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WEATHER

Max: 32.7°C
Min: 16.5°C
RH: 35%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky. Misty morning. Max/Min temp. 32/17°C

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Kejriwal 3.0 seeks PM's blessings

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Humpy closes in on Cairns chess title

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The man who bossed around...



TS urges Centre to abrogate CAA

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

The Telangana state Cabinet on Sunday appealed to the Union government "not to discriminate on basis of religion while according Indian citizenship".

The Cabinet urged the Central government to take measures to abrogate the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019, which "discriminated on basis of religion while granting citizenship, and thereby jeopardising secularism as envisaged in the constitution."

It reminded the Centre that all religions must be treated as equal before law. The State Cabinet further decided to pass a resolution to this effect in the Assembly akin to resolutions passed by the legislative houses of Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

The Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, also decided to finalise guidelines for the proposed programme on

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approved the Lokayukta ordinance and decided to introduce the Bill in the Budget Session of TS

February 18 and hold a state-level municipal conference at Pragati Bhavan. The Cabinet also decided to take all participants, including mayors, municipal chairpersons, commissioners, MLAs, collectors, additional collectors who attend the municipal conference should be taken on a visit to Gajwel mandal in Siddipet in the afternoon to visit various facilities, including vegetable and meat markets and crematoriums. The Cabinet approved the Lokayukta ordinance and decided to introduce the Bill in the Budget Session of TS.

In the Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Rao also asked officials not to trouble street vendors till an alternative land was shown to them.

Page 5: Pattana Pragathi to begin on February 24

PM rules out CAA rethink

Asserts government will not change tough decisions despite pressure

Shah tells Delhi cops to be firm

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

Varanasi (UP), Feb. 16: Ruling out any rethink on decisions on CAA and Article 370, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asserted that his government remains and will remain firm on the steps despite pressure from all sides.

"Be it the scrapping of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir or the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the country waited for decisions on these for years," he told a public meeting here during a day-long visit to his Lok Sabha constituency.

"These decisions were necessary in the interest of the nation. *Duniya bhar ke saarey dabao ke bawjood, inn faislon par hum qayam hain aur qayam rahenge* (Despite pressure from all sides, we remain firm on these decisions and will continue to remain firm," Mr Modi said.

Provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded special powers to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, were abrogated by the government in August last year.

The Prime Minister's tough talk assumed significance in view of protests against the CAA in various parts of the country.

Citing certain key decisions of his government, Modi referred to the trust set up for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya and asserted that it would work "rapidly". "A trust has been formed for the construction of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya," he said.

He said that after setting up of the trust, the work on the construction of 'Ram dham' will start fast and added that his government has also decided to transfer 67 acres to the trust.

The government had recently set up the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra on the SC's directive to the Centre to form a trust that can look into the construction and management of the temple.

At the 73rd Raising Day ceremony of the Delhi

Even as the Union home minister suggested to the Delhi police that it should be ready to deal with miscreants with "firm hands" and at the same time remain calm despite "provocation," the much-speculated possible meeting between Amit Shah and the representatives of the Shaheen Bagh protesters did not materialise till Sunday evening.

Shaheen Bagh protesters, however, said they would march to the residence of the Union home minister for a dialogue over the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) after getting due permission from authorities.

A large posse of security personnel was deployed at Shaheen Bagh where hundreds of women protesters gathered to march towards the residence of Mr Shah for a dialogue over CAA. Barricades were placed at the site and the protesters were stopped after a little distance.

The protesters chose an eight-member delegation, including the elderly women called the *dadis* of Shaheen Bagh, to approach the police "to allow them" to meet Mr Shah and asserted that they will carry out the march peacefully.

Unable to get the requisite permission, the anti-CAA protesters returned to the venue where they have been holding agitation against the new law.

Senior police officials held talks with a group of protesters and assured that their application has been forwarded to the authorities concerned for further action.

Three days ago, Mr Shah had said anyone who wanted to discuss issues related to CAA with him could seek time from his office.

He lauded the force saying it has helped the gov-



A video grab of Delhi Police threatening students sitting in the reading hall of Jamia Millia with batons and damaging property.

Video of cops beating Jamia students in library stirs row

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

Two months after the alleged police brutality at Jamia Millia Islamia, a new video has emerged purportedly showing paramilitary and police personnel beating up students in the library on December 15, drawing sharp reactions from several political leaders, including AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

The 48-second video, which appears to be CCTV footage, purportedly shows some seven to eight

paramilitary and police personnel entering the Old Reading Hall and beating up students with batons. The paramilitary and police are also seen covering their faces with handkerchiefs.

Jamia Millia Islamia has clarified that it had not released the new video, which is circulating on the social media showing some men in paramilitary and police uniforms beating up students at the university's library.

"It has come to our notice that some video with regard to police brutality in the Dr Zakir Husain Library of Jamia

Millia Islamia is in circulation. This is to clarify that the video has not been released by the university," its public relations officer Ahmad Azeem said.

The public relations officer said the Jamia Coordination Committee (JCC) is spearheading the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, National Population Register and National Register of Citizens on Maulana Mohammed Ali Jauhar Road outside Jamia's Gate No. 7.

Page 9: Jamia students seen with stones

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Uttarayana
Tithi: Magha Bahula Navami till 2.39 pm
Star: Jyestha till 5.13 am (Tuesday)
Varjyam: 10.34 am to 12.11 noon
Durmuhurtam: 12.52 noon to 1.38 pm and then from 3.10 pm to 3.56 pm
Rahukalam: 7.30 am to 9 am
HIJRI CALENDAR
Jumada al-Sani 22, 1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.41 am
Zohar: 12.40 pm
Asar: 4.42 pm
Maghrib: 6.24 pm
Isha: 7.32 pm
SUNSET TODAY 6.17 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.42 AM
MOONSET TOMORROW 12.29 AM
MOONRISE TODAY 12.09 PM

IPL spread over March to May

New Delhi: In a repeat of last edition's final, IPL defending champions Mumbai Indians and runners-up CSK will open the 13th IPL at the Wankhede Stadium on March 29. The franchise-based event will release the knockouts schedule later, but the final is scheduled for May 24.

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Telcos may pay part of AGR dues

New Delhi: Telecom operators Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Tata Teleservices may pay adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues on Monday to avoid stringent punitive action from the Telecom Department, according to an official source. The three firms are jointly liable to pay dues of over ₹1 lakh crore, but have informed the Department of Telecom (DoT) of making a partial payment, as per their representatives.

COUNTER POINT



I wish the elections were round the year...

CDS to oversee defence buying

New Delhi: The Defence Acquisition Council headed by defence minister Rajnath Singh will from now on take up proposals for purchase of arms and ammunition only as prioritised by the Chief of Defence Staff. In other words, Chief of Army, Navy and Air Force will have to co-ordinate their proposals with CDS who, in consultation with them, will decide which arms are to be bought.

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FATF to decide on Pak greylist

New Delhi: With Pakistan trying to wriggle out of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) greylist by September this year, the global anti-terror watchdog has said that "from February 16, over 800 representatives from 205 countries around the world, will arrive for FATF Week in Paris" and that there will be "six days of meetings on global action to follow the money that fuels crime and terrorism".

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Kishan promises probe on Bhainsa

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS | DC BHAINSA (NIRMAL), FEB. 16

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday said that Bhainsa town would not have witnessed huge damage to property had police reacted promptly and expressed regret that victims of the communal violence had not received any help from the government so far.

Promising that efforts were being made to restore peace, the Union minister said, if needed, the Central government would order an inquiry into the communal clashes that took place in Bhainsa. He was speaking

to media after visiting affected houses and interacting with victims of both communities in Korbagalli. He reviewed the situation with Musharaff Ali Farooqui, district collector, and Shashidhar Raju, superintendent of police, Nirmal.

He said that police should have taken preventive steps as Bhainsa was a communally sensitive town and polls were slated to be held when violence occurred. As a result of inaction from the police, innocent poor and middle-class people belonging to both communities lost their properties.

Page 5: Minister avoided visit to Bhainsa

OWAISI SLAMS RSS CHIEF'S REMARK ON PROTESTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

President of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) Asaduddin Owaisi has taken serious exception to the statement of RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat that "everyone is unhappy and agitating even after the increase in luxury".

Mr Owaisi's statement comes in response to reports that Mr Bhagwat, while speaking in Ahmedabad on Saturday said that "despite manifold increase in material happiness, everyone in society is unhappy and continues to agitate".

Mr Bhagwat had said that political parties which are not in power are agitating. Reacting to the statement of RSS chief, the MIM chief said, "Bhagwat should explain why people are agitating? Certainly, this opposition is not due to the country having become a \$5 trillion economy." While attacking Mr Bhagwat's statement on Twitter, Mr Owaisi said, "Welcome to the new India of 2020. It is very bad that even ideological parents of the BJP are not able to ignore the movement."

Page 5: Owaisi tags home minister Shah

Nirmala says TS got more funds

S. UMAMAHESHWAR | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday gave a strong retort to the charges of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and other TRS leaders about the Centre starving Telangana state of funds by reducing states' share in Central taxes and by not releasing the GST amount. "It was the Finance Commission which reduced the share of states in the divisible pool of central taxes from 42 to 41 per cent. The share was cut by one per cent because the total number of states has reduced by one and two



Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses the media along with Ajay Bhushan Pandey, revenue secretary (right) and Rajiv Kumar, secretary, department of financial services (left). — R. Pavan

Union Territories (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh) were added," Ms Sitharaman said while address-

ing reporters in the city in Telugu. The BJP leader and minister said that the Central government has nothing to do in determining the devolution of taxes. Responding to the TS government's claim that it could not release funds to several welfare schemes because of pending GST money, she clarified that according to law, GST compensation was supposed to be released to states every two months from the GST cess.

"Since there was a shortfall in GST cess, the compensation was not released," she said, adding that other states have also not got the compensation and no discrimination was done to Telangana.

