

Viewers in Raj cinema theatre had a pleasant surprise on Monday when members of Kandareega, the latest film of Ram opposite Hansika Motwani, descended on the theatre.

The crowd gathered outside the theatre cheered and waved at Ram, a Vijayawada lad who went on to create a niche for himself in the Telugu film industry and is seen as energy personified.

The unit members who visited the city included Ram, debutant director Santhosh Srinivas, actress Aksha, comedian Srinivasa Reddy and character actor Jayprakash Reddy, known to regale Telugu movie buffs with his typical Rayalaseema dialect.

Meanwhile, the team of local media personnel who were invited for a press meet at hotel Mid City on Bandar Road, were growing restive due to the inordinate delay in the arrival of the unit members at the venue.

After a long wait, most photographers left the place and headed wisely to the cinema theatre where they got their shots. The cast of the film finally arrived at the press meet venue at around 2.30 p.m. and hurriedly left the place for Guntur, leaving the few reporters left to cover the event high and dry. In the press conference that barely lasted for a few minutes, director Srinivas said the whole team worked with great enthusiasm which reflected in the end product.

Ram merely said he was happy being part of 'Kandireega'. He said the love and affection showered by people in this city had doubled the enthusiasm of the film unit.

Comedian Srinivasa Reddy said working with a new director was a good experience for him and that he looked forward to doing more ventures with Mr. Srinivas. "I hope I have done justice to my role in the film," he said.

Actress Aksha said the unit members were so warm that she never felt out of place even for a moment.

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