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Yediyurappa takes oath as CM after green signal from Shah

BJP confident of getting through Monday's floor test

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa was sworn in as Karnataka's 25th chief minister on Friday and he will have to prove his majority on July 29, which will be the immediate challenge for the new BJP government.



Governor Vajubhai Vala greets B S Yediyurappa after he took oath as the chief minister at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Friday. DH PHOTO/SK DINESH

On Day One, govt showers sops

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BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa announced on Friday an additional incentive of Rs 4,000 for farmers who are beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), and decided to waive loans to the tune of Rs 100 crore availed by the weaver community.

The move was seen as Yediyurappa's attempt to strengthen his posturing as a farmer leader. He made the announcement at his maiden news conference shortly after he chaired a customary Cabinet meeting.

He said that the Rs 4,000 under PM-KISAN would be in addition to the Rs 6,000 provided by the Centre in three in-

No-confidence motion against Speaker?

The BJP is discussing the option of moving a no-confidence motion against Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar, according to a senior leader. DHNS reports from Bengaluru. "This has been discussed," the leader, requesting anonymity, said. **Page 2**

stallments under the scheme. "The state government will give two installments of Rs 2,000 each," Yediyurappa said.

"As on March 31, 2019, the weaver community has loans of around Rs 100 crore," he said. "I have maintained that

farmers and weavers are like two eyes of our state. Therefore, we have decided to waive weavers' loans," he said.

Earlier in the day, he asked Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar to put on hold new projects sanctioned and transfers effected in the month of July by the previous Congress-JD(S) coalition regime.

At the fag end of the coalition government's tenure, hundreds of officials were transferred. The coalition government fell after it lost the trust vote earlier this week. In fact, when it was in the Opposition, the BJP repeatedly targeted former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy for running a "transfer mafia" in the government.

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ALL IN A DAY

- ▶ 1.30 am
BJP delegation meets Amit Shah to discuss govt formation
- ▶ 9.45 am
BSY announces he will stake claim to form govt
- ▶ 10 am
Yediyurappa offers prayer at Anjaneya temple
- ▶ 10.15 am
BSY heads to Raj Bhavan, meets Governor
- ▶ 11 am
Chief Secretary visits Yediyurappa's house
- ▶ 6.01 pm
BSY arrives at Raj Bhavan amid fanfare
- ▶ 6.30 pm
Yediyurappa sworn in as CM
- ▶ 6.45 pm
New CM chairs customary Cabinet meeting



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— B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

The 76-year-old Yediyurappa was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Vajubhai R Vala, making him the chief minister for the fourth time. The swearing-in ceremony started with the national anthem at 6.30 pm and lasted exactly six minutes. Yediyurappa took oath in the name of God.
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It's now 'Yediyurappa', PS

BSY takes oath...

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Former governor Justice Rama Jois, former Union Minister S M Krishna, BJP MPs and MLAs were in attendance, including Congress' rebel legislator R Roshan Baig.

Earlier in the day, Yediyurappa received a call from BJP national president Amit Shah, also the Union Home Minister, who signalled his clearance for the BJP to install its government.

Following this, Yediyurappa, in his capacity as Leader of the Opposition, headed to Raj Bhavan and formally staked claim on power.

Yediyurappa may head to Delhi to hold talks with the Central leadership on constituting his Cabinet.

On Day 1, govt woos farmers, weavers

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Yediyurappa also said he would take a call on waiving crop loans borrowed by farmers, which the BJP had promised in its election manifesto last year. He said he would collect the required information before arriving at a decision. His predecessor Kumaraswamy had implemented a crop loan waiver scheme under which the government has paid Rs 3,930 crore toward 7.49 lakh crop loan accounts in commercial banks and Rs 4,830 crore for 11.20 lakh accounts in cooperative banks.

Taking potshots at the previous coalition government, Yediyurappa said the administrative machinery in the state had come to a complete standstill. "We will correct it first," he said, adding that he would not pursue politics of revenge. "I believe in forgive and forget."