



Sri Potti Sriramulu

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Recently, **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister announced the establishment of a Telugu University in honor of martyr [Sri Potti Sriramulu](#) to commemorate his sacrifices for the Telugu people.

- Sri Potti Sriramulu is honored for his crucial role in advocating for a **Telugu-speaking state from Madras**. His sacrifice on **15th December** led to the creation of linguistic states in India.
- His death after a **56-day fast** led to widespread violence, prompting the government to form a **State Reorganisation Commission (Dec 1953)**, creating [Andhra Pradesh in Oct 1953](#).
- Sriramulu participated in the [Indian Independence Movement](#) and was jailed for his involvement in the **1930 Salt Satyagraha** and also participated in the [Quit India Movement](#).
- He was a dedicated follower and ardent supporter of [Mahatma Gandhi](#). He also joined the **Gandhi Ashram in Komaravolu**, established by **Yerneni Subrahmanyam**.
- He undertook a fast to **support Dalit entry rights** to the **Venu Gopala Swamy Temple in Moolapeta, Nellore**, which were eventually granted.



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