Page 6: TS one of few states to get more funds

India set to send China med aid

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

India has decided to send medical supplies to China in the wake of Wuhan coronavirus outbreak there, saying Delhi "will do everything within its means to support the people of China in this hour of crisis".

The Indian Embassy tweeted, "Ambassador @VikramMisri (Ambassador in Beijing Vikram Misri) expresses his solidarity with the Chinese people and the govern-

ment in the fight against #NovelCoronavirus epidemic. As a concrete step to tackle the outbreak, India will soon send a consignment of medical supplies to China. India will do everything within its means to support the people of China in this hour of crisis."

Meanwhile, the toll from COVID-19 has climbed to 1,665 on Saturday after 142 more people died. In other developments, all 406 people, who are housed at an ITBP quarantine facility here have tested negative for the virus.

Page 9: Shah pays homage to slain Delhi cops

DEATH | LEARNING

Corporate colleges described as 'concentration camps' in plea to President

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

For years, Sri Chaitanya and Narayana educational institutes (together popularly referred to as ChaiNa) have been "coming together to advertise" to showcase "shared topers".

For a change, about 100 former students from both these institutes have joined to give back to the two institutions a taste of their own medicine. They

have come together to seek a 'ban on these institutes', after starting an online petition against them, calling them 'breeding ground for student deaths'.

The online petition is jointly addressed to President of India Ram Nath Kovind, Governors of the two Telugu states, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, education minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, Chief Justice of the High Court, and secretaries of intermediate boa-

rders of both states, among others. In their representation, the former ChaiNa students said, "students

ABOUT 100 former students from Sri Chaitanya and Narayana educational institutes have joined to give back to the two institutions a taste of their own medicine.

THEY described the colleges as 'breeding ground for student deaths'

have to go through mental trauma and psychological unrest that pushes them towards suicides."

The online petition alleges that recommendations made by the M. Neerada Committee in the integrated Andhra Pradesh over student deaths still remains unimplemented even after nearly two decades.

The committee, in describing conditions of such corporate institutes, had said, "...they hijacked

students" and clustered them into "concentration camps".

K. Ashok Reddy, one of the petitioners and former student, who studied at the Boduppal branch of Sri Chaitanya campus till 2018, recalled that he was not even sent home when he was suffering from stomach pain caused due to 'bad breakfast' served in the hostel.

He said, "We had very long schedules of study without getting any proper

breaks. Our classes would start at around 5 am and would end only by 7 or 8 pm, with very short breaks in between. Most students used to feel suffocated with such schedules and started developing suicidal tendencies. Students were not believed even when they had real health issues. We were just asked to read and write, no matter what."

Page 4: Chaitanya, Narayana break rule

Callous civic workers leave city fuming

Near Maithri, defecation in the open

There is a lot of construction work going on near Maithri Enclave, Yapral, especially in the areas near Indus World School, behind Tulsi Garden and Carnival Club. The workers at these sites are defecating in the open. The government must order that all builders instal biotoilets at construction sites. This has to be made mandatory for getting the building plan sanctioned.

We are speaking of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and right in the front of our eyes we are ignoring the menace of open defecation.

Vandana Mohanlal
Maithri Enclave, Sainikpuri

Vehicle jam in Diamond Enclave area

The residents of Friends Colony in Puppalguda, Manikonda, are facing severe problems as half the road is occupied by vehicles carrying goods for godowns which have come up at the Diamond Enclave apartment. Besides, the occupants of the apartment park their vehicles illegally on the roads. This only adds to the problems. Several complaints were made to the panchayat office but no action has been taken. We hope the authorities concerned wake up and stop this menace.

MA Qudus
Puppalguda

Golnaka badly needs traffic signal

The Golnaka centre on Alwal main road is always jammed in three directions with heavy vehicular traffic and police personnel are rarely seen in the area. The installation of a traffic signal is a dire necessity. Also, pedestrians are finding it difficult to walk on the footpath along on the highway which runs above the railway track as cement slabs have been displaced.

A concrete pathway with a four-foot trench on both sides is the safest one as there are culverts existing towards the railway track side. There is absolutely no space left for pedestrians from Rythu Bazaar to Doveton Bazaar on both sides of the highway.

The parking place at the entry of Andhra and ICICI banks is hardly sufficient and customers are parking on the road sides. Besides, the scores of bus commuters standing in front of the e-Seva centre need a bus shelter. Municipal and police authorities are requested to solve these vital long-pending problems.

N.S.R. Murthy
Secunderabad

No action despite telling cops for 8 years

We had complained to the Hyderabad police commissioner's office one and a half years ago. We have been complaining to the station house officer of Musheerabad law and order and traffic police stations for eight years. Daily we send complaints with spot photographs regarding the issue we face on Musheerabad main road, opposite Sri Sai Raja Theatre, A1 Café lane.

We the residents of the area are suffering due to the illegal parking of two-wheelers on both sides of the road at A1 Café. This blocks passage for us residents into and out of the lane. Most of the time, autorickshaws cannot enter the lane and we cannot take out or get in our small cars. An ambulance cannot enter the 20 ft lane.

At the entrance of the lane are two paan shops. Cigarette smokers stand there and smoke and we are forced to inhale the smoke whenever we pass through.

This scenario starts at about 9 am and lasts till after midnight. We request the city police to take action.

M. Ghazi Sharief
Musheerabad



They saw house vacant, piled construction debris around it

I am a NRI living at 10-1-18/40B Shyamnagar Colony, Hyderabad-500004. Three to four weeks ago, contractors dug up the road on both sides of my house. As I stay elsewhere, there was

no one to object to their callous and unprofessional entry into my property. Not only have they destroyed my access to the road, with total disregard they have dumped debris including garbage there.

As a result my enthusiasm of homecoming was marred, and has added to my stress level.

Coming from a country that is in conflict, I have lot more expectations from a civilized states like

Telangana state, and far higher expectations in how they undertake development work.

As the road repairs are undertaken with taxes that we pay, I expect more care and consideration to

be taken to ensure that private spaces are not destroyed. No development work and improvements should cause such a high level of inconvenience and trauma. I was told that these

roads were dug more than four weeks back. Since I arrived I have not seen any workers to get them to move debris in front of my both gates.

Yedla Padmavathi
Shyamnagar Colony

Malkajgiri road is dug up, forgotten

The road leading to Ramalayam in PVN Colony, Malkajgiri, was dug up nearly one month ago. After nearly 10 days, and after a complaint was published in these columns on February 3, the debris was removed but still the road is in a pitiable condition with stones and bumps, making it very difficult for two-wheeler riders and pedestrians.

The plight of people, particularly senior citizens, and patients is unimaginable. Everyone is forced to talk on the rough surface cursing their fate. We do not know how long it will take for the road to be laid.

Unfortunately there are many roads in Malkajgiri which have been dug up and left to its fate. Our road joins the list now. It shows the lack of plan-

ning on the part of GHMC. Why are the authorities concerned not in a position to re-lay the road after carrying out civic works?

The GHMC must make it a point to starting digging roads only after having a plan to carry out immediate repair work with minimum inconvenience to the public.

N. Bhaskara Ramam
Malkajgiri



Construction work blocks road in Padmaraonagar

The road between Padmaraonagar to Warasiguda has been dug 30 days ago and work is far from complete. This route is very convenient for locals and is well used. If an MP or MLA would stay in the area, the work

would have been completed immediately.

I request the authorities to complete the work quickly and re-lay the road immediately afterwards.

Mukesh Jain
Secunderabad



Meat shops dirty the area in Nizampet

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao is striving hard to provide a healthy environment in the twin cities. In this connection, one has to note that the GHMC authorities are ignoring the mutton and chicken shops located on the road sides in many areas.

Despite the health and hygiene issues, they have not been removed. The shops are not only making the environs unclean but also creating the ground for the spread of diseases. I request the GHMC authorities to make it convenient to go on a surprise visit along with assistant commissioners to see for themselves how the shops are creating nuisance to road-users.

Boddupalli Subrahmanya Sastry
Nizampet, Hyderabad.

Borewell rigs raise dust, cover them

With summer approaching, construction activity will be at its peak. Many plot owners are digging borewells for their new houses. What about the after-effects of the digging?

We try to maintain our houses and surroundings as neatly as possible. However, the digging of a borewell results in the entire locality being covered with a blanket of white dust. The dust enters the houses from the

windows and doors, coats plants in the garden, as well as vehicles parked outside. It's a nuisance for asthma patients. The whole road is covered with white mud and water. This moist mud and water become a breeding ground for insects.

I am not saying we should ban digging borewells but there should be some rules and regulations. Digging should be done by covering the area so as to reduce dust spreading

everywhere. It should be the responsibility of the borewell digging company to clean the road once the well is dug.

About six borewells have been dug in our locality and I have spent about ₹3,000 after every borewell to keep the road in front of my house clean.

Hope this could generate some civic awareness among the people of this country.

Nidhi Lakhota
Prashant Hills, Khajaguda, Hyderabad

Eatery occupies footpath on vital road

Sri Sai Raghavendra Stiffins at East Marredpally behind Shenoy Nursing Home is causing traffic nuisance by blocking the footpath on the busy road which connects to areas like Tukaramgate, Lalaguda,

Hanumanpet, Goutam-nagar, Mahendra Hills and Saffiguda. In spite of lodging oral complaints with the police, nobody is bothered to take any action. I have attached a photograph to show the situation in the morning

peak hours when people are going to schools and colleges. I would request you to publish the complaint in Speak Out column so that the GHMC would take action.

Dharmu Jain
Secunderabad

Two-wheelers parked near Badi Masjid jam traffic

These days, traffic is getting jammed due to unnecessary parking of two-wheeler vehicles near the Mallepally Badi Masjid Road, near the juice shop. Despite noticing this, the traffic police is not taking action. This road has turned into a parking lot. Vehiclists are facing a problem due to this, as well as women residents. Complaints have been given regarding this but no steps have been taken to prevent it. The additional commissioner, traffic, is requested to pay attention to the illegal parking in order to ease traffic congestion.

