

POST-POLLS INDIA

Modi to take oath at 7:00 pm on Thursday

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was re-elected with a thumping majority for a second term at the centre, will take oath at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Thursday. The ceremony will take place at 7:00 pm, President Ram Nath Kovind has tweeted. Modi had met President Kovind and staked a claim to form a government at the centre last evening. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance had won a resounding majority in the Lok Sabha elections on Thursday, securing 352 seats in the 545-member lower house of parliament. Names of new ministers have been kept under wraps but President Kovind's tweet indicated that PM Modi's cabinet of ministers will join him in taking oath. The government has also not announced the guest list for the swearing-in ceremony. In 2014, leaders of the Saarc (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) were invited and attended the ceremony - the list included Nawaz Sharif, who was then Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Amethi BJP worker shot dead

A former village head in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi, who worked closely with BJP leader Smriti Irani during her Lok Sabha campaign, was shot dead early yesterday morning. Irani reached his village yesterday afternoon to attend his funeral. Surendra Singh, a BJP worker, was attacked at his home; he died later at a hospital in Lucknow where he was taken for treatment, said police. Police said an old enmity may have led to the killing but have not ruled out a political motive. "We have come to know about old enmity. We are also finding out if there was any political enmity. In initial investigation, we have got some vital clues," UP DGP Om Prakash Singh was quoted as saying by news agency PTI. Seven people have been taken into custody and they are being interrogated. Surendra Singh was the former head of Baraulia village. He quit the village head post to participate in the BJP election campaign.



CBI issues lookout notice against ex-Kolkata top cop

India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) yesterday issued a lookout notice against former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar in connection with the multi-crore Saradha chit fund scam case to prevent him from leaving the country. All airports and immigration authorities have been alerted by the CBI. Rajeev Kumar's plea seeking extension of his protection from arrest, which ended on Friday, was dismissed by the Supreme Court. The central probe agency wants custodial interrogation of Kumar, a 1989-batch IPS officer, in connection with the Saradha scam. Kumar was heading the Special Investigation Team of West Bengal Police probing the case before CBI took over. West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee came in the defence of Kumar and started a sit-in to protest against the Centre's move.

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European voters set stage for battle for EU's soul

Nationalists mount challenge to pro-EU parties

AFP, Brussels

Europeans headed to the polls in their tens of millions yesterday as 21 countries chose their champions in a battle between the nationalist right and pro-EU forces to chart a course for the union.

Turnout by midday was higher than it had been in 2014 in some countries, notably France and Romania, and roughly stable in others, as reports began to trickle in from around the continent.

Seven EU member states had already voted, but no official results can be published until rest have taken part. The European Parliament will give a voting estimate at 1815 GMT and provisional results will begin to emerge from 2100 GMT.

Eurosceptic parties opposed to the

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parties hoping to shut the nationalists out of key EU jobs and decision-making.

"Once again Macron is daring us to challenge him. Well let's take him at his word: On May 26, we'll challenge him in the voting booth," Le Pen told a rally on Friday.

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project of ever closer union hope to capture as many as a third of the seats in the 751-member Strasbourg assembly, disrupting the pro-integration consensus.

The far-right parties of Italian deputy PM Matteo Salvini and France's Marine Le Pen will lead this charge, and anti-EU ranks will be swelled by the Brexit Party of British populist Nigel Farage.

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