*CPI activists prepairing party flags and banners on the eve of the party's Second state conference, in Hyderbad on Saturday. UNI PHOTO-38U*

# 'Ration from Anywhere' in Telangana from today

**HYDERABAD, MARCH 31 /--/** The Telangana Civil Supplies Department will implement 'Ration from Anywhere' (Portability) from tomorrow to benefit 2.75 crore beneficiaries in the state, a senior official said today. "From tomorrow onwards card holders can avail essential commodities at any ration shop across the state under the portability scheme," Commissioner for Civil Supplies C V Anand said. The scheme, which has already been implemented district wise and yielded good response, will now be put in place state-wide, where beneficiaries can avail ration from anywhere in the state, he said in a press release.

Anand said the portability scheme has created competition between ration dealers and beneficiaries are getting good services. Cardholders need not go particularly to his/her allotted ration shop but can get ration from anywhere in the state, Anand said. Families migrating or shifting from one place to another were unable to get ration from the nearest ration shop, but had to get rations from the allotted shop even if it was far away. The beneficiaries had to wait for the ration shops to open and for the stock availability, he said. From tomorrow, beneficiaries can get their essential commodities near their homes or any place, irrespective of the ration shop where their card is allotted.

Even if the cardholders shift or move to other areas, they need not go for change of shop as they can get ration from any ration shop within the state, Anand said. He also said family members included in the ration card can get ration individually from anywhere in the state. He said one can get the location near them by downloading T-Ration App.

Last year from June 1, portability was implemented in 1,545 ration shops of Greater Hyderabad circle, which got tremendous response from card holders as they were able to get commodities from the shops close to them. There are 85 lakh ration cards in the state and they get their ration from 17,000 ration shops. "They all are linked to Aadhar based biometric system which helps card holder get his/her ration from anywhere in the state," Anand added. (PTI)

# Two students held for plotting to kill HCU VC to avenge Vemula's suicide: Police

**AMARAVATI, MARCH 31 /--/** A postgraduate student of Hyderabad Central University (HCU) and one of his friends were arrested for allegedly plotting to kill Vice-Chancellor (V-C) P Appa Rao to avenge the suicide of Rohith Vemula, the police said today. East Godavari district Superintendent of Police (SP) Vishal Gunni said Chandan Kumar Mishra of Kolkata, an MA student in HCU, and his friend Ankala Pridhvi Raj were apprehended by the police on the basis of suspicion during a routine vehicle checking on the Bhadrachalam-Charla road, bordering Telangana.

During questioning, the two revealed that they plotted to kill the HCU VC to avenge the death of Vemula, a PhD scholar of the university who had committed suicide in his hostel room in 2016, the SP said. The two were put on the operation by outlawed CPI (Maoist) Central Committee member Pulluri Prasada Rao alias Chandranna and Telangana State Committee Secretary Hari Bhushan alias Yapa Narayana, the officer added. Narayana had promised Mishra that he would be a made an important cadre of the CPI (Maoist) if the VC was killed, the SP said.

Mishra met Raj, who belongs to Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh, at the university in 2016 and became friends, he added. Raj is currently a fourth-year student of law in Vijayawada. Mishra had joined the HCU in 2013 for his MA.

"The two got attracted to Maoist ideology and started luring other students as well by conducting classes," the SP said. Vemula's suicide in January, 2016 had triggered a nationwide protest, demanding justice for him. (PTI)

# Kejriwal holds roadshow in Haryana's Rohtak-Bhiwani belt

**CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31 /--/** With the AAP keen to contest the Haryana Assembly polls next year, the party's national convener and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal today held a roadshow in the Rohtak-Bhiwani belt of the state. Kejriwal's roadshow, which began in the morning and is expected go on till evening, comes close on the heels of a rally in Hisar on Sunday.