Syed Shamsuddin Maghrabi
Red Hills, Hyderabad



Garbage burnt daily near Malakpet stn

Burning of garbage by BGHMC employees has become a matter of routine at the Azampura road-underbridge near the Malakpet railway station. Nearby residents, motorists and pedestrians face breathing problems due to the smoke. The garbage is set on fire at 8 am when people leave for schools, colleges and offices. GHMC employees must have some awareness about the hazards of setting fire to garbage. We request the officers concerned to stop this practice immediately and clear the garbage on a daily basis.

Syed Irfan Hussaini
Malakpet, Hyderabad



Anitha Enc. drain, roads not fixed in 4 months

Our colony, Anitha Enclave, is situated adjacent to the football ground at JJ Nagar, Ammuguda, Malkajgiri circle. It comprises two units, Saptagiri and Anitha Enclave. We have an association by the name 'Anitha Enclave Plot Owners Association- Regd No. 684/2005'.

The following is our grievances:

Around five months back we faced an unprecedented storm coupled with heavy rain. The storm water entered our colony as the wall of the football ground collapsed, and inundated the entire colony. It practically destroyed the underground drainage system.

The existence of a septic tank near the football ground has further worsened the matter. The septic tank has been damaged and continuously overflows as it does not have a proper outlet.

GHMC officials surveyed these spots. It was decided to revamp the sewerage system, repair and connect the septic tank to the main drainage system of the colony.

The following issues were highlighted to the GHMC officials. The whole area near the septic tank is very unhygienic. The football ground wall has collapsed. This poses a security threat, and the wall must be rebuilt immediately.

The GHMC officials gave us an assurance and a file was created but because of procedural delays no action has been taken till date.

The colony roads particularly that of Saptagiri Enclave are in a bad shape. With the inundation, matters have further worsened. The roads are full of potholes and silt. Driving has become dangerous. Thirteen years have elapsed without the road being re-laid.

We have written many letters to the GHMC East Zone commissioner. We hope there is action.

P.V.R. Naidu
President, Anitha Enclave Plot Owners Association
Regd No.684/2005

Metro stn leaks water onto road

Metro Rail stations are leaking water at various points. A small stream of water was noticed at the entrance of the Ameerpet Metro Rail station. There was a pool of water below. Commuters expressed irritation over wash-room water falling on them.

Adil Rahmathnagar
Yousufguda



Even services are in a mess

BSNL phone isn't receiving incoming calls

I had an issue of not receiving incoming calls on our landline phone since at least January 24. Most people trying to reach us think we have disconnected our phone or changed our number, which is not the case.

I had opened a complaint online with BSNL but it was closed out without any resolution. Even escalated cases are being closed out without any fixing or follow-up with the customer.

Since January 24, I have opened multiple cases by calling the BSNL number 1500, also opened couple of grievance complaints but no action or resolution looks in sight. Even the grievance complaints were closed without resolution.

I am a senior citizen and can't run from pillar to post just to have BSNL attend to my complaint. In this day and age, it should not take a behemoth like BSNL so much time to fix a problem. This speaks volumes about their customer service credentials.

A.R. Taran
Hyderabad

Even fast Net service is really slow

I was a subscriber of the 50 Mbps Plan of Excitel broadband service. After three or four months, I started facing the problem of slow speeds of 15 to 20 Mbps. Every time this happened, I had to call the customer support and raise a complaint. The technician would then resolve the issue. This would repeat after three to four months. In January, I upgraded the plan to 75 Mbps but I am still getting 15 Mbps. I raised a number of requests but no one is responding.

I hope Deccan Chronicle publishes my complaint in *Speak Out* with the expectation that the issue will be solved. I paid ₹1,834.90 on January 9 for the three-month 75 Mbps Plan, now I don't want it any more and need a full refund.

Mohammed Baqi Billa
Sattar Bagh, Jahanuma

BSNL phone billed extra, refund money

I would like to bring to the notice of the General Manager, Charminar/Rajendranagar area regarding excess billing for my landline phone number 24012474 for January. My account number 9000093418 is under the monthly plan of 299. Instead of being charged ₹343, I'm being charged ₹406. This may be corrected and the extra billing adjusted in the next bill. Despite bringing it to the notice of the officials concerned, it has fallen on deaf ears.

Vinod Kumar
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad

Post traffic policemen at Padma'nagar

Traffic police personnel must be posted at regular distances and at road intersections, especially the three-way junction at Abhinav Colony in Padmaonagar, Warasiguda and Parsigutta, to regulate traffic. Every day during the evening peak hours from 5 pm to 8 pm, traffic jams regularly on the stretch. This wastes time, energy, fuel and money of the citizens. Also it adds to pollution. The presence of police personnel is needed as the roads are narrow and the volume of vehicular is more.

P.N. Sreelekha
Boudhnagar, Secunderabad

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— Editor



Another building on Necklace Road

A building is being built in the beautiful grove of lush green trees nestled between Sanjeevaiah Park and Jalavihar on Necklace Road alongside Hussainsagar. This small jungle is a huge lung space for the city and a sanctuary for peacocks. It is observed that many trees have been uprooted and the whole place has been dug up.

The public does not know about the plans of the authorities. The plan should have been displayed if the intent is in the interest of the public.

It will be worthwhile to mention that the space between Prasad Multiplex and Sanjeevaiah Park is turning into a cement jungle, eating into the natural greenery and spoiling the eye-catching scenic panorama of Hussainsagar.

Equally disturbing is the construction of huge halls/ buildings within Sanjeevaiah Park by the authorities, thus snatching away the small remaining patches of greenery and useful lung space in the city. The Hussainsagar hinterland and Sanjeevaiah Park are famous landmarks in the city and it is best left untouched to retain its pristine glory. We call upon the public-spirited minister K.T. Rama Rao to intervene in the matter.

Anonymous

I paid up, there is proof, but Uber says I haven't

I had travelled to Hyderabad airport on November 23, 2019 that had a cost paid on my US credit card as I was on vacation. I was charged at the equivalent dollar rate. The amount has been charged and it was also shown in my bank statement.

After that trip I could not book a trip again as the Uber app kept showing an outstanding amount in my account. I reached out to them for two months through various means, telling them that the money has been



paid and there is nothing that I owe. They have a specialised team to look into these issues and never got back nor responded with ticket number. Instead the app offers an option to settle the outstanding amount even when I owe nothing.

Siddarth
Hyderabad

UPI payment to IOCL vanishes into thin air

I am an Indian Gas customer with Adi Malik agency at Ameerpur with (consumer ID 37195). I booked my refill gas cylinder through the link provided by Indian Oil. The first transaction attempt failed and was successful the second time. The payment was made through UPI for ₹769 (reference number 003384175213). The agency is not accepting that it has received the payment, and is asking for cash. When I contacted the

IOCL customer care (Phone 1800233555; query reference number 15658470), the call goes to the IVRS. It asks for the user to select a language. Once this is done, the line gets disconnected. When the government is asking everyone to go cashless, no one is bothered to address my issue. If IOCL didn't receive any payment, where did my money go?

Kasturi Shiva Prasad
Hyderabad

Ortho disability certificate is delayed

My son attended the Msadaram camp on December 11, 2019, and underwent medical examination at the King Koti hospital, Hyderabad, for an ortho disability certificate. Till date he has not got the certificate as the offi-

cial is not giving Column 16 which is essential for his son. Now the officials are saying that he needs to book a slot again through Mee Seva after deleting Part-A of the old application (No. 01318).

We are running from pillar to post for the last two months to get the certificate. I request the officials concerned to look into the matter and do the needful at the earliest.

J. Ashok Kumar
Saidabad, Hyderabad

No drugs, rude nurses at ESI Malakpet

I am a resident of Santoshnagar Colony and work with a private school. I am writing this mail on behalf of a few people I met at the ESI Dispensary at Malakpet. I'm using the ESI health facility for my family and my parents. There

are continuous deductions from my salary towards ESI. But since many months ESI Malakpet is not giving me some important medicines. Previously the ESI used to work on Sundays till the afternoon. They have stopped

this. The nurses are very rude. I request the higher authorities of ESI to solve the problem of common people by making medicines available for the needy.

Manzoor Ahmed
Santoshnagar Colony

Have not received LPG sop

My IOCL consumer MID is 750000000207590. Because my bank account is not linked with Aadhaar, I furnished my account details on the IOCL portal.

The last two times that I booked refill cylinders, I got subsidy through NEFT.

For the cylinder delivered on January 27, subsidy has not yet been transferred. Please get it credited at the earliest.

Ravi Sankar
Ameerpur



Road cut and not repaired

There is a deep cut on the road at Kacheguda crossroads, opposite Master Bakery. It has been like that for two months. Despite repeated complaints, the GHMC is not repairing the road. This is causing many problems to two-wheeler riders, particularly those that are carrying the aged and women carrying infants.

Sinduri Vivan Ramvikas Raj
Kacheguda, Hyderabad



Nadeem Colony nala makes us sick

Hyacinth is growing rapidly in Saffilguda tank. We, the residents of Bahramnagar Colony, have never seen such a spread of the weed in the past several years. Mosquitoes are breeding there, and a foul smell emanates from the water. Pollution has

The open nala in Nadeem Colony, Tolichowki, is resulting in the spreading of diseases in the area. It should

be cleaned and covered immediately.

Hasan Ali
Hyderabad

Hyacinth at Saffilguda lake allows mosquitoes to breed

Hyacinth is growing rapidly in Saffilguda tank. We, the residents of Bahramnagar Colony, have never seen such a spread of the weed in the past several years. Mosquitoes are breeding there, and a foul smell emanates from the water. Pollution has

increased. Those going out for a walk in the morning or the evening at the lake park are facing great inconvenience. The GHMC should remove the hyacinth and save residents of adjacent colonies as well as walkers.

