



CPI activists preparing party flags and banners on the eve of the party's Second state conference, in Hyderabad on Saturday. UNI PHOTO-30U

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

AMARAVATI, MARCH 31 /- A post-graduate student of Hyderabad Central University (HCU) and one of his friends were arrested for allegedly plotting to kill Vice-Chancellor (VC) P Appa Rao to avenge the suicide of Rohith Vemula, the police said today. East Godavari district Superintendent of Police (SP) Vishal Gunnai said Chandan Kumar Mishra of Kolkata, an MA student in HCU, and his friend Ankala Prithvi 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 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 outwitted CPI (Maoist) Central Committee member Pulluri Prasada Rao alias Chandran and Telangana State Committee Secretary Hari Bhushan alias Yapa Narayana, the officer added. Narayana had promised Mishra that he would be 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 2015 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)

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 parent 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 existing 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. (PTI)

"We were worried inaction in this matter on part of the governments in the state and at the centre may allow the killer corporation to slip away from 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)

Uttarakhand 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 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. (PTI)

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 CM's 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)

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, Bhatnagar, today suspended 23 officials, including three doctors and 20 para-medics, of five urban health centres in the city. Bhatnagar, who conducted surprise inspection of the UHCs, Bhagwati Nagar (Yatri Bhawan), Talab Tillo, Lower Roop Nagar, Upper Roop Nagar and Janipur, 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 medical facilities to the patients. Meanwhile, Bhatnagar 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 defaulters. He also sought a list of staff working in the UHCs along with sanctioned strength so that necessary rationalisation is made accordingly. Bhatnagar 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)

'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.

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 to go 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 Jain, 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 posting defeat at the hustling of the previous Lok Sabha polls from Haryana, the AAP had not contested the October 2014 assembly elections in the state. (PTI)

Ambedkar statue vandalised; Yogi asks DMs to ensure security

SIDDHARTHNAGAR / LUCKNOW, MARCH 31 /- Unidentified 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 seek the cooperation of other organisations, including the NTPC, to ensure the safety of the statues. DMs and SPs to take steps to ensure security of statues installed in their respective districts and seek the cooperation of other organisations, including the NTPC, to ensure the safety of the statues. DMs and SPs to take steps to ensure security of statues installed in their respective districts and seek the cooperation of other organisations, including the NTPC, to ensure the safety of the statues. (PTI)

NX 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 Kumaravelupuram 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)

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)

Even if it was far away, the beneficiaries had to wait for the ration shops to open and for the stock available, 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.

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 Gotti 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.

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 Dombivli near here on March 13, police said. Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime) Makarand Ranade said the theft had occurred in the house of Pooja Patil in Cholegaon area in Thane city who is a resident of the area. Police said the 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 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. Dombivli police will also conduct further investigations," an official said. (PTI)

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