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Tirupati Laddu case: Delhi High Court to order Jagan-affiliated daily to take down stories on CM Naidu's company

A recent article in the Sakshi daily stated that a business owned by Naidu's family had commercial ties to another business involved in the Tirupati Laddu issue.

The Delhi High Court announced on Thursday that it would order the removal or blocking of a news report that linked the Tirupati laddu controversy to Heritage Foods, a dairy company founded by the State's current Chief Minister, N Chandrababu Naidu. The newspaper was founded by former Andhra Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

According to Justice Mini Pushkarna, she would give Jagati Publications, the company that publishes Sakshi TV and the Sakshi daily, a 24-hour notice to take down the items. The chairperson of Jagati Publications is YS Bharathi Reddy, the wife of Jagan Mohan Reddy.

"I'll give them [Jagati Publications] instructions to remove the news reports within a day. "You [Meta, Google, and X] will do it if they don't," the Court declared.

Heritage Foods had brought a defamation complaint before the court. According to the lawsuit, Chandrababu Naidu started the business in 1992 and left in 1994.

According to the corporation, an item appeared on the main page of the Sakshi newspaper's Delhi edition on February 14, 2026. According to the narrative, Heritage Foods, which is controlled by Chandrababu Naidu's family, has commercial ties to Bhole Baba Dairy, a company that has been charged with supplying tainted ghee for

prasadam preparation in Tirupati.

The suit claimed that the news story in question made the following claims:

"The true plot of Chief Minister Chandrababu's purported smear campaign against the Tirumala Laddu Prasadam is slowly emerging. It has come to light that Bhole Baba Dairy, the company that the TDP coalition government has positioned at the center of this dispute, has a business link with Chandrababu's family.

But because Heritage Foods works with Bhole Baba Milk Food Industries, the company claimed that the accusation was "completely false." Bhole Baba Milk Food, according to the lawsuit, is a completely separate company from Bhole Baba Oroganic Milk, which is implicated in the Laddu scam.

Senior Advocates Sandeep Sethi and Anurag Ahluwalia spoke on behalf of Heritage Foods today, arguing that the accusations are abhorrent and will negatively affect the company's operations since consumers might think the company is giving the temple tainted ghee.

This is deliberate, naughty, and published. They don't verify anything. They don't communicate with me. Sethi remarked, "You only want to sensationalize, even when the facts are untrue to your knowledge."

The Court stated it would issue an injunction order against the defendants after hearing the case for a while.

When Chandrababu Naidu claimed that the previous YSRCP government had used inferior ghee that contained animal fats like bull tallow, lard, and fish oil to make the revered Tirupati laddus (prasadam from the Tirumala Venkateswara Temple), the Tirupati laddu controversy broke out in 2024.

According to the CBI's final chargesheet, which was issued last month, the ghee used to produce laddu prasadam between 2019 and 2024 contained neither lard nor beef tallow. However, it claimed that there was corruption in the case because the adulteration was a combination of chemicals and palm oil rather than animal fat.

Employees of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) conspired with commercial businesses to defraud the TTD, the investigation agency claimed.

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