P. Satyanarayana
Bahramnagar Colony

RTC bus destination boards are not clear

After the RTC employees strike, the staff are overlooking several issues. One of them is that the destination boards on the buses are not clear. The number of buses have been reduced on some routes like Route

No. 45. They have removed Metro services and their ordinary services are fewer now. The RTC employees have to now reset their services.

T.S. Chandramohan
Secunderabad



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2 pm to 5 pm: CTI area, CMD Quarters area; Rehmathnagar, Bangaru Mysamma temple area, Amar Point Hotel area, Kallu Compound area, Mosque area; Laxminagar, JJ Hospital area, Ayurveda Hospital area; Vengal Rao Nagar A, B, C, D blocks, e-Sea, Srinivasa Colony West, Madhuranagar B, G blocks; Yousufguda main road area, Devarayanagar, area behind Ganapathi Complex; sara depot; Laxmi Narasimha Nagar, Krishnanagar, Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Stadium area; IOA Institute.

12 noon to 1.30 pm: Krishnanagar, Sidhi Vinayanka, PG Road, Food World, Maruthi Construction, Ganesh immersion point area, area opp Pochampally, Sindh Colony, Airlines Tower, PG Road.

3 pm to 4 pm: Nallagutta Dham's Hospital, Masjid, MG Road, Raji Classic, Ramgopalpet Garden and area behind KFC.

4 pm to 5 pm: Ranigunj bus depot, Ambedkarnagar, Balaji Hotel.

2.30 pm to 5.30 pm: Krishnanagar, Bapu Bagh, Food World, Green Gate, Prashant Apartments, Hari Niva, Hanuman temple.

IN BRIEF

2 held for stealing bikes

Hyderabad: The West Zone Task Force apprehended two men, Shaik Osman and Mohammed Sohail Ali, who stole four bikes and committed two house thefts in the jurisdiction of the Golconda police station, Langer House police station of Hyderabad City and Rajendra Nagar police station of Cyberabad. Four bikes were recovered as was some other stolen property.

CHAITANYA, NARAYANA 'BREAK RULE'

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Sri Chaitanya and Narayana educational institutes have started admissions before the Intermediate Board has issued the notification to commence admissions. The Students Federation of India (SFI) has given a representation against the decision to the Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education (TSBIE).

Parents, on the condition of anonymity, said that representatives from Sri Chaitanya and Narayana institutes had come to their homes to offer various packages. This has been happening since last November, they said. The parents were also offered concessions in the fee structure if their children took an early admission.

Mr T. Nagaraju from the SFI said, "Even before students finish their SSC exams, parents are being lured to join their children in these institutes. Lecturers are being sent to homes in the name of admission campaigning."

When contacted, the institutes denied that the admission process has begun. Some other staff, on the condition of anonymity, from these institutes have confirmed that the admission has begun.

BJP leaders cheat colleague

Couple takes ₹29 lakh to secure post of Sports Authority of India secy

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

A Bharatiya Janata Party youth wing leader has lodged a complaint with the Rajendranagar police against another BJP member K. Uma Maheshwari and her husband, alleging that they took ₹29 lakh from him promising to get him nominated for the post of secretary of the Sports Authority of India.

Bokka Bal Reddy, a resident of Upparpally, who

is in the BJP Yuva Morcha, in his complaint to the police stated that K. Uma Maheshwari and her husband K. Kondal Reddy, had known him for several years since they worked for the same political party.

In February 2016, Maheshwari and her husband met Bal Reddy at his house and suggested he apply for the nominated post of secretary of the Sports Authority of India as he was interested in sports. They

■ WHEN THE victim did not get the post, the couple filed a case against him for cheque bouncing.

assured him they could influence party leaders in Delhi and ensure that he gets the post.

Believing the couple, Bal Reddy applied for the post. He alleged that Maheshwari told him that she had spoken to the concerned leaders and the work will be

done, but he had to pay ₹38 lakh.

Some days later, Maheshwari told him that she had paid some money to the concerned persons in Delhi, and Bal Reddy gave her the money and also a signed blank cheque for paying the remaining money after the work was done.

He alleged that when he did not get the post, the couple could not pay back his money. Instead, they filed a case against him for cheque bounc-

ing. Bal Reddy then complained to the Rajendranagar police seeking necessary action.

Inspector G. Suresh of the Rajendranagar police said that a case has been registered against the couple on the allegations made by Bal Reddy, that they took ₹29 lakh from him. "We are investigating the case. Facts of the complaint are being ascertained and evidence is being collected. So far, no arrests have been made," he said.

Conman cheats visa seeker of ₹7L

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

A city-based man who was willing to explore work opportunities in the USA was reportedly duped by a stranger who took him into confidence and promised to arrange a B1 visa. After depositing about ₹7 lakh, the victim realised he was cheated and lodged a complaint with the cyber crime police.

The victim, Mahendar (name changed) a 27-year-old from Rajendranagar had met one Sandeep (name changed) during his travel to Goa during May 2019. Since then, they maintained contact.

When the former expressed his interest in moving to the United States seeking a job,

the latter promised to arrange a B1 visa and also a job for him.

Believing the words, Mahender had sent money to the bank accounts provided by Sandeep through electronic transfer on various occasions. After depositing the money, Mahendar was told to wait for some days, however, he did not see any progress in the visa processing.

Mahendar then lodged a complaint with the Rajendranagar police on Thursday stating that he was duped.

The police who registered a case of cheating based on the complaint have taken up the investigation to identify the beneficiaries who received the money.

AP TASK FORCE RESCUES DEER FROM WILD DOGS

DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUPATI, FEB. 16

A spotted deer being chased by wild dogs in Seshachalam forests was rescued by Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force and treated for injuries before it was handed over to the forest officials.

Early Sunday morning, acting on the instructions of Task Force In-Charge and SP P. Ravi Shankar, a team led by RSI Vijaya Narasimulu started combing operations from Bhupal colony in Thimmanaidu Palem beat near Tirupati.

The sleuths heard a spotted deer's panicked wails and saw it running in the forest. Noticing that it was being chased by some wild dogs, they chased away the wild dogs and rescued the deer which had sustained injuries. The sleuths later managed to calm the deer and administered first aid.

Task Force team members Johnny Basha, Srinu and Ramanjaneyulu carried the injured deer to the forest border, which was 2.5 km from the spot where the deer was rescued.

Later, RI Murali reached the spot and took over the injured deer, while the task force team continued their journey into the forest for combing operations.

VIZAG PUNTERS BET ON 'HEADS OR TAILS', HELD

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 16

Task Force personnel on Sunday raided coin game and ball box centres in the city and arrested 13 persons.

Task Force assistant commissioner of police A. Trinadha Rao said that the police personnel raided the primary school ground at Pedagadil under Arilova police limits and apprehended seven persons while they are playing a game of chance with ₹1 coins.

They were betting on 'heads or tails'. Police seized ₹27,310 and three ₹1 coins that was used for the betting from their possession, the ACP said.

Man takes data from govt sites, makes obscene calls

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

A cyber pervert who approached victims through social media and threatened to show nude videos of them was arrested by Hyderabad cyber crime police. He reportedly collected victims' data through government websites. One of his victims was a woman constable working for the Hyderabad police commissionerate.

K Bhaskar, 35, is from Nyalapogula village in Lingalagunpur mandal in Warangal district. Police said he used to be a farmer cum middleman operating in various government offices in erstwhile Warangal

Man dies after car falls into river, constable slips off bridge, killed

PULI SHARAT KUMAR I DC KARIMNAGAR, FEB. 16

In two separate accidents on Sunday four persons, including a policeman, were killed and three left injured in Karimnagar district.

In a collision between a lorry and a car on Manair bridge near Alganur in the city outskirts, a car fell down the bridge resulting in the death of a person and injuries to another.

The deceased was identified as Gandhi Srinivas, a government teacher working at Uppari village of Malaya mandal, resident of Subashnagar in the city. Srinivas along with his wife Swarupa were travelling in a car to have darshan of Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy at Komeruvelli temple. They were to pick their relatives on their way at Alganur.

When they reached the bridge, a speeding lorry hit their car which fell skidded down 50 feet. Srinivas who was driv-



Rescuers try to help the passengers from a car which fell off a bridge in Karimnagar district.

ing the car, died on the spot while his wife survived with minor injuries. The locals saved Swarupa and shifted her to the Karimnagar government hospital for treatment.

On learning about the accident, a huge crowd gathered on the bridge. Meanwhile, the police who received information of the accident deployed a constable, Chandrasekhar Goud, for controlling and clear-

ing the traffic. He slipped from the bridge and fell down. As there was no water, Chandrasekhar Goud fell on the stones and was injured seriously. The locals shifted him to the hospital, where he lost his life.

Ex-cop dies in mishap on way to mother's last rites

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA I DC WARANGAL, FEB. 16

A retired police inspector and his wife were killed on the spot after the car they were travelling in collided head-on with an oncoming lorry near Penchikalpet village in Elkathurthy mandal of Warangal Urban district during the early hours of Sunday.

The couple, Ch. Vijay Kumar and his wife Sunitha, along with their daughter Mounika, were on their way from Khammam to Yalpaguda in Adilabad after they came to know that Vijay's mother Ramanamma had passed away on Saturday night. They hired a driver Harshavardhan to take them to Adilabad. At about 3.30 am on Sunday, the car they were travelling in collided with a lorry coming from Karimnagar.

While Vijay and his wife Sunitha died at the



The scene of car and lorry collision near Penchikalpet.

accident site, their daughter Mounika and car driver Harshavardhan were seriously injured. Locals informed the police and called an ambulance. The injured were shifted to Huzurabad government hospital, where they are undergoing treatment. It was a painful Sunday for Vijay Kumar's family as two deaths occurred within a day.

