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## Kejriwal to be sworn in on Sunday

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New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal will be sworn in as chief minister for the third consecutive term on the morning of February 16, five days after the party swept the assembly election winning 62 out of 70 seats. The ceremony will be held at Ramlila Maidan, the site of Anna Hazare's fast, where Kejriwal was sworn in as chief minister in 2015.

All ministers in the previous government are likely to be repeated in the new cabinet because AAP believes that people of Delhi have given it a landslide victory for continuing the work it has done in the past five years, party sources said.

The swearing-in ceremony is likely to be a Delhi-specific affair and chief minis-



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal with deputy CM Manish Sisodia in New Delhi on Wednesday

ters of non-BJP ruled states are not likely to be invited.

Kejriwal has said he wants to continue the work of the AAP government and focus on development of the city. A gathering of non-BJP CMs may make the swearing-in appear to be a political affair which AAP wants to avoid. A large number of

supporters besides party functionaries with their family members, all newly-elected MLAs and other dignitaries will be present during the ceremony.

After being elected leader of the legislative party by the newly-elected MLAs, who had gathered at his residence on Wednesday afternoon, Kejriwal staked claim to form the government and sent the proposal to lieutenant governor Anil Baijal.

The cabinet ministers will also take oath along with Kejriwal. AAP has invited all citizens to the function which is scheduled for 10am on Sunday.

"Everyone in Delhi is invited to come and bless their son, their brother, Arvind Kejriwal, and take an oath for a better Delhi," senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia said at

a press conference.

"This is a historic mandate for AAP, and for the first time in India, people have voted for work. They have rejected politics of hatred. People of Delhi have shown that they are pro-development and pro-work."

"The meaning of 'deshbhakti' (patriotism) is giving good education and health infrastructure, making a better city and ensuring safety of women," said Sisodia.

In the previous government, besides chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Gopal Rai, Satyendar Jain, Kailash Gahlot, Imran Hussain and Rajendra Pal Gautam held ministerial posts.

The cabinet gave representation to different sections of society though there was no woman in the cabinet.