

Commercial sex workers want to join main stream

68% of sex workers in State are involved in domestic prostitution and 16% of them lack alternative income sources, reveals NGO survey

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EXPLORING the post-Covid impact on victims of commercial sexual exploitation and survivors of trafficking in the State, a study titled 'Emerging into Light' conducted by an NGO named 'HELP' of Andhra Pradesh revealed that significant majority of commercial sex workers (CSW) expressed the desire to transition out of the sex work industry.

Data showed that 67% of CSWs have wanted to leave their profession for the last 1-3 years, 19% for the last 4-5 years, 8% for more than 5 years, and 6% for less than 1 year.

The study found that 68% of CSWs in the State are involved in domestic prostitution, underscoring the need for tailored

interventions. Various social, familial, and economic factors influence CSWs' decisions to stay in the profession. About 36.67% face family and economic challenges hindering their exit. Additionally, 28% fear inadequate government support post-exit, 16% lack alternative income sources, and 14.67% lack the requisite job skills.

Understanding parenthood dynamics among CSWs is crucial for developing targeted interventions promoting parental and child well-being. Around 86% of sex workers have children, where 42% of these are aged 10-15 and 9% below nine. While only 55% attend school, others lack formal education.

High dropout rates stem from mothers' night work exhaustion, hampering support for children's education. First-gen-

eration learners struggle academically due to lack of supervision.

G Jagdish Kumar, Social Development Consultant leading the study, highlighted a significant gap in awareness among CSWs about government rehabilitation schemes, with only 22% aware of such programmes. Willing to come out of flesh trade, CSWs have been seeking diverse rehabilitation measures. While 26.1% of CSWs are urging for livelihood support, 15.16% want stigma reduction and 14.37% seek financial aid. Other desired measures include skill training and social security. The study

also highlighted the profound impact of marital discord and family instability on women's entry and continuation in the profession.

Gode Prasad, a Social Development Consultant who participated in the study, noted that 82% of survivors rely on rental housing, emphasising the urgent need for stable housing solutions and addressing broader socioeconomic factors contributing to housing insecurity. This underscores the need for educational interventions to empower individuals and mitigate risks associated with exploitation and trafficking.

HELP Secretary Nimmaraju

Rammohan highlighted a holistic approach to supporting sex workers.

"Economically, rights-based programmes should offer flexible vocational training and extra income opportunities without mandating exit from the industry. Legally, amending The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, NHRC directions, and Supreme Court judgments (Prompt and lawful action by police when sex workers report criminal, sexual, or other offenses) to decriminalise sex work will provide benefits and protections. Socially, education and rehab facilities for victims and their children



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are crucial, along with sensitisation programmes to reduce stigma. Ensuring non-discriminatory access to essential services will safeguard their rights, fostering societal change," he told TNIE.

Speaking to TNIE, Women's Commission Chairperson Gajjala Venkata Lakshmi affirmed the panel's support for sex workers seeking to leave their

profession and reintegrate into society. She mentioned plans to collaborate with the Women Development and Child Welfare Department for training programmes, empowering them as entrepreneurs while providing rehabilitation. Moreover, counselling services will be offered and will consider assigning a dedicated officer to address their needs.

APSDMA predicts heatwave in 35 mandals today

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A heatwave is likely in 35 mandals across the State on Saturday, including 10 mandals in Srikakulam, 15 in Vizianagaram, and five each in Parvathipuram-Manyam and Anakapalle districts. The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) has issued warnings regarding this heatwave.

In contrast, relief may come in the form of light to moderate rains with scattered thunder-showers in various districts. According to APSDMA, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Anakapalle, Chittoor and Kakinada districts are likely to experience such precipitation. Similarly, Vizianagaram, Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Konaseema, as well as East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Bapatla, Anamayya, Tirupati, Sathya Sai,



Heavy rain inundated roads in Kakinada on Friday | EXPRESS

and YSR districts may also see light to moderate rainfall on Saturday.