The Warangal-Karimnagar national highway 563 has often come under focus for

frequent accidents taking place on the stretch in the recent past. Presence of blind turns, regular movement of heavy vehicles and absence of medians have rendered this road dangerous. There is a ₹68-lakh plan of Warangal police and national highway authorities to set up crash barriers at Yellapur Bridge, apart from rumble strips, speed breakers, signboards and signals near the blind curves on the road.

ATTAINED FEET OF LORD SHIVA



Late. Ramalingappa Shivabasappa Bakkannavar
(Retd. Chief G.M. RBI, Hyd.)
DOB: 17-06-1941 DOD: 16-02-2020
"Thought you left us your memories remain in our hearts for ever"
Inserted by:
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Grand Children:
Kratika, Pratik, Shyaam, Mandvi & FAMILY MEMBERS
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Birthday Remembrance

Shri. Andrew Samuel
DOB: 17.02.1929 DOD: 01.03.2002
Inserted by:
Family Members

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. II Tim 4:7



Mrs. DORCAS IRENE SAMSON
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W/o Late J. Samson
(Retd Teacher, St. John's Church High School, Marredpally)
Memorial Service will be held at 7.30 pm on 17.2.2020 at CSI Wesley Church, Chilkalguda, Secbad
Inserted by: Family Members
Ph: 9347060821

10th DAY CEREMONY



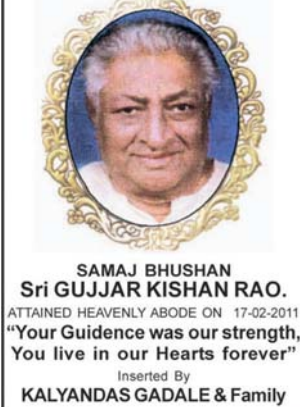
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Venue BHARATH SEVA SANGAM Indrapark backside 10:30 AM onwards Ph:9247123967
By Family & Friends

PRARTHANA SABHA



JASWANTI BAI J. PANDYA
W/o Late Jayantilal P. Pandya (Maharaj)
DOB: 29.11.1936 DOD: 15.02.2020
PRARTHANA SABHA TODAY
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Shri Gujarati Seva Mandal, Jeera, R.P. Road, Secunderabad.
Inserted by: Mayur Pandya
Ph: 9849876570

IN MEMORY



SAMAJ BHUSHAN Sri GUJJAR KISHAN RAO.
ATTAINED HEAVENLY ABODE ON 17-02-2011
"Your Guidance was our strength, You live in our hearts forever"
Inserted by:
KALYANDAS GADALE & Family

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord Rev.14:13



DAYALA DANAM
Retd. Officer - ECIL
DOB: 01-07-1950 DOD: 17-02-2017
...And I Will Dwell in the House of the LORD Forever... Ps. 23:6
Inserted by: Wife, Sons, Daughters-in-Law & Grand Children Ph: 9247160222

OBITUARY

Precious in the Sight of the Lord is the death of his saints psalm.116:15



Mrs. A. LAXMI
W/o Mr. M. Yesudas Borabanda, Hyd
Retd. Head Nurse
Osmania General Hospital, Hyderabad
Promoted to Glory to Abode Permanently with Jesus in Heaven On 15-02-2020
Funeral will take place On Monday, 17-02-2020 at Cemetery behind glass factory, Borabanda, at 12.00 noon.
Inserted by: Family Members
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RAVIRALA KUSUMA
Retd. HOD Political Sciences, RBVRR Women's College
W/O. Late Sri R B Raju
11' & 12' Day Ceremonies on 23 & 24 Feb 2020 respectively, at F-1504, Seven Hills Apts., PWS, KOKAPET (Near Nursing Junction)
Inserted by: Family Members
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16th Death Anniversary



DEAR MITHIL SINGH
DOB: 14th Aug. 1990 + DOD: 17th Feb. 2004
You have been a loving son, dear brother. We remember you every day, every hour and every minute & pray to God to give us strength to stand up to your loss.
Inserted by: T. Gulab Singh
Lal Singh-Rajeshree (Father-Mother)
Preeti, Shailender, Keerti-Naveen Singh

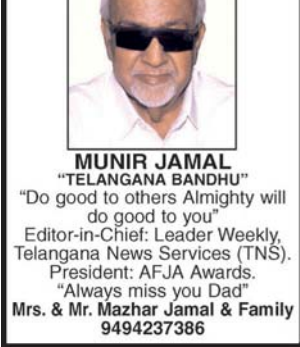
5th ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of



Mrs. DOROTHY VARMA
17.11.1922 - 17.02.2015
W/o Late Dr. P. Ravi Varma
You gave your hands to serve and your heart to love with all humility
Inserted by:
Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
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IN LOVING MEMORY

6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



MUNIR JAMAL
"TELANGANA BANDHU"
"Do good to others Almighty will do good to you"
Editor-in-Chief: Leader Weekly, Telangana News Services (TNS).
President: AFJA Awards.
"Always miss you Dad"
Mrs. & Mr. Mazhar Jamal & Family
9494237386

16th Anniversary



Shri G.C. SHAH
Our loved ones never depart from us, even if death takes them away from us. Their soul and memory remains forever with us in our heart.
Fondly remembered by: Smt. Charooben Shah, Neeraj Shah & Neeta Shah, Nishith Shah & Mono Shah, Nimit, Shradha, Niyati, Nischay, Nihaal

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Thanks Giving Service In Loving Memory of



DASARI JACOB
DOB: 27-5-1938 DOD: 17-2-2019
We love you & miss you.
1st Year Memorial Service to be held at Diocesan Office, Secunderabad on 17-2-2020 at 7pm.
Wife-Swarnaleela, Son, Daughter-in-law, Daughters, Son-in-laws & Grandchildren
Ph: 944047812, 944093540

29th ANNIVERSARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF



S. SATYAPAL
Excise Inspector, A.P.
Fondly Remembered by:
S. Satyapal (Son)
Shobha Satyapal (Daughter-in-law)
Samana (Grand Daughter)
Sambuddho (Grand Son)
Family & Siddhartha Sangha
(S/1920/D01860)

IN BRIEF

Owaisi tags home minister Shah

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The AIMIM president also tagged Union home minister Amit Shah in his tweet, and left a terse '2' mark after the single word — right. @asad-owaisi Welcome to New India, 2020: it's so bad that even @BJP4India's ideological parent cannot ignore it anymore. Bhagwat should not stop here though, he should tell us WHY is everyone agitating? It's definitely not because "5 million ton economy" has arrived, right @AmitShah ? (sic)

MLC: KISHAN MAKING FALSE ALLEGATIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

TRS MLC Karne Prabhakar on Sunday demanded that Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy take back his statement about Central funds not being released to the Telangana state.

Addressing a press conference, in the TSR Legislature Party office, Mr Prabhakar said that Mr Reddy was making false allegations against the state government pertaining to the Metro Rail. The Union minister should know the facts before criticising the state government, he said.

Mr Prabhakar said that the Centre had released funds to Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) in accordance with the earlier agreement and not out of the kindness of Mr Kishan Reddy. As per the agreement, the Centre was to give ₹1,200 crore to the state.

The TRS leader said that the Centre had released only 20 per cent funds to HMRL. "If Mr Kishan Reddy has any love and affection for Telangana state, he could try and secure the rest of the funds," added Mr Prabhakar.

Mr Prabhakar also said that they were ready to felicitate Mr Kishan Reddy if he secured any prestigious project for the state. He dared Mr Kishan Reddy to get national status for the Kaleshwaram Project from the Centre "if he had the guts."

With regard to Mr Kishan Reddy's allegation that he was not invited for the inauguration of the third corridor of Metro Rail recently, he said the government did indeed follow protocol.

Mr Prabhakar said that BJP leaders were losing their credibility among the people by "speaking lies" regarding the Metro Rail.

Cricket match



Chief Justice R.S. Chauhan plays a stroke during the cricket match between High Court advocates and the Chief Justice XI at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Uppal on Sunday.

Pattana Pragathi to begin on February 24

Cabinet to give priority to develop greenery, sanitation

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The cabinet also decided to organise Pattana Pragathi programme for 10 days beginning from February 24 in all towns and cities across the state.

According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), while speaking at the meeting, Mr Rao hoped that the Pattana Pragathi programme should lay a strong foundation for the best urban living and its goal should be a journey towards it.

He said that urban areas should reflect cleanliness, good sanitation and greenery and

that there should be a planned development so that citizens could get better services. He said that steps should be initiated to improve living standards of people in urban areas.

It was decided to hold the Pattana Pragathi taking the ward as a unit and appoint a special officer for every ward and identify works to be done ward-wise, besides those identified at town and city-level. The Cabinet resolved to identify illiterates as part of Pattana Pragathi programme. The government would release ₹78 crore per month for GHMC and ₹70

crore for other municipalities and corporations in the state from the Finance Commission.

The Cabinet has decided to allocate ₹311 crore for the GHMC and ₹500 crore for municipalities and corporations in the state from the ₹811 crore fund to be received from the 14th Finance Commission. The Cabinet resolved to give priority to develop greenery, sanitation work, cleaning of drainages and fill up sewer pits and plant saplings in large numbers and identify places in each ward to set up plant and sapling nurseries. The Cabinet has decid-

ed to provide 3,100 vehicles for sanitation works to municipalities and corporations. Rao informed the Cabinet that 600 vehicles have already arrived and the remaining 2,500 should be arranged immediately they should be sent to various beneficiary towns.

It was resolved to strengthen drinking water network in urban areas and improve main roads and internal roads in and fill up the pot-holes. It was decided to select sites to set up vegetable and meat markets and constructs public toilets, besides exclusive she-toilets for women.

