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**BY SUHAS PALSHIKAR** PAGE 12

For FB post on Uddhav, man beaten, tonsured by Sena workers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

SHIV SENA workers assaulted a man in Wadala and shaved his head after he called Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray bald in a Facebook post.

The incident took place Sunday, two days after 33-yearold Hiramani Tiwari, who works for a pharmaceutical firm, commented on Thackeray over his remark that the Delhi Police lathicharge on students of Jamia Millia Islamia University seemed to be a throwback to the days of Jallianwala Bagh.

Tiwari told police that soon after his post on December 20, his friend Prakash Hasbe, a Shiv Sena shakha pramukh in Wadala, asked him why he had posted such a remark. Tiwari said he immediately apologised to Hasbe, and called his post a mistake.

At 12.30 pm Sunday, two Shiv Sena workers showed up at Tiwari's home and told him that Samadhan Jugdar, a shakha pramukh in Wadala's Shanti Nagar locality, wanted to meet him. Police said the men took Tiwari to Jugdar who waiting outside a temple with an electric shaver.

A video of the incident shows a group of men assaulting Tiwari CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

JMM'S HEMANT SOREN TIPPED TO BE NEW CHIEF MINISTER

# Jharkhand fifth state to slip out of BJP control in one year

Opp alliance storms to power; CM Raghubar Das loses to rebel Saryu Roy

**MANOJCG** & ABHISHEK ANGAD NEW DELHI, RANCHI. DECEMBER 23

LESS THAN seven months after it stormed back to power at the Centre with its highest tally in the Lok Sabha elections, the ruling BJP was swept out of power Monday in Jharkhand by the coalition of the JMM, Congress and RJD led by their chief ministerial candidate and JMM leader Hemant Soren. For the BIP, the defeat in

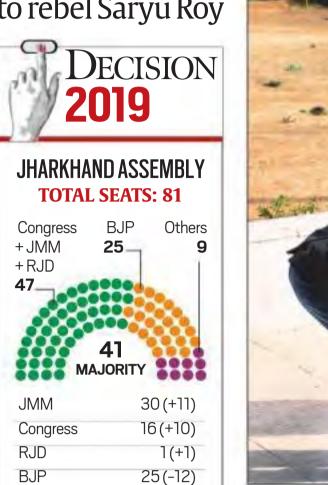
Iharkhand is the loss of power in the fifth state in a year following the fall of its governments in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. Chief Minister Raghubar Das,

who was defeated by BJP rebel Saryu Roy in Jamshedpur East, submitted his resignation letter to Governor Draupadi Murmu as the JMM-Congress-RJD alliance won 47 seats in the House of 81. The BJP managed only 25 seats. Of the 81 seats, JMM won 30,

Congress 16, RJD 1, NCP 1, Independents 2, JVM (P) 3, CPI(M-L)(L) 1, BJP 25 and AJSU 2.

As the results came in, Hemant Soren said all alliance partners will meet to "strategise the future course of action". He thanked Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his father Shibu Soren. The people of Jharkhand, Soren told reporters, had given a clear majority to the alliance, signalling

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**AJSU Party** 

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WE THE PEOPLE OF THARKHAND, have

olemnly spoken.

JVM(P)

Others

IMM leader Hemant Soren with his father Shibu Soren in Ranchi on Monday. ANI

#### Voices within: No one heard feedback, 303 was a .303 rifle

**LIZ MATHEW** & RAVISH TIWARI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE COMPREHENSIVE defeat of the incumbent BJP in Jharkhand Monday by the regional alliance of JMM-Congress-RJD comes amid an economic slowdown and a nationwide ferment over the new citizesnhip law and the NRC. It also follows a belowexpectation electoral performance in Maharashtra and Haryana — the party had to stitch up postpoll alliances to retain power in Haryana, and, in Maharashtra, it lost its ally Shiv Sena to the rival alliance after a failed bid at power.

One comfort for the BIP is the narrow difference in vote share while the JMM-Congress-RJD got 35.25 per cent of the vote, the BJP, fighting alone, got 33.5 per cent. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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# Jagan latest CM to say no NRC, Opp pressure on Congress CMs

**MANOJCG** & SREENIVAS JANYALA NEW DELHI, HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 23

JOINING THE growing list of Chief Ministers opposed to a nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC), Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy said Monday that NRC would not be implemented in the state. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and the Congress government in Chhattisgarh, too, declared that the new citizenship law and the proposed NRC would not be implemented in their respective states.

Hemant Soren, who is set to take over as the next Chief Minister of Jharkhand, too expressed reservations over the

The CMs of Opposition-ruled states West Bengal's Mamata

**Political** weight to

pushback

THE GROWING number of CMs against NRC adds significant political weight to the pushback. More so, since many of their parties voted for CAA. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's rejection comes after the PM's dialling down the rhetoric on Sunday. The signal is clear: Opposition isn't convinced.

Banerjee, Punjab's Amarinder Singh, Chhattisgarh's Bhupesh Baghel and Kerala's Pinarayi Vijayan have already opposed both the CAB and NRC. The declaration by Gehlot came even as **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**  **CAA-NRC** 



Lindenthal was scheduled to

fly out late Monday night

#### Told to exit India for protesting: German student at IIT Madras

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI. DECEMBER 23

A GERMAN student in the Master's course in the Department of Physics at IIT Madras, part of a one-year exchange programme, has said that he was asked to leave the country "immediately" days after he attended protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the campus. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

### First official admission in UP: Bijnor man killed when police fired in self-defence

#### **MANISH SAHU** & KRISHN KAUSHIK

LUCKNOW, BIJNOR, DECEMBER 23

IN WHAT is the first admission of firing by Uttar Pradesh Police during the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act in the state, senior police officers in Bijnor confirmed that a civilian Mohammad Suleman, 20, died after he was shot by constable Mohit Kumar in "self-defence".

"One cartridge was retrieved from Suleman's body. The ballistic report confirms that this was shot from the service pistol of



Akbari Khatoon, mother of Mohammad Suleman who was killed in Bijnor. Abhinav Saha

Mohit Kumar. Mohit Kumar also suffered a bullet injury. The bullet taken from Mohit Kumar's

stomach was found to be shot from a country-made weapon, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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