

Under Rule 77 of Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in A.P.Legislative Assembly, I intend to move the following resolution;

1. Government of Andhra Pradesh intends to develop the Aviation sector in the State by establishing new Greenfield Airports to increase the air connectivity and trigger economic development in the region.
2. An extent of 1010 acres of land has been identified for establishment of Orvakal Airport. This is the first airport in South India developed entirely by a State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
3. The airport at Orvakal is on the outskirts of Kurnool city. The Kurnool Airport has been awarded DGCA license and BCAS security clearance for use. The flight operation services were started from 28.03.2021 after inauguration by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of A.P., on 25.03.2021.
4. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh announced that the name of the airport henceforth be called "UYYALAWADA NARASIMHA REDDY AIRPORT, KURNOOL" in rich tributes to the great services rendered by the freedom fighter and the awakening brought to the people of Rayalaseema region in those days to fight against the British to seek freedom for our motherland.
5. UyyalawadaNarasimha Reddy (24 November 1806 - 22 February 1847) was an Indian freedom fighter, son of a former Telugu PalegaaduMallareddy andSeethamma of Uyyalawada in Koilkuntlataluk of Kurnool district. He was the heart of the rebellion against the British in 1847, where 5,000 peasants raised up against the British East India Company in Kurnool district against their policies on the traditional agrarian and taxation system in order to maximize the revenue through exploiting lower-status cultivators by depleting their crops and leaving them impoverished. He killed over 3,000 British people during the course of the revolt. He was executed in Koilkuntla in front of a crowd of over 2000 people on 22 February 1847. British kept his head on the fort wall in public view until 1877. He was arguably the first Indian freedom fighter against the British Empire.
6. Council of Ministers have given approval to place the proposal to renaming the Orvakal Airport, Kurnool as "UYYALAWADA NARASIMHAREDDY AIRPORT, KURNOOL" before both the Houses of the State Legislature for approving and recommending the same to the Government of India vide Council Resolution No.56/2021.

7. Accordingly, orders were issued approving the proposal for renaming the Orvakal Airport, Kurnool as "UYYALAWADA NARASIMHAREDDY AIRPORT, KURNOOL" and direct to place the same before both the Houses of the State Legislature for approving and recommending the same to the Government of India vide G.O.Rt.No., I&I (Airports) Dept., Dated 16.05.2021.
8. Considering the above circumstances, the Legislative Assembly resolves unanimously to request the Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation to change the name of Orvakal Airport, Kurnool as "UYYALAWADA NARASIMHAREDDY AIRPORT, KURNOOL"

Dated 20.05.2021

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