KCR turns 66, party plans many events

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao will turn 66 on Monday, and party leaders are making arrangements to cele-

brate the event. Leaders have planned mega plantation and charity programmes, health camps, exhibition of photographs of Mr Rao and distribution of wheelchairs. The programmes will be

held in the city as well as the state. Several songs written on Mr Rao were released by party leaders on Sunday. The lyrics were based on the Telangana movement, Mr Rao's role in it and the

welfare programmes and developments activities that he has initiated. The lyrics describe Mr Rao as 'Telangana Bapu'. KCR Seva Mandali on Sunday distributed crutches to the needy.

CM'S CLOSE AIDE OPTS FOR RETIREMENT

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's special secretary P Rajasekhar Reddy has taken voluntary retirement. He had another seven years of service.

The voluntary retirement of Mr Reddy has sparked speculation in the TRS and government circles that Mr Rao will nominate him to the Rajya Sabha. Mr Reddy, who is of the rank of Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, was on deputation to the Telangana government since June 2, 2014.

The Human Resource Manager of Employees Provident Fund Organisation in an office order disclosed that Mr Reddy's request for voluntary retirement was accepted by the competent authority waiving the three months notice period and he has been relieved of his duties with effect from January 31, 2020.

Mr Reddy is close to Chandrasekhar Rao and was his personal secretary when Mr Rao was Union Labour Minister.

After the formation of Telangana and the TRS coming to power, Mr Rao requested the Centre to depute Mr Reddy to Telangana. The rules allow an officer working in the Government of India to be on deputation in his native state for a maximum period of five years.

The Centre had extended Mr Reddy's term of deputation for two more years in January this year. But opposition parties in Telangana reportedly opposed the extension and complained to the authorities concerned at the Centre.

Sources close to the state government disclosed that this could have led to Mr Reddy deciding to quit the service. Meanwhile, the state government has issued orders appointing Mr Reddy as Officer on Special Duty in the Office of the Chief Minister for a period of four years.

THE CENTRE had extended Mr Reddy's term for two more years but opposition parties complained to the authorities concerned

AVOIDED VISIT TO BHAINSA

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Union MoS (home) G. Kishan Reddy said that he, and other BJP leaders, did not visit Bhainsa immediately after the clashes to avoid the situation from getting vitiated. He said that the state government must provide full protection to people living in fear.

He asked district officials to immediately issue documents listing the details of

property lost by the victims following the destruction.

"Local people have told me that communal clashes were pre-planned because of municipal elections," Kishan Reddy said, and assured that "those who had hatched the conspiracy to incite clashes would be punished".

He further disclosed that the Nirmal police had sent proposals for compensation of ₹2.33 crore to 101 victims to the government.

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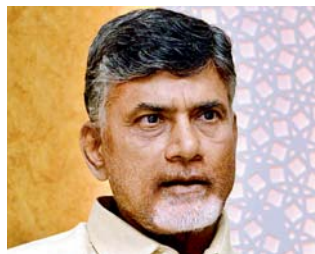
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TD reveals I-T raid documents, says ₹2.63L belong to ex-aide

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 16

Under fire from rival political parties, especially the ruling YSRC, in the aftermath of income tax raids on P. Srinivas, former personal secretary of Telugu Desam supremo N. Chandrababu Naidu, the Telugu Desam has produced the panchanama report of the Income Tax department, showing possession of cash of ₹2.63 lakh and a few tolas of gold on his premises.

The Income-Tax department official press release on Friday said that the preliminary investigation from raids on three infrastructure companies, and a former personal secretary of a prominent person (Mr Naidu), combined, revealed siphoning of ₹2,000 crore. The ruling YSR Congress launched a scathing attack alleging that it was Mr Naidu



who primarily benefited out of the siphoned money.

The two panchanama reports purported to have been issued by the IT department to Mr Srinivas started doing rounds on social media since Sunday morning.

Taking a cue from these, former minister and senior TD leader Yanamala Ramakrishnu demanded that the ruling party and media outlets belonging to Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy should apologise to Mr Naidu for spreading false news. Ramakrishnu told media-

persons that YSRC party leader and media house owned by CM Reddy magnified I-T raids on the former PS. They propagated that ₹2,000 crore was seized in cash when I-T sleuths actually found only ₹2 lakh whereas the projected money was routed through 26 bogus companies.

"It would be better if they change their party's name to Liar Congress," Mr Ramakrishnu said, adding that the party was considering proceeding against the YSRC party leaders and media house legally. Meanwhile, the appearance of panchanama report on social media and TD picking it up as a basis to defend Mr Naidu raised many an eyebrow. The former personal secretary to former chief minister Naidu is a state government employee, who is currently posted in the planning department.

Caste rules in politics: Pawan

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 16

Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan on Sunday expressed concern over the falling standards of politics in the State, which has been reduced to a conflict between two dominant castes.

Interacting with party men in Jana Sena state headquarters, Pawan Kalyan exuded confidence that the future belonged to Jana Sena as it alone could provide alternative politics that did not discriminate between caste, region and religions.

He called upon youth to join the party and work for a society where caste and religion have no role in deciding which party should rule. "It is a shame that leaders belonging to the two parties are abusing each other in the name of caste," he said.

Defending the party's decision to align with BJP, he said that some leaders cautioned him against aligning with BJP as it could lose support of minorities. "I never think on the lines of whether minority or majority supports us or not as state interest is the priority," he said.

Pawan Kalyan lamented that people supported Jana Sena before elections and took part in large numbers whenever he gave a call but the support did not translate into votes, which, he felt, was because the voters



JANA SENA chief in a dig at Telugu Desam, said the party got 40 per cent vote but is too weak to take on the ruling party

were influenced in the name of caste or monetary benefits. People lose right to question the politician once they accept money from the former. The YCP representatives have been turning away from demands to deliver the electoral promises, he said.

Taking a dig at Telugu Desam, the Jana Sena chief said the party got 40 per cent vote but is too weak to take on the ruling party. The votes it got are perhaps purchased by spending huge amounts. Jana Sena might have lost elections but won people's heart as was evident from lakhs of people voluntarily turning up at two events - long march in Visakhapatnam and a public meeting seeking justice to rape victims in Kurunool - even after the party got drubbed in the last general elections, he pointed out.

Meters for farm connections too

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 16

Power utilities in Andhra Pradesh have been considering metering agriculture consumption.

According to an official press release from the AP state government, the Centre has asked all distribution companies to arrange metering system to measure supply of energy from distribution transformers dedicated to the agriculture sector.

A. Chandrasekhar Reddy, CEO, State Energy Conservation Mission, in an apparent attempt to defend

the move to install power meters for agrarians, said in the press release issued by him on Sunday, referred to different farmers associations constantly representing to the government to measure actual agriculture consumption in the state.

Significantly, the release acknowledged that Discoms avail subsidy for commercial losses in the name of agriculture consumption, while farmers have been demanding real-time data to prevent it. The proposed new system would help to measure agriculture consumption accurately and energy audit efficiently, the

release further pointed out.

The release further said that energy officials briefed Balineni Srinivasa Reddy, energy minister, about various initiatives, including putting in place a system to avoid interruptions in supply and resolve problem of overload of distribution transformers.

The officials also briefed the AP state minister about the losses of power utilities mounting to ₹33,419 crore in December 2019 from the ₹7,069 crore as on March, 2014. The operational and capital expenditure of utilities also increased manifold during the same period, the release said.

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IN BRIEF

Art exhibition on KCR begins

Hyderabad: An art exhibition displaying the rare moments from the life of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao captured the attention of several leaders and people at the Art Gallery, Madhapur. Inaugurating the exhibition, minister Ch Malla Reddy said that people would celebrate Mr Chandrasekhar Rao's birthday as if he was one of their own family members. The minister appreciated the artists for showing their love and affection towards the Chief Minister.
— INN

FM: TS among few states that get more

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Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman who was in Hyderabad as part of a series of interactive sessions being organised on the Union Budget with stakeholders in different parts of the country, reiterated that Telangana was one of few states which got 128 per cent more funds during the Modi government. "In fact, we have also relaxed fiscal deficit norm to allow Telangana government to raise more debt by 50 additional

basis points," a composed finance minister, who has been in news in the recent times for frequently losing her temper, said.

Reacting to IT minister K.T. Rama Rao's criticism against her for claiming credit for the Centre giving state its rightful share in taxes, she wondered if the usage of word "give" is unparliamentary.

"If the state minister has any problem with the usage of word "give", he should write to the Lok Sabha Speaker requesting him to declare the word as unparliamentary."

Now, virus attacks cattle, 6 dead

GEETA VALABOJU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Even as the coronavirus has set off a major global health emergency, another virus is threatening cattle in India. Six cows have been reported as having lumpy skin disease and all six are dead. Two cows and one calf in Chaitanyapuri and three cows from Konaseema have died.

Cattle owners Laxmama and Balasubba from Chaitanyapuri, said they had noticed signs of the disease around the neck and bottom of the legs of the cows. The veterinary

centre put the cows on saline for two days, but the next day the cows were dead.

Veterinarian Sridaran Thirumalai says, "It was too late for the cows to completely get treated since the virus was very quick."

Veterinarian Dr Hakeem says, "There is no specific antiviral treatment available for LSD (Lumpy Skin Disease) infected cattle. Sick animals must be removed from the herd and given supportive treatment consisting of local wound dressing to discourage flies and prevent secondary infections. Systemic antibiotics may

be given for skin infections, cellulites or pneumonia, and food and water should be made readily available. Local application of insecticides to infected cattle has been made in an attempt to reduce further transmission, but to no apparent benefit."

Veterinary microbiologist Dr Srinivas says that the Lumpy virus comes from the Pox virus (Pox family). "Lumpy skin disease is a viral disease of cattle that is spread by insects biting the cows. The virus is closely related to the pox virus of sheep and goats, and caus-

es nodular skin lesions on the animal's body. Lumpy skin disease generally occurs in Africa, though outbreaks have occurred in parts of West Asia. Infection may be followed by severe and serious complications. Among more famous breeds, the Bostaurus breed of cattle is more susceptible to the disease than Bosindicus breeds, although younger animals are more often affected and show more severe disease than adult ones."

