Unexploded shells will be cleared from Kargil in time-bound manner: Ladakh LG

KARGIL/JAMMU: Soon after a boy was killed when an unexploded shell went off in Kargil, Ladakh Lt Governor Brig B D Mishra (retd) said on Sunday all such shells would be cleared from the district in a timebound manner.

Mishra gave the assurance to the people after they raised the issue of the presence of a large number of unexploded shells from the army firing range and 1999 Kargil war in Kurbathang and other areas posing threat to the local residents.

"The whole area will be screened. An operation will be launched immediately to look for the unexploded shells and other dangerous ordnance which will be cleared in a time-bound manner," the LG told reporters at the

Kargil hospital where he had gone to enquire about the condition of two boys injured in a blast in Kurbathang

A 13-year-old boy was killed and two others were injured when an unexploded shell went off at Kurbathang in Kargil district of Ladakh on Sunday, police said.

"It is an unfortunate incident which claimed the life of a minor and injured two others. The clearance operation should have been done till now. I have asked the Army commander and the Army engineer to go to the scene so that a clearance operation could be launched immediately to avoid such incidents," Mishra said.

Meanwhile, the announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the next of the kin of the deceased boy and Rs 1

Earlier, Mishra attended the Apricot festival and said four things are imperative for boosting tourism.

"Tourist attraction, connectivity, adequate infrastructure and security are the four important things and we are focusing on these to boost tourism as there is a lot of for tourism in scope Ladakh," he said.

Mishra said if the administration was able to expand the tourism circuit, it would boost the economy of the region.

Reiterating his pledge to make Ladakh "corruption and delay free", he said his administration is working on a strategy to ensure files be cleared without any delay.

"We have set education and health as top priority and we Furthermore, activities like debate and are working on it," he said.

Degree College Kilhotran inspires future voters through awareness programme

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DODA: An awareness program to encourage eligible voters was organized at Degree College Kilhotran, Gandoh in Doda district under the guidance of District Election Officer Vishesh Mahajan.

The program was chaired by Principal Prof. Javed Iqbal, accompanied by teaching staff, to create awareness among students from various streams for their future participation in the electoral process.

During the program, the attendees participated in a pledge to enroll as voters and exercise their right to franchise. The pledge was taken by both the teaching staff and students to ensure that democracy reaches every corner of society.

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discussions were organized to encourage the youth to participate in the democratprocess by enrolling themselves in the electoral roll and casting their votes

during the elections.

The attendees informed that the Summary Revision will continue till April 20, and BLOs will be available with form 6, 7, and 8 for addition, deletion, and transposition, etc.

The eligible voters who turned 18 years of age on April 1, 2023, can fulfill the required formalities to be added to the electoral roll. Additionally, prospective voters who will attain the age of 18 years between July 1 and October 1 can also submit their form 6 to the concerned BLO. Voters can also access the www.nvsp.in portal for such

Construction of International Airport in Punjab's Halwara likely to end by July: Minister

LUDHIANA: Puniab Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh on Sunday said construction work for the uncoming international airport Halwara, about 40 kms from here, is likely to be completed by

The minister, who was in the city to inspect the construction, Singh said the tenders of the project have already been allotted by the Public Works Department (PWD). Addressing a gathering on

the occasion, the cabinet minister said civil works amounting to Rs 46.91 crore have already been started. The works include the con-

services, campus lighting, interim airport, terminal building, sub-station, toilet block, parking, among others.

Listing the Halwara airport as an ambitious project of the state government, the minister said every effort was being made to start the flights as soon as possible as this project will pave way for the holistic development of the region, besides helping the industry in Ludhiana and other adjoining

districts by a large extent. In January, Chief Minister Bhagwant Maan also inspected the ongoing work at civil air terminal Halwara and asked officers to expedite the work so that it is completed at the earliest. Singh said the Puniab Vidhan Sabha had also passed a resolution to request the Centre to name the upcoming Halwara, Ludhiana

The minister was also accompanied by Raikot MLA Hakam

Kejriwal, traffic snarls

were reported in many

parts of the national capi-

tal. Protests were report-

ed from other states also.

