LEGAL NOTICE

'WITHOUT PREJUDICE'

Date: 17, 08, 2024

To,

- 1. RTV News Network
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- 2. Mr. Ravi Prakash, C/o Rayudu Vision Media Limited D No.8-2-293/82/A/770, Plot No.770, Road No.44, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 500033

Dear Sirs,

<u>Sub</u>: Notice to take down defamatory, libelous, slanderous and distorted videos/content/articles published by you on various online media and social media platforms, pertaining to merger of Bharat Rashtra Samithi ('our client') and Bharatiya Janata Party ('BJP').

On behalf of our client – Bharat Rashtra Samithi, Telangana Bhavan, Road No. 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad ('our client' or 'BRS Party' or 'the Party'), and under the instructions of our client, we issue this legal notice as under:

1. Our client states that they are an Indian Political Party which was founded in the year 2001 by Sri Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao Garu. The Party was primarily responsible for the formation and statehood of Telangana. The BRS Party formed the Government in Telangana State for two consecutive terms from 2014 to 2023 and today it is the

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principal opposition party in the State of Telangana. Our client states that, during the BRS Party's term, they made immense contribution to the development and welfare of the State and its people.

- 2. Our client states that, the BJP Party has been in power since 2014 at the Central level. It is the common knowledge that the Central Government had always neglected the interests and welfare of the State of Telangana and its people and as such, the BRS Party was always at logger heads with the Central Government, demanding better benefits for the State of Telangana and its people.
- 3. Our client states that You No. 1 are a reputed media house and You No. 2 are a well-known journalist across the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and have a reputation for delivering news across the globe. It has recently come to the attention of our client that the both of you have been disseminating false and fake news/information by resorting to circulation of defamatory, slanderous and libelous content and videos that our client i.e. the BRS Party is merging with the BJP Party, which at the very outset is baseless and untrue.
- 4. Our client states that, You No. 2 have been at the helm of circulation of such false and fake news on the platform provided by You No. 1. The both of you are circulating such news/ information without an iota of evidence or a shred of proof. The news that is being circulated by the both of you is completely false and based on speculative and unfounded allegations. There is absolutely no record whatsoever in nature to claim such unfounded allegations against our client. Our client states that the both you have been, with a malicious and ill motive and with full knowledge that it is a false news, continuously telecasting the false news that the BRS Party is merging with the BJP Party, for the personal and political benefit of some third parties.



- 5. Our client states that, by circulating such false and fake news, by resorting to such acts of defamation, libel and slander, the both of you are deceiving the general public and engaging in the acts detrimental to the interests of our client.
- 6. Our client states that it is appalling that the both of you are circulating this fake news knowing that the BRS Party and the BJP Party have always been at logger heads for the past 10 years. The circulation of this fake and false news has deeply affected the members of the BRS Party and general public and is impacting the morale of the followers of the BRS Party, which in turn is adversely affecting the Party's reputation and goodwill.
- 7. Our client states that the both of you, in the videos that are being circulated, are claiming in a categorical manner that it was the both of you who are reporting such a news for the first time and publicizing it to be exclusive news reported to the general public.
- 8. Our client states that, following the false information disseminated by the both of you, various media houses and social media accounts have also started reporting the said false information without any proof whatsoever, thereby effecting the goodwill and reputation of our client. This clearly shows that, the both of you are the reason for circulation of such false news by several other media channels and social media accounts. The both of you are providing ammunition to the other media channels and social media accounts to disseminate this false information and news to create sensationalism for your personal and political benefit. As such, it is clear that these are acts are only *mala fide* propaganda being engaged by the both of you to suit your purpose of creating sensationalism and damage our client's goodwill and reputation among the general public, clearly with an intent to further third-party interests.
- 9. Our client states that since the circulation of these videos by the both of you, various people across the globe are calling the leaders of our client and their family members expressing their displeasure regarding the contents of the videos being circulated as

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they are disparaging and degenerating. Hence, our client is suffering huge loss of reputation and goodwill with the circulation of such defamatory, libelous and slanderous videos in social media and other broadcasting platforms in an irresponsible manner and with criminal motive.

- 10. Our client states that both of you are acting in a coordinated manner with other media houses and conspiring against our client with the sole motive and intent to assassinate the reputation of the Party without holding any proofs whatsoever in this regard. These unfounded allegations and acts of sensationalism have brought disrepute to the Party.
- 11. Our client further states that the both of you have collectively initiated a smear campaign against our client with the malicious intent to mislead and misdirect the people at large to a great misconception, that the BRS Party is not going to exist anymore and merge with the BJP Party. This has caused disrepute and confusion among the members of the Party and the general public who access You No. 1's channel from across the globe for news. As such, this is nothing but clear acts of engaging in slanderous and defamatory acts against our client.
- 12. Our client states that your prime motive is to demolish the confidence and trust of lakhs of public in the Party by damaging their reputation and goodwill, trying to show that the Party is weak and desperate to join hands with the BJP, through all kinds of publicity with vested political agenda, by levelling frivolous and false allegations in You No.1's media channel every day against our client.
- 13. Our client states that this vitriolic campaign is causing reputational damage to our client. The both of you have conspired to malign our client's reputation based on false information, assumptions, lies and frivolous allegations.
- 14. Our client states in the most perfidious manner, you have been repeatedly publishing and circulating inherently untrue, defamatory, slanderous and libelous campaign, with the sole motive to ensure that the foot prints of such campaign in the digital and print

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media in a sustained manner, so as to build a false propaganda against the BRS Party for political and other reasons and vendetta. The both of you have distorted the facts and misleading public at large for your personal and political benefits. Such unfounded allegations have resulted in loss of reputation and goodwill to our client.

- 15. Following are some of the URLs that our client has come across where the both of you have been carrying on the vitriolic campaign that the BRS Party is merging with the BJP Party:
 - a. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsjKcaLBr7g
 - b. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aosj8IHV6Ds
 - c. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKvoytBThKU
 - d. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhrVZRqg Co
 - e. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptHkS7Zkbt0
- 16. Therefore, in these circumstances, you are hereby called upon to do the following:
 - i. To immediately remove the links cited above in paragraph 15 on your Youtube channel and other social media accounts as well.
 - ii. To refrain from creating/publishing defamatory, slanderous and libelous print and videos, circulating the same, with an intent to tarnish the image of the BRS Party.
 - iii. To tender an unconditional public apology to the BRS Party for tarnishing its reputation and goodwill by your malicious and defamatory and libelous acts.
 - iv. To refrain from engaging in any further malicious acts or frivolous litigations, directly or indirectly, against the BRS Party.



17. Should you fail comply with our client's demands as stated in paragraph 16 above within a period of 5 (five) days from the date of receipt of this notice, our client will be constrained to initiate necessary and appropriate legal action against you, as required under both civil and criminal law, including for defamation, slander and libel, while reserving its right to seek appropriate damages. This notice is issued without prejudice the rights and remedies available to our client.

PV Janani & Associates