At the Hisar rally, the AAP leader had announced that his party would contest the forthcoming Haryana Assembly polls. Kejriwal, who was accompanied by the AAP's Haryana head, Naveen Jaihind, had covered Bahadurgarh, Sampla and Rohtak till late afternoon during his roadshow today. The roadshow will also pass through Kalanaur, Dadri, Bhiwani and Tosham. At the Hisar rally, Kejriwal had attacked the BJP-led Centre and Haryana governments over a number of issues. The AAP national convener, who hails from Haryana, had invoked his Haryana roots and asked the people of the state to strengthen his party. "We will create a new Haryana. If you want peace, security, schools, hospitals, roads, then vote for the AAP," he had said. After tasting defeat at the hustling in the previous Lok Sabha polls from Haryana, the AAP had not contested the October 2014 assembly elections in the state. (PTI)

# State govt trying to defame, harass Oppositions: Akhilesh

**LUCKNOW, MARCH 31 /--/** Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav today alleged that the BJP-led ministry in Uttar Pradesh was trying to defame and harass its political opponents in the name of inquiries, adding that it would reap the fruits of what it was sowing in the future.

The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also accused the Yogi Adityanath regime of "speaking lies and hoodwinking the people" as regards the projects launched by the previous SP government in the state. "The BJP-led ministry only wants to defame and harass its political adversaries, as a result of which senior SP leader Azam Khan is being harassed in the name of recruitment in the Jal Nigam...though this government is not giving jobs, it is raising questions on the ones already given," Yadav told reporters here.

"Whether it is the Lucknow-Agra Expressway or the Gomti riverfront project of the previous government, this government is only speaking lies and hoodwinking the people...the political opponents are being humiliated through the investigating agencies...but it is also a fact that they will have to reap the fruits tomorrow of what they are sowing today," he added.

Referring to chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurating an elevated road in Ghaziabad on Friday, Yadav said it was already inaugurated earlier. "He (Adityanath) charged us with spreading 'parivarvad' (dynasty politics) in his speech...I want to ask, which one is the 'Yadav lane' on the elevated road (that he inaugurated)," he added.

Admitting that he had reached this place in politics because of "parivarvad", the SP chief said he also had to face several challenges in his political career. "I admit that I am standing here today because of dynasty politics, but I have also had to prove my mettle before the public," he said and asked Adityanath whether he would have reached this high, if it was not for "parivarvad".

To a question on Union minister Ramdas Athawale inviting Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati to join the NDA, Yadav said, "Athawaleji is a very good minister. When I was an MP, no one else used to entertain the House as much as him."

To another question, he said the BJP was worried because of an understanding between the SP and BSP and wondered what would happen when there would be an understanding between "45 political parties" all over the country. Alleging that atrocities on Dalits had gone up under the BJP-led government in the state, the SP chief asked the ruling regime to do some development work. "Teachers, shiksha mitras and others are getting lathis, instead of jobs...the government is not able to find a way to give jobs on the existing vacancies," he said. Yadav refused to reply to a query on an "understanding" between the SP and BSP for the coming Legislative Council election. (PTI)

# Ambedkar statue vandalised; Yogi asks DMs to ensure security

**SIDDHARTNAGAR/ LUCKNOW, MARCH 31 /--/** Unindentified persons vandalised the statue of B R Ambedkar in Gohaniya village, triggering protests by locals who demanded arrest of culprits. Taking a serious note of such incidents, chief minister Yogi Adityanath has issued directives to District Magistrates (DMs) and SPs to take steps to ensure security of statues installed in their respective districts and see that such instances are not repeated. The statue was found damaged this morning. The statue is immediately being replaced and a case has been lodged against unidentified persons, SP, Dr. Dharamvir said. An official release issued in Lucknow said the chief minister has asked officials to take strong action against those responsible for such incidents so that they do not vitiate peace and harmony. Officials have been asked to take the help of peoples' representatives and eminent persons for ensuring peace and harmony and hold meetings with them. (PTI)