AAP workers tried to

gherao the CBI office in

Jaipur but the police

thwarted their attempt.

Later, the party workers

blocked the Tonk Road at

the Narayan Singh Circle

and raised slogans against

Kartar Sarabha International Airport.

Singh Thekedar, Deputy Commissioner Surabhi Malik, Ludhiana (Rural) Navneet Singh Bains, besides several others during his visit.

Gangster-politician Atiq Ahmad, brother Ashraf buried in Prayagraj

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PRAYAGRAJ Gangster-politician Ahmad and his brother Khalid Azeem alias Ashraf were buried in their ancestral village in this Uttar Pradesh district on Sunday.

The bodies of the two brothers, who were gunned down by three assailants posing as journalists in Prayagraj on Saturday night, were handed over to the family members after conducting the post-mortem examination for performing the last rites.

The bodies of Ahmad and Ashraf were taken to the Kasari Masari graveyard in ambulances.

Ahmad's son Asad, an accused in the Umesh Pal murder case who fell to police bullets, was buried at the

same graveyard on Saturday. The gravevard is located in Ahmad's ancestral village and his parents were also laid

There was heavy police presence at the graveyard and only a few distant relatives of the deceased brothers and locals were present inside the burial ground.

Asad was the third of the five sons of Ahmad, a former Samajwadi Party (SP) MP, and was absconding since Umesh Pal's killing on February 24.

Hours after Asad was interred, Ahmad (60) and Ashraf, who were in handcuffs, were shot dead at point-blank range by three men posing as journalists when they were answering reporters' queries while being escorted by police personnel to a medical college here for a

struction of internal roads, taxiinternational airport at way, apron, estate public health Shaheed

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was questioned for nearly nine hours by the CBI on Sunday in the excise policy case, amid protests by his party as the AAP chief claimed that the allegations of scam were false and the agency was acting at the BJP's behest.

"I was asked around 56 questions. I answered them all ...as I said earlier we have nothing to hide. The alleged liquor scam is false, fabricated and motivated by dirty politics... We will die but not give up honesty," Kejriwal told reporters after leaving the CBI headquarters at around 8.30 pm.

The agency had summoned Kejriwal on Friday last seeking his appearance as a witness before the investigation team.

In a video message this morning, the Aam Aadmi solidarity messages from several opposition leaders after being summoned by the agency, claimed that the BJP might have ordered the CBI to arrest

The BJP, which has alleged that Kejriwal was the "kingpin", said it was not the time for rhetoric but accountability and demanded his resignation.

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra said on Sunday that investigation agencies such as CBI and Bharadwaj, Atishi and lunch break and he chose

ED work on the basis of

facts, not emotions. Officials said the CBI asked the chief minister about the policy formulation process, especially "untraceable" file, which was earlier slated to be put before the Council of Ministers. They said the file containing opinions of the expert committee and public and legal opinions on it was not kept before the council and remains untraceable. Keiriwal was also asked if he was involved in the formulation of the policy before it was approved, they said. It is alleged that the Delhi government's excise policy for 2021-22 to grant licences to liquor traders favoured certain dealers who had allegedly paid bribes for it, a charge strongly refuted by the AAP. The policy later $_{
m scrapped}$. Kejriwal visited Mahatma Gandhi's memorial at Raj Ghat this morning and accompanied by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and some cabinet colleagues to the CBI office. While he was being questioned, several senior AAP leaders were "detained" by the Delhi Police during a sit-in at Archbishop Road against summoning. detainees included Rajya Sabha MPs Sanjay Singh

Gahlot, AAP spokesperson Adil Ahmad Khan, AAP general secretary Pankaj Gupta and some ministers in the Punjab government. "The Delhi Police has arrested us for sitting peacefully and is taking us to some unknown place... what kind of dictatorship is this?" Chadha tweeted.

suffers from "BJP chronic Kejriwal-phobia,' he alleged.

Mann, who also joined the sit-in, had left the spot before the AAP leaders' detention.

