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CBI INSISTS ON SPEEDY TRIAL START IN DELHI EXCISE CASE

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ADAY AFTER WINNING DELHI ASSEMBLY POLLS

Delhi Govt Formation: BJP Begins Deliberation of MEETING AND GREETING Nadda meets Amit Shah to discuss immediate steps to be taken in the coming few days Docs Unrelied Upon

Kumar Anshuman New Delhi:A day after the par-ty's victory in Delhi, the consultation process has started within the BJP for the next government formation and choosing the chief minister as well.

On Sunday morning, BJP's national president JP Nadda met Union home minister Amit Shah at the latter's residence in Delhi. Sources told ETthat apart from usual business, the two leaders discussed the activi- ties which could take place in the coming few days in Delhi.

Meanwhile, the newly-elected 48 MLAs of the party spent their day meeting and greeting people from their constituencies. Some of the newly-elected MLAs also met Lieutenant Governor of Delhi VK Saxena. New Delhi MLA Parvesh Ver-

ma, who defeated Arvind Kejri-

wal, was the first one to pay a vi-



Newly-elected BJP MLAs meet General Secretary (Org) BL Santosh and other senior party leaders, in New Delhi on Sunday — IANS

sit to the LG, followed by other BJP Delhi president Virendra leaders like Kailash Gahlot and Arvinder Singh Lovely. Lovely called it a courtesy meeting post the party's victory in Delhi.

In the evening, BJP general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh, BJP Delhi election incharge Baijayant Panda and party sources told ETthat the

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Sachdeva met the newly-elected party MLAs in different groups based on Lok Sabha constituencies also. Seven such meetings took place. The BJP leaders called them the usual congratulatory meetings but

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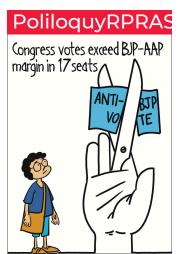
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MLAs were also asked about their views on the new government and the new face to lead Delhi. The meeting of the BJP MLAs will take place next week where they will choose their

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new legislative party leader. In his victory speech, Prime MInister Narendra Modi had on Saturday announced that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report regarding "corruption" in Delhi will soon be tabled in the assembly and action will be taken against those who were involved in corruption. Since then every BJP leader has been reiterating it as a priority for the government. "The people of Delhi have rejected Arvind Kejriwal. Now the ti- me has come to punish him for his deeds... He has done corrup-tion, that is why the PM had said that the CAG report will be presented...," Harish Khurana, the newly-elected party MLA from Moti Nagar constituency told ET.

As per party sources, the swearing-in ceremony will only take place after Prime Minister Modi comes back from his France and

..... INDIA Bloc 'Disintegrating Fast', Says

Pradhan

Molikata: minister Dharmen-Pradhan on Sunday said that the IN-DIA bloc is "disinte-grating fast" and its partners are facing defeat in different parts of the country as they do not have any common agen-

Attending an event in Kolkata, Pradhan said after BJP's victory in Delhi, the party will form a government in West Bengal next. "21 states with

doublernemments have successful- ly with PM Narendra Modi its captain,' Pradhan said.

Pradhan said that in the Delhi polls, one INDIA bloc part-ner (AAP) has faced defeat after staying in power for 10 years, while other partner (Congress) has bit-ten the dust. "INDIA

bloc is facing the con tradictions of its constituents. The reeotibitriamy has all but ceased to exist," he noted.

Pointing out that that the victory of the BJP in the Delhi assembly polls is the assertion of the 'vi-kas' (development) policy by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Pradhan said. "It is the verdict of the residents of Delhi in favour of the BJP to transform the national capital into a beautiful city."

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of charges can begin, says CBI to court

Arguments on framing

Raghay Ohri New Deini: A special CBI court has asked all the accused involved in the Delhi excise case to conclude inspection of documents not relied upon by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) "within

me" so that the trial in the high-profile political case can begin. "De-

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fence counsels are requested to ensure that inspection of unrelied upon documents is completed within a reasonable time so that the matter can be proceeded further," a special CBI Judge orde-

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OTHER NEWS OF THE DAY

Prez Murmu to Visit | Mustafabad BJP MLA

visit the Mahakumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Monday and take a holy dip at the Sangam, her office said.

"During her day-long visit to Prayagraj, the President will take holy dip and perform Pooja at Sangam, perform Pooja and Dars- han at Akshayvat and Hanuman Mandir, and also visit the Digital Kumbh Anubhav Centre," Rash- trapati Bhavan saidin a statement issued on Sunday. Sangam the

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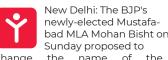
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change the name of the northeast Delhi constituency, which has a significant population from the minority community, to "Shiv Vihar" or "Shiv Puri". "On one side, there are 58% people and, on the other. 42%. It is the right of the 58% that

the name should be changed accordingly. The name could be Shiv Vihar or Shiv Puri," he said. The 67-year-old secured victory over AAP's Adeel Ahmad Khan in musatigaluuuMustatufabaadubwuTria78uvqtasuut

REGIONAL LEADERS GAIN POLITICAL WEIGHT

Delhi Setback Tilt **Balance** power for Cong towards South

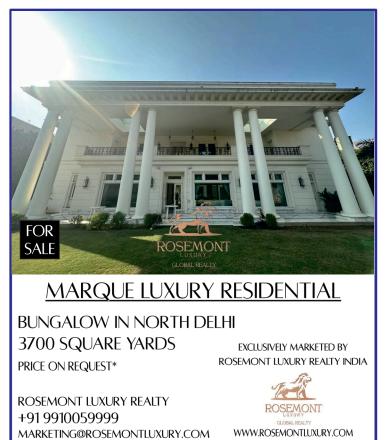
Bengaluru: The Congress party's inability to win a single seat in the Delhi assembly polls—third time in a row—will lift the political weight of southern CMs—Siddaramaiah of Karnataka and Revanth Reddy of Telangana while magnifying the losing appeal of the Delhi leadership.

