

MINISTER IN LOK SABHA

Govt puts it on record: No NRC decision yet

Aadhaar for NPR voluntary, give info 'true to best of knowledge': Govt

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 4

WITH PROTESTS against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and proposed National Register of Citizens marking two months next week, the government reiterated in Lok Sabha Tuesday that it has not taken any decision on a countrywide NRC.

It also moved to allay fears over personal data being collected for the pre-Census updation of the National Population Register (NPR) by making clear that no document will be collected during the exercise — and that providing Aadhaar number would be voluntary.

Replying to a written question on NRC, MoS (Home) **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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E Flies in the face of past statements

DOUBTS HAVE persisted given repeated references to NRC, including by Amit Shah. The latest reply in House has formalised PM's assurance, but is this the final word?

Police say Shaheen Bagh gunman had joined AAP, party hits back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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SETTING OFF a fresh political row four days before the national capital votes, the Delhi Police Tuesday said the man arrested for firing twice in the air at the Shaheen Bagh protest site on February 1 had joined the Aam Aadmi Party last year.

The police claim drew a sharp reaction from the AAP which said Union Home Minister Amit Shah



Delhi police say this photo of AAP's Sanjay Singh with Kapil Baisala (seen right) was found from the latter's phone

was directly behind the "conspiracy". The Delhi Police reports to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The

AAP said it plans to approach the Election Commission against **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Mumbai openers take India to U-19 World Cup finals, demolish Pakistan

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 4

ONE SOLD pani-puris on the road not so long ago, the other went to a famous cricket academy. On Tuesday, the lives of these two teenagers converged on a cricket pitch over 7,000 km from their homes in Mumbai. The result: India beat Pakistan by 10 wickets to enter the final of the Under-19 World Cup at Potchefstroom in South Africa.

Yashasvi Jaiswal (105 not out) and Divyansh Saxena (59 not out) sealed the deal with 14.4 overs to spare after India's



India beat Pakistan by 10 wickets in the semi-finals in Potchefstroom in South Africa. ICC

bowlers set it up by dismantling Pakistan for 172. Jaiswal did his bit with the ball too, prising out

rival opener Haider Ali (56). It was about eight years ago **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Lavasas paid Rs 46 lakh cash for house, used help's bank account: I-T

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 4

CASH DEPOSITS amounting to Rs 4.93 lakh after demonetisation; Rs 46.65 lakh paid in cash for construction of a building in Gurgaon; a payment of Rs 9.57 lakh to the builder routed through the bank account of a domestic help — these are the allegations in a report of the Income Tax (I-T) Department on com-



Ashok Lavasa and family got house built in Gurgaon

plaints of tax evasion by members of the family of Election Commissioner (EC) Ashok Lavasa.

In the last six months, his wife Novel Singhal Lavasa, an **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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