# Four Nepalese held for robbery

**THANE, MARCH 31 /--/** Four people, all hailing from Nepal, have been arrested for allegedly robbing Rs 27.54 lakh from a house in Dombivali near here on March 13-14, police said. Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime) Makarand Ranade said the theft had occurred in the house of Paresh Patil in Cholegaon area in Thakurli when his family had gone for a religious gathering in Jejuri on March 13. "When the family returned on March 14, they found that the grills of their bathroom window had been cut and cash and valuables, comprising Rs 4.30 lakh in gold jewellery, had been robbed," Ranade said. Police said that investigations, and tip-off from informants, led them to Kisan Damarbahadur Sahi (34) who was employed at the Patil household to clean vehicles. Officials identified the other three who have been arrested as Roshan Jeevan Padam Sahi (25), Raju Ratan Om Bahadur Sahi (32) and Jirbahadur Enbahadur Sahi (24).

A fifth accomplice, identified as Kamal Sahi, is absconding and is believed to have fled to Nepal, officials said. "We have recovered Rs 19.71 lakh and searches are underway to recover the entire loot. Dombivali police as well as the Property Cell are conducting further investigations," an official said. (PTI)

# Groups urge PM to not allow Union Carbide escape court action

**BHOPAL, MARCH 31 /--/** Organisations representing the survivors of the Bhopal gas tragedy said today "inaction" on part of the government may lead to Union Carbide escaping criminal liability for the 1984 industrial disaster forever. Madhya Pradesh and Union governments are showing "apathy" on the issue and this has raised the possibility of the American corporation, whose plant in Bhopal was the site of the disaster, escaping criminal liability, they alleged.

Addressing a press conference here, leaders of the organisations said Dow Chemical, the owner of Union Carbide, after merging with another American MNC DuPont, has announced plans to split into three entities by June 2019. According to the leaders, Union Carbide is running away from facing the criminal charges, including culpable homicide, for more than 30 years.

The US company, as per criminal laws, will cease to be criminally liable for the tragedy, in which thousands of people lost their lives, after the three-way split, they said. "More than a month ago, the organisations had written to the prime minister and other officials demanding specific steps to stop the American multinational's imminent escape from criminal proceedings," said Rachna Dhingra of the Bhopal Group for Information and Action.

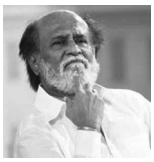
However, the organisations have not received any acknowledgement for their letters, let alone a reply, she bemoaned. "We have sought the prime minister's intervention in enlisting support of US agencies to ensure Union Carbide and Dow Chemical abide by the orders of Indian courts. "He is fully empowered by the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty between the two countries to do this but so far he has chosen not to use these powers," Dhingra said.

"We are worried inaction in this matter on part of the governments in the state and at the centre may allow the killer corporation to escape Indian courts," said Rashida Bee of the Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Stationery Karmchari Sangh. Leaders of other organisations, including the Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Purush Sangharsh Morcha, the Bhopal Gas Peedit Nirashrit Pensionbhogi Sangharsh Morcha and the Children Against Dow Carbide, also demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi intervene in the matter.

The tragedy occurred on the night of December 2-3, 1984, when the deadly methyl isocyanate gas leaked from the pesticide plant of Union Carbide in the city. It is estimated that more than 15,000 people had been killed in what was the world's worst industrial disaster. More than five lakh people were affected due to the toxic gas leak. (PTI)

# TN govt not responding to protests over Sterlite: Rajinikanth

**CHENNAI, MARCH 31 /--/** Actor Rajinikanth today took a dig apparently at the ruling AIADMK over the issue of the expansion of a copper smelter plant in Tuticorin, saying the government was not responding to the protests by locals. In a tweet, the superstar said that people had been protesting against the Sterlite Copper smelter plant for the past 47 days citing health concerns.



