

## Revanth takes charge as CM

**11 MLAs INDUCTED AS MINISTERS IN PRESENCE OF CONGRESS BIGWIGS**

**NEW CM RENAMES PRAGATHI BHAVAN AS JYOTIRAO PHULE PRAJA BHAVAN**

**SAYS CONGRESS GOVERNMENT WILL SAFEGUARD CITIZENS' RIGHTS**

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

Marking the beginning of a new chapter in the country's youngest State, Congress Legislative Party leader A Revanth Reddy assumed charge as the new Chief Minister of Telangana here on Thursday.

Earlier, with a large crowd that thronged the Lal Bahadur Stadium here as a witness, Governor Tamilisai Soundarajan administered the oath of office and secrecy to Revanth Reddy, who had reached the dais along with Congress Parliamentary party president Sonia Gandhi in an open-top vehicle.

The new Cabinet has been formed with 11 Ministers, including Madhira MLA Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka (Deputy Chief Minister), Nalgonda MLA Komatreddy Venkat Reddy and Huzurnagar MLA Uttam Kumar Reddy. This apart, D Sridhar Babu, Konda Surekha, Damodar Rajanarsimha, Jupally Krishna Rao and Tummala Nageswara Rao were also sworn in as Ministers along with Revanth Reddy.

**New entrants**

Mulugu MLA Seethakka (D Anasuya), Husnabad MLA Ponnamp Prabhakar and Palair MLA Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy were among the new entrants in the Cabinet. While Seethakka's turn came to take the oath, there was massive applause from



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy leads his wife Geetha to seek Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's blessings after the swearing-in ceremony at LB Stadium in Hyderabad on Thursday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

the crowd, forcing her to hold the pledge for a minute. The sight of Sonia Gandhi hugging Konda Surekha and Seethakka also triggered applause from the gathering.

Apart from Sonia Gandhi, several VIPs, including Karnataka Chief Minister K Siddaramaiah, his Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sikku, AICC Chief Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC general secretary KC Venugopal, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi too participated in the swearing-in ceremony. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

**“CONGRATULATIONS TO SHRI REVANTH REDDY GARU ON TAKING OATH AS THE CHIEF MINISTER OF TELANGANA. I ASSURE ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO FURTHER THE PROGRESS OF THE STATE AND THE WELFARE OF ITS CITIZENS**

— NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

**SHIVADHAR IS INTEL CHIEF, SESHADRI SECRETARY TO CM**

The Telangana government on Thursday appointed B Shivadhar Reddy as the Intelligence Chief and V Seshadri as the Secretary to the Chief Minister. Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari issued orders to this effect on Thursday. Shivadhar Reddy, a 1994 batch IPS officer, was the first Intelligence chief of the new State of Telangana. He was earlier the Director of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. Senior IAS officer Seshadri



Shivadhar Reddy V Seshadri

worked with the General Administration Department apart from having experience with the Centre, where he worked as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office as well.

**Two 'guarantees' from tomorrow**

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The first Cabinet meeting of the Congress government that was held here on Thursday has decided to go ahead with the implementation of two of the 'Six Guarantees' from December 9. These pertain to the free travel for women in TSRTC buses across the State and the Rajiv Aarogyasri health insurance scheme of Rs 10 lakh each.

Ministers D Sridhar Babu and Ponnamp Prabhakar, who addressed the media after the Cabinet meeting, said extensive discussions on the rest of the four guarantees would be held in due course of time, with all the 'Six Guarantees' to be implemented within 100 days. The implementation of the two guarantees that would be launched coinciding with Congress Parliamentary Party leader Sonia Gandhi's birthday on Saturday, will be discussed with the departments concerned again on Friday.

The Cabinet, they said, also decided to bring out a white paper on the financial status of the State, detailing the income and expenditure of the previous government. Instructions have been issued to all the de-

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partments to submit a white paper on funds spent from 2014 to 2023, besides the purpose of the expenditure and the benefits derived out of the works, Sridhar Babu said, adding that these would be kept in the public domain upon receipt.

Stating that supply of 24x7 power for all sectors would be top priority for the State government, Sridhar Babu said officials would be asked to give a detailed report on the power situation in the State from 2014 to 2023. The past government had executed many works without proper planning and committed many mistakes, he said.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will conduct a review meeting with power officials on Friday, during which the Gruha Jyothi scheme, which assures 200 units of free electricity for all households and ensuring no disruption in power supply to farmers will be discussed. (SEE PAGE 2)

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**BJP objects to Revanth's 'Bihar DNA' remark**

NEW DELHI

The BJP on Thursday criticised Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's "Bihar DNA" remark and demanded that the Congress and other members of the opposition INDIA bloc condemn his comment and ask him to apologise. Reddy reportedly said during a recent interaction with journalists that K Chandrashekhara Rao, the first Chief Minister of Telangana, has "Bihari genes", indicating that he was a better choice for the State than KCR.

"My DNA is Telangana. KCR's DNA is Bihar. He belongs to Bihar. KCR's caste is Kurmi. They migrated from Bihar to Vijayanagaram and from there to Telangana. Telangana DNA is better than Bihar DNA," Reddy had allegedly said. Senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad termed Reddy's remarks "very shameful, divisive and arrogant" and demanded that the Congress and other INDIA bloc members condemn it. He also demanded an apology from Reddy for making such remarks. (SEE PAGE 2)

**On Day 1, CM signs key files**

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The first files that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy signed soon after taking the oath were the ones pertaining to the implementation of the 'Six Guarantees' given to the people during the election campaign, and the one appointing differently-abled person T Rajini as project manager in the TS Seed and Organic Certification Agency on contract basis.

The Congress had promised six guarantees, including Rythu Bharosa, Gruha Jyothi, Yuva Vikasam, Indiramma Illu, Cheyutha and Mahalakshmi programmes. "Telangana was formed on the foundation of sacrifices. There are many aspirations like freedom for all four crore people and equitable development from Asifabad to Alampur and Khammam to Kodangal. The Congress government will fulfil the demands and aspirations of the people," Revanth Reddy said.

The Chief Minister, during the campaign, had met Rajini at Gandhi Bhavan. Despite being a postgraduate, she could not get a job. Moved by her plight, he had promised her a job soon after the Congress came to power in the State. After the oath-taking ceremony, Revanth signed the file and handed over the appointment letter to Rajini on the dais.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy hands over the appointment letter to T Rajini.

**No 'spectacular' Budget this time: Nirmala**

NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday ruled out any "spectacular announcement" for her sixth Budget on February 1 next year, saying it would just be a vote on account before the general elections.

A full Budget for the 2024-25 fiscal would be presented in July next year by the new government elected after the April-May general elec-

tions, she said at the CII Global Economic Policy Forum.

"I am not going to play a spoilsport, but it is a matter of truth that the February 1, 2024, Budget that will be announced will just be a vote on account because we will be in an election mode. So the Budget that the government presents will just be to meet the expenditure of the government till a new government comes into play," she said. "No spec-

tacular announcements come in that time (in a vote on account). So you will have to wait till after the new government comes in and presents the next full Budget in July 2024," Sitharaman said in reply to a question on whether she would announce a "supercharged Budget" in February.

Piyush Goyal, who was holding additional charge of the Ministry of Finance after Arun Jaitley fell ill, had presented the last in-

terim budget in 2019. Traditionally, a vote on account is an authorisation for incurring certain expenditures required till a new government takes office. Governments in the past have refrained from making any major policy announcement during the vote on account, but there is no constitutional bar from making announcements. Goyal announced a Rs 6,000 per year cash dole to 12 crore farmers in 2019. PTI



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