The lumpy virus should be detected early when the pox or skin nodules appear on the body of the

animal. There is fever and enlargement of superficial lymph nodes. The virus is spread between animals by biting flies and mosquitoes. Many animals in a herd will be affected but a few will die from the disease. Death rates are greater among calves.

The disease causes damage to the hide, causes loss of milk and beef production, abortions in females and sterility in bulls. The economic losses in herds with the disease are very severe.

The disease is not however transferable from animals to human beings.

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IN BRIEF

NO TS RESPONSE YET TO NOTICE ON PUPPALGUDA LAKE

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

The state government has not responded to the notices issued by the National Water Mission (NWM) seeking an explanation on the illegal occupation of a water body in Puppalguda. The NWM notices were issued on February 3 and the authority had sought a response within 10 days.

The petitioner alleged that there had been no response from the government.

"The water body has suddenly gone off the map. The lake has been eaten into and the land is being used by a car showroom," the petitioner alleged.

She added that the NWM had directed the government authorities to release a response illustrating a thorough evaluation of the merit of the complaint, including an explanation of the tenets and evidences against which the merits of the complaint are to be re-evaluated. "It has been over ten days and there is still no response from the government. There should have been a copy marked to the petitioner as well. But nothing of the sort has happened till date," she added.

The NWM has made it clear that the reply should mandatorily include a suitable action plan to allay the menace ensuing from the purported illegal encroachment of the said water body in a time bound manner.

Lake activists have for long pointed out encroachment and pollution of lakes. The High Court has also dealt with several petitions on the matter. Except for some action, there is no concentrated drive to save the lakes.

Garbage burns near park



Fire fighters try to douse a fire at the garbage dump yard near Sanjeevaiah Park on Sunday. No casualties were reported in the fire. — S. SURENDER REDDY

Design ready, April date for Musi riverfront work

MADHY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

The Musi Riverfront Development Corporation (MRDC) has finalised its designs for cleaning up and beautifying River Musi. These designs would soon be available on public domain so that citizens concerned can give their suggestions.

The state government has decided to allocate Rs. 500 crore to kick-start the Musi development project. The MRDC would later knock on the doors of financial institutions for funding.

According to sources, the corporation has finalised designs and landscapes for the Phase I beautification and development works from Puranapul to Chaderghat. These works will start in April after evaluation of short-listed designs and calling of tenders. The tasks expected to be completed by March 2021.

As per plans, MRDC will construct berms, jogging and cycling tracks, walkways, foot over bridges and green spaces. There will be boating and illumination facilities. Kiosks will

also be set up. The pilot project taken up along Puranapul to Chaderghat stretch of four kilometres will subsequently be replicated all along the course of the river within the city. Consultants have submitted designs to the government. MRDC has suggested a few changes. A high-level meeting on Monday will finalise the designs, if necessary, by making a few more changes. The same will be submitted to the state government for final approval.

A senior official said MRDC would construct

several parks on the available 430 acres of the government land. To protect the river from encroachments, the corporation would construct retaining walls and flood protection walls in low-lying areas. A rubber dam will be constructed across Musi for regulating water flow, besides developing roads along its banks.

"In addition, MRDC will set up 32 sewerage treatment plants to minimise water contamination. It would also use Godavari and Krishna River water for further purification," he said.

Former students slam the rot in learning methods

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Students of Sri Chaitanya and Narayana educational institutes slammed the rot learning methods still in vogue at the colleges.

"The rot learning methods that we had to practice back then are still affecting us. We are unable to understand concepts after we entered engineering," said K. Ashok Reddy, one of the petitioners and former student, who studied at the Boduppal branch of Sri Chaitanya campus.

The situation has not changed for current batch students. A day-scholar from the Narayana institute at Adibatla said that students are still given corporal punishments if work does not get completed.

"I have to go to college at around 6 am. We have study hours till 9 or 10 pm. How can anyone expect us to study for so long? We are even given work to finish after these study hours - how is this possible? If we cannot finish work, we are given corporal punishment," he said on condition of anonymity.

He admitted that all they most of the time do is to memorise information.

Students and parents are reminded about fee through frequent messages and calls. When students are unable to pay, they are not allowed to take examinations, further stressing them, the online petitioning former students said.

Are not the parents at fault? For parents, these institutes have become an inevitable phase of an "inescapable rat race" for their children's betterment.

One parent said, "It is a competitive world. There is a rat race for such institutes. We tend to enrol our children thinking they would achieve good marks, and consequently, have a good future. We invest in high amounts of fee at these institutes because we love our children and have high aspirations and expectations for our kids. We have become helpless."

An educational analyst said, "it has become an easy and lazy intellectual exercise to blame corporate institutions. If they are so bad let the parents not send their children. Let the children seek action against their parents who sent them to concentration camps in the name of love? What about the government? All

this training is eventually to get through Eamcet and such other government-conducted exams only, right? Why can't they seek a ban on Eamcet and other exams?"

Explaining that competition was a consequence of high population, he said, "we have lakhs of children who wish to get one of the few thousands of seats. The pipe has to have a filter and it will hurt not only those who can't make it but also those make it through after such mindless struggle. But what should we ban - population, exams, government, or parents from having dreams for a better tomorrow for their kids?"

The parents try to shift all responsibility to the government, saying "it should come up with quality institutes, with affordable fee structures, and a stress-free environment."

When contacted, Narayana Institute said that they have a helpline number that students can call to avail counselling. The institute has counselors who interact with students to learn about their problems.

Representatives of Sri Chaitanya were not available for comment.

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GHOSH TAKES POTSHOTS AT MAMATA

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, FEB. 16

West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Sunday took potshots at Trinamul Congress supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee after she got no invitation to the swearing-in ceremony of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal as Delhi Chief Minister for the third consecutive time.

He said that Banerjee, who had prayed with her heart and soul for Kejriwal's win, was forgotten by him after his victory. The BJP MP of Midnapore wondered why the AAP chief did not invite Banerjee.

Ghosh said, "It is Didi's brother who did not invite her. The brother, for whom she offered puja at Kalighat temple and observed fast so that his party wins, forgot her although he won. This is politics. Those, who Banerjee once thought of bringing to one platform so that they would also turn her into an all-India leader, are not giving her any importance now at all."

He sarcastically noted, "So I think that she has suffered more pain in getting no invitation to Delhi than what she felt after getting no invitation to the East-West Metro Railway inauguration event recently. But the question is why she was not invited even. She shed tears after she was not invited to the railway event. What will she do now?"

MIN: BIHAR POLLS MUST BE FOUGHT ON DEVELOPMENT

New Delhi, Feb. 16: The Bihar Assembly polls later this year should be fought on local development issues and restraint over language must be maintained, Union minister and LJP leader Ram Vilas Paswan has said.

The remarks by the BJP ally assume significance as they come after a vitriolic Delhi Assembly polls campaign in which some BJP leaders were rapped by the Election Commission for making inflammatory speeches.

Paswan said the NDA alliance in Bihar was intact and expressed confidence that it would form the government with a two-thirds majority as the Opposition was a "sunken ship."

"LJP has strongly been with the NDA. I have always said only that animal dies on the road who cannot decide whether to go left or right," he said when asked about the state of the NDA alliance in Bihar.

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DOCTOR BOOKED FOR STALKING LAB TECHNICIAN

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The Bandra police booked a 50 year old doctor for stalking and harassing a 27 year old female laboratory technician. The complaint was lodged after she faced the ordeal for nearly six months. The accused doctor is on the run and police is in the process of tracking him down.

The accused doctor and the victim met at a laboratory in 2015 where they both worked. It was there that he started talking to her and after she quit, he started harassing her. The victim has also told the police that after she resisted his harassment and refused to budge, he started stalking her.

"The complainant stated that she tried to dodge him off. However, the ordeal continued for six long months and hence she decided to approach the police. The accused anticipated the complaint and hence he is untraceable," said a police officer.

The investigators also said that the accused, who is 50 years old, is married and his family is being questioned to find his location. Police teams have been formed to find him. The police has also sought the call records of the accused to collate the number of calls he made to the victim and will send the phones to forensic analysis to gather the voice records of his calls.

A case has been filed against the accused under sections 354 (A) (sexual harassment), 354 (D) (stalking) and 509 (outraging modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code.



AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal addresses after he was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Delhi for the third time at a ceremony at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on Sunday. Newly sworn-in ministers Gopal Rai, Satyendra Jain, Manish Sisodia and Kailash Gahlot are also seen on the stage. —PTI

Kejriwal 3.0 takes charge of Delhi, seeks PM's blessings

'Forgives' opposition party members for remarks made during campaign

SANJAY KAW AND SUNIL THAPLIYAL | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

Soon after he was sworn in as Chief Minister of Delhi for the third time, Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday sought the blessings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and expressed his desire to work together with the Centre for the development of the national capital. Kejriwal said as the election was over, politics was also over and he has "forgiven" his opponents for the remarks made during the campaign.

At 12 noon, the moment Kejriwal climbed onto the dais to take the oath, a cheer rang through the crowd, that spilled outside the iconic Ramlila Maidan. One estimate put the crowd at over a lakh, with thousands milling on the streets.

The sprawling Ramlila Maidan had also served as the battleground for the 51-year-old bureaucrat-politician during the Anna Hazare-led India Against Corruption movement. It is the same venue where socialist leader Jayaprakash Narayan had addressed a massive gathering during the "Total Revolution" movement in the 1970s. Kejriwal is the first and only Delhi CM who opted for Ramlila Maidan as the venue for his oath ceremonies. All his predecessors had taken the oath at Raj Niwas.