"One can't understand why the government, which gave the nod for the plant, is not taking any action and is just watching," he said in a Tamil tweet. A leading copper producer, Sterlite Copper represents the copper unit of Vedanta Limited, which operates a 400,000 tonnes per annum plant here. The unit has been since closed for a fortnight from March 29 for taking up maintenance work. Residents of A Kumarareddiyapuram village near the Sterlite unit have been agitating against the existing unit and its proposed expansion. Various political parties, including DMK and MDMK have supported the people's protest. (PTI)

# Uttrakhand CM to launch programme to hold direct dialogue with people

**DEHRADUN, MARCH 31 /--/** With an aim to establish direct contact with people, Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat will launch a programme called "Devbhoomi Dialogue" next month to get feedback of people and tailor government policies accordingly.

Rawat's media advisor Ramesh Bhatt said the chief minister is a strong advocate of policies and programmes tailored to suit the aspirations of the people. The idea of initiating a programme like this was inspired by the success of a similar feedback oriented programme called "Apki Rai Apka Budget" conducted last month prior to introducing the states annual budget in the Assembly, he said. "A direct feedback from people helped the state government a great deal in preparing a people-friendly budget," Bhatt said.

The chief minister will hold direct dialogue with people during "Devbhoomi Dialogue" to have first-hand knowledge of what they expect from the government, he said. The advice offered by them during the programme will not just be heard but their feasibility and chances of incorporation into government programmes will be studied, the CMs media advisor said. The programme will also seek to provide a common platform to youths of the state who are doing something innovative in different fields like organic farming, education and tourism, Bhatt said, giving details about how the programme has been conceived. Feedback and advice gathered from people will be listed by the officials present which will subsequently be discussed with the chief minister, Bhatt said. (PTI)

# Class 12 Hindi paper circulating on social media fake: CBSE

**NEW DELHI, MARCH 31 /--/** The Class 12 Hindi (Elective) paper being circulated on the social media was fake , the CBSE said today and urged the people not to spread rumors regarding the paper. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is scheduled to hold the Class 12th Hindi (Elective) examination on April 2.

...a fake question paper of Class XII - Hindi (Elective) (enclosed) is being circulated on social media i.e. WhatsApp, YouTube etc.," the CBSE said in a release. It added that the question papers circulating on these social media platforms were either of a previous year or fake. "Hence, it is requested not to circulate the news about these fake papers, so that the students and other stakeholders are not misled, the release said. The board also enclosed the fake Hindi paper, which it said was being circulated on the social media, with its statement. Yesterday, School Education Secretary Anil Swarup had said the re-examination of the CBSE Class 12 economics paper would be held on April 25, while the Class 10 mathematics re-test, if required, would be conducted only for Delhi-NCR and Haryana in July. The announcement had come after the board received complaints that the question papers for the two subjects were leaked. (PTI)

# J-K health minister suspends 3 doctors, 20 para-medics

**JAMMU, MARCH 31 /--/** Acting tough against absenteeism in the health department, Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Health and Medical Education Bali Bhagat today suspended 23 officials, including three doctors and 20 para-medics, of five urban health centres in the city. Bali, who conducted surprise inspection of the UHCs, Bhagwati Nagar (Yatri Bhawan), Talab Tillo, Lower Roop Nagar, Upper Roop Nagar and Janipur areas, found these doctors and para-medics absent from duties, an official spokesperson said.

Taking serious note of the situation, the minister said that slackness, whatsoever, on the part of any official will not be tolerated, and the government shall take stern action against the defaulters. He called upon the heads of institutions to monitor the attendance of all employees and ensure their punctuality and provide better medicare facilities to the patients. Meanwhile, Bali has directed the director health services and CMOs of all the districts to conduct regular inspections of the health institutions to ensure punctuality of staff. The minister also called for strict adherence of dress code in all health institutions and directed for disciplinary action against the defaulters. He also sought a list of staff working in the UHCs along with sanctioned strength so that necessary rationalisation is made accordingly. Bhagat said healthcare is the paramount priority of the government and all efforts will be made to further improve the system to ensure better delivery system on ground. (PTI)

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