

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao declared that the state government would take all the necessary measures to remember and recollect the great contributions made in the field of education during the erstwhile Nizam period by Telangana Social reformer and multifaceted personality Sri Raj Bahadur Venkatram Reddy.

The Chief Minister has formally handed over the documents pertaining to 10 acres of government land allocated in Budwel in Rajendranagar Mandal for the setting up a memorial of Raj Bahadur Venkatram Reddy to Raj Bahadur Venkatram Reddy Educational Society Chairman Sri Raghupathi Reddy at Pragathi Bhavan here on Saturday. MP Sri AP. Jitendra Reddy, Mission Bhagiratha Vice-Chairman Sri Prashanth Reddy also participated.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said on the occasion of Reddy Hostel completing its centenary year this year, the State government is planning to organise a befitting function. He said a high-level meeting would be organised to finalise the details of the Reddy Hostel centenary celebrations. The Cultural Affairs department will organise the function, the CM said.

Recalling the contributions made by Raj Bahadur Venkatram Reddy in the field of education, the Chief Minister said that Raj Bahadur Venkatram Reddy organised several social welfare programmes in the erstwhile Nizam state and was responsible for establishing about 14 educational institutions in the region. In the educational institutions started by Sri Venkatram Reddy several great personalities like late PV. Narasimha Rao pursued their education and reached the pinnacle of their careers. The yeoman services rendered by Venkatram Reddy in the field of women's education is worth mentioning. But all his great efforts and services were pushed into oblivion under the United Andhra Pradesh State.

"Though, Narayanguda Chowrastha is named after Kotwal Venkatram Reddy, it was not made popular or famous. The Telangana social reformers and other great personalities should get their due respect," the CM remarked and suggested that a Kalyana Mandapam should also be constructed at the Venkatram Reddy memorial at Budwel to

enable Reddy and other communities people to perform marriages for free of cost there.

He also announced that the state government would give Rs 10 crore to the Venkatram Reddy memorial. He also instructed the officials concerned to select a proper site to install Venkatram Reddy Bronze statue. Meanwhile, Sri Jitendra Reddy and Sri Raghupathi Reddy have invited the CM to attend the unveiling of Venkatram Reddy's statue in Rayampet village in Kothakota Mandal in Mahbubnagar district.

CPRO to CM