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# Rashtriya Praja Congress Observes October 21 As ‘Pragati Dinam’ In Rajahmundry

**October 21: Remembering Netaji’s Legacy**

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**USPA NEWS -** Meda Srinivas pays tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; calls for recognition of the INA’s contribution to India’s freedom struggle and urges youth to draw inspiration from his legacy

The Rashtriya Praja Congress (RPC) observed October 21 as Pragati Dinam at its headquarters in Rajahmundry on Wednesday, commemorating the anniversary of the establishment of the Provisional Government of Free India under Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1943. Party president Meda Srinivas hoisted the national flag and paid floral tributes to Netaji’s portrait.

## October 21: Remembering Netaji’s Legacy

Addressing party members and cadres, Meda Srinivas urged Indians to remember October 21, 1943, as a significant milestone in the freedom struggle. He highlighted Netaji’s leadership of the Indian National Army (INA) and the establishment of the Provisional Government of Free India, describing these developments as symbols of Indian resistance to British rule.

He called for greater public awareness of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and for the younger generation to learn about Netaji’s courage, patriotism and commitment to national independence.

## Srinivas Questions Historical Recognition

Srinivas alleged that sections of the Congress leadership of the time had failed to give Netaji and his movement the recognition they deserved. He also questioned the emphasis placed on August 15, 1947, arguing that the role of revolutionary movements and the INA should receive greater attention in accounts of India’s independence.

He described October 21 as a day of struggle and national progress and maintained that freedom was secured through the sacrifices and determination of countless Indians.

Historically, October 21, 1943, marks the proclamation of the Provisional Government of Free India by Bose. India became independent from British rule on August 15, 1947; the claim that the British left India on October 21, 1943, is not supported by the established historical record.

## Calls for Youth to Embrace Netaji’s Ideals

Srinivas emphasised that people from different communities, including men and women, had contributed to the freedom struggle. He called for Netaji’s ideals of courage, sacrifice, secularism and national unity to inspire future generations.

He said the occasion should encourage citizens to revisit the contributions of lesser-recognised freedom fighters and develop a deeper understanding of the diverse movements that shaped India’s independence.

## Party Cadres Participate

Several party leaders, members and cadres attended the programme, including D. V. Ramana Murthy, Pendyala Kamaraju, Lanka Durga Prasad, Barla Prasad, Dudde Trinadh, M. D. Hussain, Medicherla Srinivasa Rao, Simma Durga Rao, Doshi Nishanth, Kolli Satyanarayana, Gudla Sai Durga Prasad, S. K. Devi, Pitta Srinivasa Rao, Pasupuleti Susheela, Kakara Prasad, Khandavalli Veerraju, Rayi Bhavani, Dvadashi Srinivas, Naguri Annapurna, Illa Ramu, Marri Ramu, Naguru Bobby, Gudla Balayogi and Javvadi Mohan,

among others.

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