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'A judge must face pressure bravely'

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New Delhi: Facing allegations of bias, seniormost SC judge **NV Ramana** on Saturday said a judge needs to take decisions fearlessly and stand up to pressure.

"There are innumerable qualities a person needs to live what can be called a good life... particularly for a judge, one must be steadfast in holding on to principles and fear-



less in his decisions. It is an important quality...to withstand all pressures...and to stand up bravely against all obstacles," he said at a condolence meet for former SC judge AR Lakshmanan.

The remarks came against the backdrop of Andhra CM Jagannathan Reddy's letter to the CJI and registration of FIRs by the state against his daughters for an alleged land scam.

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virtually acknowledging the gesture of lawyers' bodies for standing behind the judiciary and the judge, Justice Ramana said, "The greatest strength of the judiciary is the faith of people in it. Faith, confidence and acceptability cannot be commanded, they have to be earned... Our values are ultimately our greatest wealth, and we must never forget the same."

Quoting Justice Lakshmanan, who passed away last month, Justice Ramana said, "Judges must remember and cherish the late judge's words — 'we, the members of the judicial hierarchy have inherited the legacy of dedicated collective endeavour by the bench and the bar in establishing an unbroken tradition of high efficiency, perfect integrity and fearless independence'. We should all take inspiration from his words and should strive to commit a vibrant and independent judiciary which is required in the current times."