After being sworn in along with six Cabinet col-

leagues — Manish Sisodia, Satyendra Jain, Gopal Rai, Rajendra Gautam, Imran Hussain and Kailash Gahlot — Kejriwal began his address with "Bharat Mata ki Jai", "Inquilab Zindabad" and "Vande Mataram", and ended it by singing "Hum Hunge Kamyab" (We shall overcome), in which he was joined by thousands, waving the tricolour, banners and wielding jhadus (brooms).

Striking a conciliatory note after his stupendous victory in the Assembly polls by bagging 62 out of 70 seats, Kejriwal, whose earlier tenure was marred by many run-ins with the Centre, termed himself Delhi's "son" and the "Chief Minister of all" people irrespective of the party they voted for.

He said, "I had sent an invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this event. He could not come, maybe he is busy at some other event. But through this platform, I want to take his blessings and say that I want to work with the Central government to develop Delhi and take it forward."

The BJP had mounted its one of the most aggressive campaigns in the Delhi Assembly polls. Several BJP leaders had made controversial and even incendiary remarks against their rivals, prompting the Election Commission to take serious action like barring Union minister Anurag Thakur and BJP MP Parvesh Verma from campaigning. Verma in a

'Chotu mufflerman' steals limelight at Ramlila Maidan

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

After Delhi resident Avyaan Tomar hogged the limelight by wearing an attire similar to that of the Aam Aadmi Party supremo during winters, several other similarly dressed children could be spotted on Sunday at Ramlila Maidan where Arvind Kejriwal took oath as the Chief Minister for the third time.

Avyaan, over-a-year-old, was pictured all dressed up in signature Kejriwal sweater, spectacles, AAP cap, sketched moustache and a muffler outside AAP headquarters on February 11, when the votes polled in the February 8 Delhi Assembly elections were counted. But he was not the only "Little Kejriwal" drawing attention and admiration of the crowd, as five more "Baby Mufflermen", all belong-

ing to the same family, added joy to the atmosphere.

One such child, Zaid Hussain, donning a Kejriwal attire, stood in a queue to enter the venue. "We have come here from Bawana. Kejriwal has done good work in our constituency. Kejriwal zindabad," said his mother Ruksana Begum. Zaid

public meeting had termed Kejriwal a "terrorist".

The Chief Minister sought cooperation from his political opponents, saying he had "forgiven" them for remarks against him during the high-octane campaign.

He said, "Some people had voted for AAP, BJP and Congress during the



Chotu mufflerman (child dressed as Kejriwal) at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on Sunday. —PTI

obliged dutifully when she directed her son to repeat the slogan in favour of Kejriwal.

The youngest among them, Abu Bakar, son of Sajid Mirza, 32, rode his father's shoulders as he waved a big tricolour in his hands. "I am 'Kejriwal'," quipped Abu, when asked his name, and chanted, "Lage raho Kejriwal".

He said, "In the last five years, I have worked for everyone. I have never worked with bias. Today, the entire two-crore is a part of my family. Never hesitate to approach me, I will work for everyone. We still have a lot to achieve here. I want to work with everyone together."

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But from now on, I am everyone's Chief Minister — irrespective of their political affiliation." Kejriwal said Delhiites had given birth to a new kind of politics in the country — which involves schools, hospitals, electricity, water, good roads and women's security.

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Pvt RS Bill seeks 9-month income to those sacked

New Delhi, Feb. 16: A private member's bill has been introduced in Rajya Sabha seeking to provide minimum nine months time with assured income in case of termination of employees due to economic slowdown, employer becoming insolvent and change in technology among others.

The Terminated Employees (Welfare) Bill, 2020, was introduced by BJP MP Rakesh Sinha in recently concluded first phase of Parliament's Budget session.

The Bill proposes that, if an employee gets terminated due to economic slowdown, change in technology, court order, employer becomes insolvent, owner unable to carry business and change of government, then he is entitled for unemployment benefits.

The terminated employee shall be entitled to unemployment compensation health insurance benefits or any other benefits as may be prescribed by the Central government, if such benefits are not part of the employee-employer agreement, for nine months or till the time he gets employed elsewhere, whichever is

earlier, the bill reads.

In the bill's statement of objects and reasons, Sinha said, "At present, there is no law to ensure that the employers provide terminal benefits in time and which makes provision for education, medical facilities etc., to the families of employees who have been terminated. The bill seeks to achieve the above objective."

"After employment, a person often takes a few loans to meet his needs, gets their children admitted at a certain level of school. All this cannot come to a halt without any of his fault. The family of the employee should not suffer because of such events," he said.

Therefore, the bill provides for minimum nine months time with assured income to the terminated employees which will give them enough time to reassign themselves to new employment without disturbing the existing set up of their family, the BJP MP added.

Most of the time, a private member's bill doesn't get passed and usually gets stuck at the introduction stage.

Indian med aid to virus-hit Wuhan

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

India has decided to send medical supplies to China in solidarity in the wake of Wuhan Coronavirus outbreak there, saying New Delhi "will do everything within its means to support the people of China in this hour of crisis."

In other developments, all 406 people, who are housed at an ITBP quarantine facility here after being brought back from Wuhan, have tested negative for novel Coronavirus in the latest sample examination and will be discharged in a phased manner beginning Monday, officials said.

The final samples of all the people quarantined at the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) facility here were collected by a team of doctors on Friday. According to news agency reports, the Union health ministry has constituted central teams of experts for examination of villages bordering Nepal for novel coronavirus infection. Villages bordering Nepal in the states of Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, Sikkim and West Bengal will be inspected by central teams for community-level Information Education Communication activities for Coronavirus in regard to the novel coronavirus, an order by the health ministry reportedly stated.

The Indian Embassy tweeted, "Ambassador @VikramMisri (Ambassador in Beijing Vikram Misri) expresses his solidarity with the Chinese people and the government in the fight against #NovelCoronavirus epidemic. As a concrete step to tackle the outbreak, India will soon send a consignment of medical supplies to China. The people of Wuhan city and the province of Hubei are the worst affected by the epidemic. They have a very special place in the hearts of the Indian people."

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Indian nationals who were airlifted from Hubei province of Chinas Wuhan at the ITBPs quarantine facility at Chhawla in New Delhi on Sunday. —PTI

Bhim Army protest against SC ruling on quota

New Delhi, Feb. 16: A large number of Bhim Army members took out a protest march on Sunday against the Supreme Court's ruling that state governments are not bound to provide reservation in promotions in public services.

Bhim Army chief Chandra Shekhar Aazad

led the protest march from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar. He has given a call for a 'Bharat Bandh' on February 23 demanding that the government brings an ordinance to nullify the ruling.

"Now the time has come when the SC/ST/OBC and other minority people need to come together for

their rights. The BJP is against the minorities in the country. The nation will run with Ambedkar's Constitution and this movement will not stop here. There would be a big movement on February 23 and it should be held peacefully," Aazad said.

The Supreme Court has held that states are not

bound to provide reservation in appointments and there is no fundamental right to claim quota in promotions.

Bhim Army spokesperson Harjeet Singh Bhatti said, "The judgment of the apex court is totally against the Constitution's promise of right to equality. We want the govern-

ment to bring an amendment against this judgment."

The apex court said this while dealing with pleas regarding the Uttarakhand government's September 5, 2012, decision to fill up all posts in public services in the state without providing reservations to SC and ST.

TERROR | WATCHDOG Financial task force to determine systemic risk from countries that are helping terrorists

India to remind FATF of Pakistan's failed promises

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

With Pakistan trying to wriggle out of the greylist of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) by September this year, the global anti-terror watchdog has said that "from February 16, more than 800 representatives from 205 countries and jurisdictions around the world, the IMF, UN, World Bank and other organisations, will arrive for FATF Week in Paris, France" and that there will be "six days of meetings that will focus on global action to follow the

money that fuels crime and terrorism". It added that "progress by Pakistan and other countries that present a risk to the financial system" will be evaluated.

New Delhi is also keeping a close watch on developments and will be reminding the world about how Pakistan has failed to live up to its promises of ending support to terror groups. Pakistan is trying to wriggle out of the greylist latest by September this year with the help of its all-weather friend China and other nations like Malaysia and

Turkey apart from certain Western nations whom it is trying to convince. The FATF's "greylist" comprises nations like Pakistan who are seen to have failed to fulfil their obligations to combat terror-financing. Earlier, Pakistan was in danger of falling into the FATF's "blacklist" but that appears extremely unlikely now.

In what was seen as a desperate attempt by Islamabad to convince the world about its intentions on tackling terror, a Pakistani anti-terrorism court had last week convicted Mumbai terror

attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed on terrorism-related charges and had sentenced him to five and a half years in prison after finding him guilty of having links with terrorist groups, raising funds for terrorism and having illegal property.

But India had swiftly made it clear it was unimpressed with the conviction of Saeed, with government sources saying "the efficacy of this remains to be seen," given that it comes just ahead of the FATF's plenary meeting in Paris.

The United States had

welcomed the conviction of Saeed. India has been worried by reports that during the FATF's recently-concluded Asia/Pacific Group meetings at Beijing last month, several other global powers including the United States softened their positions on the issue of Pakistan's compliance to anti-terror measures.

According to these reports, Islamabad had succeeded in convincing several countries that it will comply with its obligations. There is also speculation that the US is going soft on Pakistan as it

needs Islamabad's help to cut a deal with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Indian government sources had said last week, "We have seen media reports that a court in Pakistan has sentenced UN designated and internationally proscribed terrorist Hafiz Saeed in a terror financing case. It is part of a long pending international obligation of Pakistan to put an end to support for terrorism. The decision has been made on the eve of FATF Plenary meeting, which has to be noted. Hence, the efficacy of this decision remains to

be seen. It has to also be seen whether Pakistan would take action against other all terrorist entities and individuals operating from territories under its control, and bring perpetrators of cross border terrorist attacks, including in Mumbai and Pathankot to justice expeditiously."

It may be recalled that just last month, French diplomatic sources in New Delhi had said that France — the host of the forthcoming FATF plenary meet — is "determined to continue combating money laundering and terror financing."