"Around 1,500 people have been detained or arrested by police across Delhi for staging protests. Thirty-two Delhi MLAs and 70 councillors have been arrested in the city and 20 Punjab AAP MLAs have been arrested at the Delhi border," AAP Delhi convener Gopal Rai claimed at a press confer-

Rai also chaired an "emergency meeting" of its office-bearers to decide the party's next course of action.

The AAP chief was taken to the first-floor office of Anti-Corruption Branch of the CBI, which is probing the matter, after arriving at the heavily fortified agency headquarters at around 11 pm. Sources said Keiriwal was questioned for nearly nine hours. He was offered a

not to go outside the CBI office. Senior officials of the agency remained present in the office on Sunday to keep an eye on the development, a normal course whenever a VIP comes to the agency, the sources said.

The agency also quizzed Kejriwal on the statements of other accused. where they have indicated the manner in which policy was allegedly influenced to favour some liquor businessmen and the South liquor lobby. In addition, the officials said the agency sought to know his role in formulating the excise policy and his knowledge about the alleged influence being cast by the traders and South lobby members.

AAP leader Manish Sisodia was arrested on February 26 after nearly eight hours of questioning in the case with officials saying his answers were not satisfactory. He quit as deputy chief minister of Delhi on February 28.

"I have been summoned by CBI today and I will give all the answers with honesty. These people are very powerful. They can send anyone to jail, it does not matter if that person has committed any crime or not," Kejriwal said in his five-minute video message on Twitter before heading to the CBI office. "Since yesterday, all of their leaders are screaming at top of their voices that Kejriwal will be arrested and I think BJP has instructed CBI also that Kejriwal should be arrested. If BJP has given an order, then who is CBI? CBI is going to arrest me," he said. BJP leaders and workers held a protest at Raj Ghat demanding Keiriwal's resignation. "When Kejriwal gets trapped, he remembers Mahatma Gandhi, although he has ordered for removing Gandhi's portrait from offices of his government," Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva

Asked about the CBI action, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said the investigation agency wants to find out: "Who is the kingpin of the Delhi liquor scam? Did Manish Sisodia solely make this excise policy on his own, or someone else is also involved in this?"

charged.

Patra also posed some questions to Kejriwal at the press conference in

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said on Sunday.

DUBAI: Four Indians,

including a couple from

Kerala, were among 16 people

killed after a massive fire

broke out in a residential

building in Dubai that also

injured nine others, officials

The fire broke out on the

fourth floor of the five-storey

apartment building in the Al-

Ras area, one of the oldest

parts of Dubai, and began

spreading to other areas, they

said. Sixteen people died and

nine others were seriously

injured, officials said. The

Indian Consulate in Dubai

confirmed that four Indians

"The Indian victims include

were among the dead.

4 Indians among 16 killed

in massive fire at Dubai

Kejriwal questioned for nearly nine hours at CBI headquarters; AAP leaders protest "The Delhi liquor policy on your instructions at your residence and time and again you have claimed this Delhi excise policy will bring huge benefits to the State's treasury, but instead a loss of Rs 3,000 crore was incurred and you had to withdraw the excise policy," he said. Union Law Minister

> name of corruption. Several AAP leaders, including Punjab ministers and MLAs, alleged they were stopped from entering Delhi.

Kiren Rijiju alleged that

the Aam Aadmi Party

used activist Anna Hazare

to capture power in the

The ruling party in Punjab claimed that min- Bram Shanker isters Jimpa, Balbir Singh and Hariot Singh Bains, and MLAs Dinesh Chadha and Kuljit Randhawa were among those stopped at the Singhu border. As AAPworkers protests against the summoning of Chief Minister

the central government. Security was stepped up at the CBI headquarters with the Delhi Police putting in place four rings of barricading. Over 1,000 security personnel, including from paramilitary forces, were deployed outside the CBI headquarters and Section 144 of the CrPC had also been imposed in the area to ensure no gathering of more than four persons takes place, they said. Security had also been

tightened outside the office of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) at Rouse Avenue, the officials said.

