faridabad will accom-

modate another 150, while Bengaluru and Kolkata will train 30 each. Training is free of cost and combines classroom instruction, hands-on sessions and workplace exposure.

Atul Sood, Senior Vice-President, Sales and

Marketing, Kia India, said skill development was essential for inclusive growth and the industry’s long-term advancement. The modules cover vehicle maintenance, diagnostics, repairs, customer advisory and automotive sales.

ASDC Chairperson Vinkesh Gulati said the initiative would help bridge the skills gap through industry-aligned training. FADA Vice-President Amar Sheth said automotive retail expansion required a steady supply of trained professionals. Kia India said the four-centre model is being implemented as a pilot, with potential for expansion to other locations.

Rising pollution, delayed diagnosis fuel growing asthma burden in India



New Delhi, : India is witnessing a growing burden of asthma cases, particularly in urban areas, with experts warning that poor awareness, delayed diagnosis and worsening air pollution are leaving many patients undertreated.

A nationwide study published in 2015 found that a majority of Indians diagnosed with asthma did not have their symptoms adequately controlled and experienced poor quality of life. Medical experts believe the actual number of asthma sufferers could be significantly higher, as many cases remain undiagnosed or are labelled under terms

such as “allergic bronchitis”, “seasonal bronchitis” or “chronic cough”.

Doctors point out that asthma symptoms

using inhalers has also contributed to underdiagnosis and lack of proper treatment. Contrary to common perception, asthma

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often fluctuate, especially in the early stages, leading many patients to underestimate the seriousness of the condition. The stigma associated with

does not always present as severe breathlessness. Experts say persistent coughing after viral infections, difficulty climbing stairs, discomfort in

closed spaces, wheezing at night and coughing triggered by strong smells such as perfumes or incense fumes can all indicate asthma.

Health professionals have expressed concern over deteriorating air quality in Indian cities, which is expected to aggravate respiratory illnesses. According to pollution data, cities like Mumbai recorded only a handful of days with “good” air quality during recent winter seasons. Pulmonologists warn that increasing pollution levels, sudden temperature fluctuations and extreme weather conditions are making asthma harder to control and could lead to a rise in cases in the coming years.

Medical experts emphasise that asthma diagnosis requires spirometry testing and cannot be confirmed solely through X-rays, CT scans or blood tests, which may often appear normal. They also stressed that inhaled corticosteroids, commonly used to treat asthma, are safe and effective in controlling symptoms and reducing hospitalisations and deaths linked to the disease. On the occasion of World Asthma Day, doctors urged people not to ignore recurring cough, wheezing or breathlessness and called for greater awareness and early diagnosis to prevent long-term complications.

Irregular bedtimes during midlife may increase heart disease risk: Study



Helsinki, : Frequently going to bed at different times during midlife could significantly increase the risk of serious heart problems later in life, according to a new study conducted by researchers at the University of Oulu in Finland.

The study found that people with highly irregular bedtimes, particularly those spending less than eight hours in bed, faced nearly double the risk of major cardiovascular events compared to individuals with more stable sleep schedules.

Researchers noted that irregular wake-up times, however, did not show a strong link with heart-related complications.

The cardiovascular events examined in the study included serious medical conditions such as myocardial infarction and cerebral infarction that require specialised treatment and hospital care. “Previous research has linked irregular sleep patterns to heart health risks, but this is the first time we’ve looked separately at variability in bedtime, wake-up time and the midpoint of the sleep period — and their independent associations with major cardiac events,” said postdoctoral researcher Laura Nauha from the University of Oulu. The researchers monitored sleep patterns using activity trackers that recorded the amount of time participants spent in bed and their sleep timing habits. According to the findings, maintaining a consistent bedtime appeared to play a particularly important

role in long-term heart health. “Our findings suggest that the regularity of bedtime, in particular, may be important for heart health. It reflects the rhythms of everyday life — and how much they fluctuate,” Nauha explained. The long-term study tracked 3,231 people born in Northern Finland in 1966. Participants’ sleep habits were recorded over a one-week period when they were 46 years old, and their health outcomes were then monitored for more than a decade using healthcare registry data. Researchers said the findings highlight how daily routines and lifestyle habits can significantly influence cardiovascular health over time. “Maintaining a regular sleep schedule is one factor that most of us can influence,” Nauha added.

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CORRIGENDUM TO NOTICE FOR FORFEITURE OF PARTLY PAID-UP RIGHT ISSUE EQUITY SHARES

Shareholders are hereby informed that, due to a technical error in the Notice published on October 20, 2026, the number of shares mentioned therein may be disregarded. The correct number of forfeited shares is **16,31,580 Partly Paid-up Right Issue Equity Shares of ₹10/- each**, as approved by the Board of Directors on October 13, 2026. All other contents of the Notice remain unchanged. The Company regrets the inconvenience caused.

For Eco Hotels and Resorts Limited

Sd/-
Mr. Vinod Kumar Tripathi
Executive Chairman
DIN: 00798632

Place: Ernakulam
Date: 21.10.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE (S.D.)
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Spl. Civil Suit No. 345 of 2024
Mr. Mohan Baliraj Gupta
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V/S
MRS. JACINTHA PRAVIN JAGTAP,
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WHEREAS the Hon'ble Court is pleased to allow the Application of the Plaintiff U/o, 5. Rule 20 of C.P.C. for publication as service in daily local newspaper against the said Defendant.
AND WHEREAS you the Defendant is hereby requested to attend the Hon'ble Court on dated 14/12/2026 at 11.00 A.M. either personally or through your pleader. Please note non-compliance of this shall be presumed that you are not interested to contest the matter and in default the Hon'ble Court shall proceed EX- PARTE in the matter. Given under the hand & seal of the court this 16th day of 10/2026.

Sd/
Jr. Clerk

by Order
Sd/-
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