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Revanth rolls out two 'guarantees' in State

Launches Maha Lakshmi free travel and Rajiv Arogyasri schemes

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Stating that the Congress government was committed to fulfilling the 'Six Guarantees' given to the people in 100 days, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday formally launched the Maha Lakshmi free travel scheme in TSRTC buses for women and an insurance coverage of Rs 10 lakh under the Rajiv Arogyasri scheme.

Both the schemes were launched to coincide with Congress Parliamentary Party president Sonia Gandhi's birthday on Saturday. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Pro-Tem Speaker Akbaruddin Owaisi and a few Ministers were also present.

Under the Maha Lakshmi scheme, zero tickets were issued to Ministers D Anasuya (Seethakka), Konda Surekha, Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari and other women, who along with the Chief Minister then boarded a special bus arranged on the occasion. They went up to the BR Ambedkar Statue on Tank Bund and paid tributes to the architect of the Indian Constitution before returning to the Assembly.



Ministers Seethakka and Konda Surekha show the Zero Tickets issued to them onboard a TSRTC bus during the launch of the Maha Lakshmi free travel scheme, on Saturday. — Photo: Anand Dharamana

Earlier, the CM said the Rajiv Arogyasri Scheme assistance, which is part of the Cheyutha component of the

Six Guarantees, was enhanced to ensure quality treatment to the poor and the downtrodden. He reminded

the people that December 9 was a special day and had historical significance for Telangana. (SEE PAGE 2)

Rajiv Arogyasri

SCHEME TO PROVIDE QUALITY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BPL FAMILIES

- Each family to get **Rs 10 lakh** financial coverage for medical treatment
- **90.10 lakh** families will benefit
- **1,672** different medical packages available
- **21 speciality services** available for patients with physical ailments
- **646 procedures** of AB PMJAY reserved for government hospitals
- Scheme being implemented under Arogyasri Health Care Trust

“OF THE SIX GUARANTEES, TWO ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED FROM DECEMBER 9. THIS IS THE COMMITMENT OF THE CONGRESS GOVERNMENT AND IT WILL FULFIL THE REST OF THE PROMISES IN 100 DAYS”
 — A REVANTH REDDY, Chief Minister



15 ISIS operatives held in NIA raids

NEW DELHI

In a massive crackdown on the ISIS terrorist organisation, the National Investigation Agency on Saturday arrested its 15 operatives during multiple raids across Maharashtra and Karnataka, an official said.

The arrested included the leader of an ISIS module who was administering 'bayath' (oath of allegiance) to new recruits, a spokesperson of the federal anti-terror agency said. Several NIA teams swooped down on as many as 44 locations in Padgha-Borivali, Thane, Mira Road and Pune in Maharashtra, and Bengaluru in Karnataka early Saturday morning, and apprehended the 15 accused for allegedly promoting terror and terror-related acts and activities of the proscribed organisation, the official said.

Huge amounts of unaccounted cash, firearms, sharp-edged weapons, incriminating documents, smartphones and other digital devices were seized during the raids, conducted as part of the NIA's ongoing efforts to disrupt and demolish the attempts of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, also known as Islamic State, to carry out violent acts of terror and take innocent lives, the spokesperson said.

The official said the accused, operating on the directions of their foreign

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handlers, had been actively involved in various terrorist activities, including fabrication of improvised explosive devices, for furthering the violent and destructive agenda of ISIS.

"The investigations have revealed that the accused, all members of the ISIS Maharashtra module, were operating from Padgha-Borivali, where they had hatched the conspiracy to spread terror and carry out acts of violence across India. Pursuing the path of violent jihad (holy war), Khilafat, ISIS etc., the accused had aimed to disturb the peace and communal harmony of the country and to wage a war against the Government of India," the spokesperson said.

The official said initial investigations have revealed that the arrested accused had self-declared the village of Padgha in rural Thane as a "liberated zone" and as "Al Sham." They were motivating impressionable Muslim youths to relocate from their place of residence for strengthening the Padgha base, the spokesperson said. PTI

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Newly elected MLAs take oath

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The first session of the third Telangana Legislative Assembly commenced with the oath-taking of the newly-elected MLAs on Saturday. The oath-taking began with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, followed by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and other members.

AIMIM MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi conducted the proceedings as the Pro-Tem Speaker. He was earlier administered the oath by Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at Raj Bhavan. Apart from the Chief Minister, Banswada MLA and former Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao and a few other MLAs participated in the ceremony.