Moreover, the India Meteorological Department's Amravati Centre has reported that the southwest monsoon has advanced further into some parts of the Maldives and Comorin area, the south Bay of Bengal, the remaining areas of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Andaman Sea, and some

parts of the East Central Bay of Bengal. According to the IMD forecast, heavy rain is anticipated at isolated places over North Coastal Andhra Pradesh. Friday saw scorching temperatures, with 42.9°C recorded in Tirupati's Naidupeta, 42.2°C in Nandyala's Banaganapalli, 42.2°C in Nellore's Manubolu, and 42°C in Prakasam's Pamur. In terms of rainfall, by 5 pm on Friday, significant amounts

were recorded in various rural areas, including 96 mm in Kakinada, 65.2 mm in Shankavaram, 62.5 mm in Pithapuram, 59 mm in Pedapudi, and 42.7 mm in Yalamanchili of Anakapalli districts.

Heavy rain inundates Kakinada streets

The low lying areas of the Kakinada submerged due to the rain in the evening on Friday.

Due to inadequate maintenance of drains inside the limits of Kakinada Municipal Corporation, the city roads were inundated with rain water. Kothapeta market, Kalapana centre, Masjid centre, Sambamurthy nagar, Rajaramratna nagar, Yetimoga, Sanjay nagar were submerged due to the overflow. Due to lack of proper maintenance of drains, the roads are filled with household garbage, said Dusarlapudi Ramana Raju, a social activist.

ASHA to resume Aarogyasri services after successful talks with Chief Secy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

FOLLOWING successful talks with Chief Secretary Dr Jawahar Reddy on Friday, Andhra Pradesh Special Hospital Association (ASHA) leaders have agreed to resume Aarogyasri services to the beneficiaries.

On May 22, ASHA had halted the services demanding the State government to clear ₹1,500 crore arrears. Initially, Dr YSR Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust CEO Dr G Lakshmi representing the government, held virtual meetings with ASHA.

Later, the government has released funds worth ₹203 crore clearing part of the pending dues. Not satisfied with the government's move, ASHA continues their agitation by halting

the Aarogyasri and EHS services.

On Friday, the Chief Secretary held a meeting with ASHA leaders and assured them of clearing another ₹300 crore arrears within a week. ASHA leaders expressed satisfaction and declared that they would resume services to Aarogyasri and EHS patients with immediate effect.

After the successful completion of talks, ASHA secretary Dr C Avinash, told TNIE, "We respect the government's decision and decided to resume all Aarogyasri services immediately and provide best care to the beneficiaries."

Meanwhile, Dr YSR Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust CEO Dr G Lakshmi announced on Friday that all network hospitals are cooperating without

disrupting Aarogyasri services to beneficiaries.

He reiterated that the trust had deposited ₹3,566.22 crore into the accounts of network hospitals in the last financial year.

In the first two months of this financial year, ₹366 crore have been deposited so far, he added. He also stated that 6,718 beneficiaries were treated on May 22, and 7,118 beneficiaries on May 23 under the Aarogyasri scheme.

"Last year, an average of 5,349 beneficiaries received services daily under the Aarogyasri scheme in the State. Lakshmi emphasised that timely treatment is being provided through Aarogyasri, available in recognised hospitals in AP and neighbouring States," he said.

Vedic varsity digitises 288 palm leaf manuscripts of CP Brown Library

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kadapa

IN a significant move towards preserving ancient knowledge, Sri Venkateswara Vedic University (SVVU) has successfully digitised 288 palm leaf manuscripts from the CP Brown Language Research Centre in Kadapa. This initiative, guided by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Executive Officer Dharma Reddy highlights the University's dedication to the preservation of palm leaf manuscripts. The SVVU has collected manuscripts from various donors, meticulously preserved them, conducted research, and published their findings. As part of this ongoing effort, SVVU has digitised and preserved a total of 2,108 rare manuscripts for future generations.

On October 19 of the previous year, the CP Brown Language Research Centre under Yogi Vemana University signed an MoU with SVVU. Consequently, 288 palm leaf manuscripts in 173 bundles were handed over to the university. The manuscripts underwent protective measures, including cleaning, oiling, inking, and other treatments.



On Thursday, the digitised copies, stored on a 63-GB data pen drive, along with a catalogue of the manuscripts and an agreement letter, were handed over to Chintakunta Shiva Reddy, research assistant at the CP Brown Language Research Centre.

He expressed his gratitude, noting that the manuscripts received thorough preservation treatments and that the university provided the digital copies and catalogue free of cost. He extended his appreciation to the Kulpatis, particularly Acharya Rami Sadashiva Murthy, for their voluntary service.

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

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