The Delhi results will also give credence to the claims in political circles that the Congress' impressive haul of votes in the assembly polls in the two southern states was largely due to the influence of local leaders over and above the appeal of welfare guarantees, as well as other lo-

cal factors. In the north, the Congress rules only Himachal Pradesh on its own. The Delhi shocker comes on the back of its rout in

Haryana and Maharashtra. Evidently, the loss in Delhi may even tilt the balance of power towards the South for the Congress. The party leadership may not have the moral courage to preach the sout-

hern leaders on how to win polls or summon them to Delhi to take orders until the party delivers a decisive victory or two. In the South, the Congress has been in alliance with regional parties, including the DMK in Tamil Nadu and Indian Union Muslim League in Kerala. The two states are headed for assembly polls next year. "The two regional parties will play hardball while negotiating seat-sharing. The Congress will be at the mercy of regional leaders and un-der pressure to accept whatever comes its way," said S Suresh Kumar, BJP MLA in Bengaluru. The latest setback for the grand old party comes on the heels of AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge's call to top leaders in Belagavi in December that they must actively fight the atmosphere of disappointment the Haryana and Maharashtra results have created.



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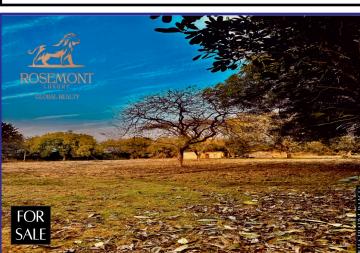
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Increase in budgetti or renewable energy to ₹26,549 croe, up 53.5% from the last one, reects the government's commitnent towards sustainable developnent by increasing participation of he common man in energy transtion with initiatives such as PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and PM-KUSUM. By sustaining existing support and incentives while intro-

How many households is your ministry targeting in FY26 under PM Surya Ghar?

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al of achieving net zero by 2070.

In FY26, the scheme aims to install rooftop solar systems in 3.5 million households, adding 10,500 MW of renewable energy capacity.

A significant focus of the mission is on clean tech manufacturing, reinforcing India's commitment to climate-friendly industrial growth. The initiative will supplement the efforts already announced by the government to strengthen the domestic supply chains. Currently, local module manufacturing capa-

Mission for clean technology.

city of over 67 GW per year and cell manufacturing capacity of about 15 GW is available in the country. Further, wind energy technology has achieved 70-80% indigenisation with strong domestic manufacturing in the wind sector having a capacity of about 18 GW. However, domestic manufacturing of few wind turbine components are to be developed, which would be undertaken in the proposed mission. Green Hydrogen being an evolving sector will also benefit from the proposed mission.

The budget mentions intra-state capacity augany mentation. Have

vernment is also considering the launch of intra-state Green Energy Corridor Phase-III to enable seamless evacuation and grid integration of renewable energy from new and emerging Renewable Energy Zones. The Ministry of Power has set a deadline of March 31 for all states to submit their proposals, ensuringtimely planning and execution. Once the proposals are received from states, further action will be taken for the approval of GEC III.

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When can we see awarding of offshore wind projects under the VGF scheme?

Under the VGF scheme, SECI issued the first tender for a 500 MW offshore wind energy project off the Gujarat coast in September. The pre-bid meeting for the project was held in December. The bid submission deadline is March 19, and the project is expected to be awarded in FY26. Additionally, the offshore wind study and survey for the 500 MW capacity off the Tamil Nadu coast under the scheme is expected to be completed by October 2025. The tender for this site will be issued subsequently.





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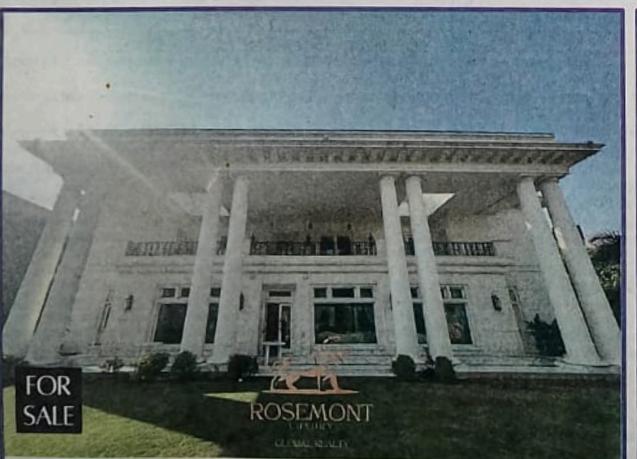


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