Soon after this, the Pro-Tem Speaker reached the Assembly and presided over the oath-taking of the newly-elected MLAs. He briefed the MLAs about the procedure and seat allotment for them in the House, which would be done after the election of the Speaker. Save for a few MLAs, including those from BRS, BJP and Congress, the majority of the newly-elected MLAs took the oath. (SEE PAGE 2)

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Who gets what

A REVANTH REDDY: MA&UD, General Administration, Law and Order and all other unallocated portfolios	D SRIDHAR BABU: Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, Industries & Commerce and Legislative Affairs	D ANASUYA: Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (including rural water supply), Women and Child Welfare	C DAMODAR RAO: Health, Medical and Family Welfare, Science and Technology
MALLU BHATTI VIKRAMARKA: Finance & Planning and Energy	H UTTAM KUMAR REDDY: Irrigation & CAD, Food and Civil Supplies	KONATIREDDY VENKAT REDDY: Roads & Buildings, and Cinematography	P SRINIVASA REDDY: Revenue and Housing, Information & Public Relations
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KCR ELECTED BRS/PLP LEADER

HYDERABAD: The BRS Legislative Party unanimously elected former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao as the leader of the BRS/PLP. The meeting saw former Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy proposing Chandrashekhara Rao's name and former Ministers T Srinivas Yadav and Kadiyam Srihari supporting it. The meeting also passed a resolution with regard to Chandrashekhara Rao's election as the BRS/PLP leader. (REPORT PAGE 5)

BJP BOYCOTTS OATH-TAKING

HYDERABAD: Accusing Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of including in minority appeasement politics, the newly-elected BJP MLAs stayed away from the oath-taking ceremony in protest against appointment of MIM MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi as Pro-Tem Speaker. State BJP chief Kishan Reddy said the MLAs decided to stay away from the oath-taking in protest against appointing Owaisi as Pro-Tem Speaker. (REPORT PAGE 5)

New Speaker for TS Assembly on Dec 14

STATE BUREAU
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The first session of the third Legislative Assembly, which commenced on Saturday, was adjourned to December 14. The new Speaker

of the Assembly will be elected on the same day. The Speaker's election will be followed by a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) wherein the schedule of the session will be decided. Governor

Tamilisai Soundararajan will address a joint session of the State Legislative Assembly and the Council on December 15. The motion of thanks on the Governor's address will be introduced the next day.

Harish asks govt to release aid to farmers

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Former Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Saturday demanded the State government to immediately release Rs 15,000 per acre financial aid to farmers for Rabi crops under the Rythu Bandhu scheme.

Speaking to the media at the Assembly, Harish said the Congress, during the election campaign, promised to release the second instalment of financial assistance for Rabi under Rythu Bandhu on December 9, but so far there has been no communication from the State government. "When we were in power, we used to release the amount in the last week of November and the first week of December. The Congress should clarify when the amount will be released as farmers have been eagerly waiting for it," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

KCR's health condition stable and recovering, say doctors

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The condition of BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao is medically stable, with the treating doctors stating that they were satisfied with his progress.

Chandrashekhara Rao, who underwent total hip replacement surgery on Friday, is pain-free and has rested well through the day, according to a health bulletin issued by Yashoda Hospitals. He was being continuously assessed and monitored by the multi-disciplinary team of doctors.

As per the standard international practice guidelines of early ambulation, which prescribes that the patient be made to walk within 12 hours, he was mobilised from the bed. He was made to walk under the supervision of the operating orthopaedic surgeon and physiotherapy team. (SEE PAGE 2)



BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao was made to walk under the supervision of a team of doctors.

Relish biryani @ Rs 2, but there's a catch!

YUVRAJ AKULA
 Hyderabad

In the vibrant and rich tapestry of Indian cuisines, one dish that stands out is biryani. Now, this piping hot, scrumptious and aromatic delicacy can be relished for just Rs 2 in Hyderabad! Yes, you read it right.

Customers visiting the Naidu Gari Kunda Biryani, a multi-cuisine restaurant, which has branches in KPHB, Gachibowli and Dilukhnagar, can relish a vegetable or non-veg biryani for just Rs 2. However, there is a catch to this offer. It is only ex-



It is only extended to customers who pay with a Rs 2 note and is applicable for one biryani per head.

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month ago, the restaurant so far received 120 Rs 2 notes. "We launched this deal so as to ascertain

whether people still have Rs 2 notes. So far, the response has been good," says J Manohar, owner of the restaurant.

Menu

The multi-cuisine restaurant has a huge spread of biryanis, including vegetable, chicken and mutton dum biryanis, Mughlai chicken biryani, dilkush chicken biryani, Japanese Kamju Pitta biryani, fish and prawns biryanis. These biryanis come in three portions — single, couple and family that will suffice for one, two and four persons, respectively. (SEE PAGE 2)