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According to reports, the woman and her husband had reportedly started their journey from Maharashtra's Nashik and were walking towards their home in Satna in Madhya Pradesh, when she gave birth to the child on road. The couple rested for two hours after the delivery of the baby and then continued walking for the remaining 150 km, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) said in a statement, quoting the reports.

NHRC case against Minister, officials

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) registered cases against Karimnagar officials and TRS public representatives for violating the lockdown by participating in a community lunch at a private function hall.

In his complaint filed on Wednesday, Advocate Beti Mahender Reddy alleged that the Municipal Corporation of Karimnagar (MCK) hosted a community lunch for sanitation workers on May 4, which was attended by nearly 2,000 people. BC Welfare Minister Gangula Kamalakar was the chief guest,

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The officials and public representatives did not wear masks and violated social distancing. Also, the function hall was not sanitised, the advocate alleged.

He first complained to the Director General of Police (DGP), but since no action was taken, he approached the NHRC. Mahender Reddy said the NHRC registered the case (No. 608/36/3/2020) on May 13.



VHR arrested for violating lockdown

Adilabad: Asifabad police arrested senior Congress leader V Hanumantha Rao near Goleti Township on Thursday, while he was on his way to Kagaznagar to attend a dharna. He was booked for 'breaking lockdown rules'. However, the leader claimed that he had not violated the rules and was forcefully taken into custody

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