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE SAMBA

I. Jasbir Kour W/o Lt Sh. Suresh Kumar, 2. Manpreet Kour D/o Lt. Sh. Suresl Kumar Both R/o Village Chak Khokhron, Teh: Ramgarh, Distt: Samba (Pet No.2 i

(Petitioner/s

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE Whereas, the above named petitioner/s has/have applied for the grant of Succession Certificate with respect to the following amount(s) alongwith interese eft by deceased SGCT Suresh Kumar S/o Lt Sh. Banta Ram who expired on 5-07-202

Details of debts and securities are as under: S NO. Amount

lying with Bank/

(Rs.Twenty one lakh only) 2023 WHEREAS tlirough this publication the public in general is informed that person(s) has/have any objection in grant of succession certificate in favour c e above mentioned petitioner, he/they shall file his tlieir objections per hrough any authorized agent in this court on or before 20-04-2023 the next dat

xed in the case, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed.

Take note that if the next date fixed is declared holiday, the case shall be en up on the next working day GIVEN under my hand and seal of this court today the 16-04-2023 at Samb

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Through: Mr Ghulam Rasoo

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EAM Jaishankar congratulates newly appointed Nepalese counterpart Saud

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NEW DELHI: External Affairs

Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday congratulated his newly appointed Nepalese counterpart Narayan Prasad Saud, hours after he took charge of the post. Saud, a leader of Nepali Congress,

was sworn in as the foreign minis-

ter, weeks ahead of a planned visit

India by Nepalese Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda. "Congratulate H.E. N.P. Saud on his appointment as the Foreign Minister of Nepal. Look forward to working together to strengthen our multifaceted partnership. Best

wishes for success in your new



In Kathmandu, Indian envoy Naveen Srivastava paid a courtesy call on Saud and conveyed a message from Jaishankar.

"Naveen Srivastava, Ambassador of India paid a courtesy call on Hon

Foreign Minister Mr N P Saud @NPSaudnc today. Srivastava conveyed message of congratulations from MEA of India H. E. @DrSJaishankar to the FM on his appointment as the Foreign Minister of Nepal," the Nepalese foreign ministry tweeted.

holding the charge of the foreign ministry as his coalition partner Nepali Congress delayed its nomination to the post. Under the power sharing under-

Prime Minister Prachanda was

standing, Nepali Congress was to recommend a leader for the foreign minister's post.

The Nepalese prime minister is set to visit India in the next couple

BJP will form Govt in Karnataka again: Amit Shah

Says mood in Odisha and Telangana in favour of BJP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PANAJI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the BJP will form a government again in Karnataka, where Assembly elections are scheduled next month.

Addressing a public meeting in south Goa where he kicked off the Bharatiya Janata Party's campaign for 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Shah said the mood of people is in favour of BJP in Odisha and Telangana.

He referred to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's remarks on BJP's victory in "small states" of Goa and Uttarakhand earlier and said Kharge shouldn't insult small states.

Shah also said Congress was wiped out in recent polls in the Northeast after Rahul Gandhi campaigned for the party.

He said the Congress alwavs considered Northeastern states as their stronghold due to a sizeable minority population in these states, but the outcome of recent polls favoured BJP.

"I saw the mood of people in favour of BJP in Odisha and Telangana. I want to tell Kharge ji and Rahul baba that the BJP will form a government in Karnataka again," he added. Shah said when BJP won elections in small states like Goa, Uttarakhand, and in the Northeast, Kharge said these are small states.

"They are small states but they are important states of the country. Khargeji should not insult small states," Shah added. He said small states are important parts of the country and it is the policy of the Modi government to have a "bigger responsibility towards small states"."Small states are the 'dharohar' of our country and they are as much important as big states. The smaller the state, the bigger the responsibility of the Centre to work for its development. This is the policy of the Modi govern-

ment," Shah said. Taking a dig at Rahul Gandhi, Shah said after

'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Rahul Gandhi undertook a full-fledged campaign in the Northeast elections. but the Congress party was wiped out from these states and people gave their mandate in favour of the BJP. He said BJP has won a full majority in Tripura elections while 13 MLAs of the saffron party were elected in Nagaland. "The government in Meghalaya was formed with the support of BJP," the home minister added. Shah said the people of the Northeast have given a clear message that this country should be ruled by a party which can provide security, peace and development to the people.

Rijesh Kalangadan (38) and wife

Jeshi Kandamangalath (32). The others include Gudu Saliyakoondu (49) and Imamkasim Abdul Khader Bijender Singh, Consul, Consular and Labour, at the Indian Consulate, told PTI. "We have received their passport copies through (Naseer) Vatanappally (an Indian social worker). We would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the families and thank the social workers and others who have reached out with support. We are coordinating with the local authorities for the repatriation procedures," Singh added. Quoting Naseer Vatanappally, who was at the Dubai Police mortuary, the Gulf News earlier reported that four Indians, including a couple from Kerala, have been identified among the victims. Two men from Tamil Nadu who worked at the

building, 3 Pakistani cousins

and a Nigerian woman have

Kalangadan worked as a business development manager with a travel and tourism company Kandamangalath was a school teacher, the paper said.

The Dubai Civil Defence

Operations Room was noti-

fied about the fire at 12.35

pm on Saturday, officials

said. A team from the Dubai Civil Defence headquarters arrived at the site of the now-sealed seen a surge of high-rise fires due to flammable siding

material.

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blaze and began evacuating residents in the building. Teams from the Port Saeed Fire Station and the Hamriyah Fire Station were also summoned. The flames were doused by 2:42 pm (local time), the paper said. Around 3pm, the civil defence team rescued the occupants on the third floor by cranes. Eyewitnesses said they saw flames billowing out of the building, according to the Khaleej Times newspaper. Videos shared on social media show thick black smoke and flames leaping out of an apartment window. the report said. The Dubai Civil Defence has attributed the fire to the lack of compliance with building security and safety requirements. The focus is now on identifying the remaining bodies, providing medical attention to the wounded, and rehabilitating survivors who find themselves locked out of the building. Authorities are conducting a comprehensive investigation to provide a detailed report on the cause of the fire, the Dubai Civil Defence added. Dubai in recent years has

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE **1ST CLASS MENDHAR** Sadam Hussain Chuhan S/o Mohd Rashid R/o Salani Tehsil Mankoto

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Versus BDO Mankote Non Applicants (s) In the matter of:- Application for seeking direction to BDO Mankote to registration and issuance of the date of birth applicant's Daughte Namely (a) Farkhanda Jabeen D/o Sadam Hussain Chuhan DOB 01-

Proclamation

Whereas the applicant named herein above has filed the above titled application in this court for registration and issuance of date of birth of applicant's daughter Namely (a) Farkhanda Jabeen DOB 01-01-2018 Therefore through the medium of this proclamation general public is informed that any person/s has/have/objections to the same, in that event he/she/they shall file objection within 7 days of publication before this court but or before next date of hearing fixed in the matter falling which appropriate order shall be passed. Take notice that ir case the date fixed is declared holiday the matter shall be taken in the next working days.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 12-04-2023 pu upon 20-04-2023.

Munsiff/ JMIC Mendha

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL **DISTRICT JUDGE SAMBA**

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Versus

In the matter of:- Petition for issuance Succession certificate. Notice to General Public Whereas, the above named Petitioner/s has/have applied for the grant of Succession Certificate with respect to the following amount(s) alongwith left by Deceased late ASI Nago Ram Who expired on 03-12-2022. Details of debts and

ecurities are as under Amount Rs. 21.00.000/-(Rupees twenty one lakh only)

lying with bank. Special welfare relief from PHQ vide orde no. 1074 of 2023

above mentioned petitioner. he/they shall file his/their objections personally of hrough any authorized agent in this court on or before 27-04-2023, the next date ked in the case, failing which appropriate order shall be passed. Take note that if the next date fixed is declared holiday, the case shall be take

Whereas through this publication the public in general is informed that if any

erson(s) has/have any objection in grant of succession certificate in favour of the

Given under my hand and seal of this court today the 16-04-2023 at Samba

(Adnan Sayeed Addl. District Judge