

Headlines at a Glance - 12th Feb

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Delhi

Assembly election results 2020

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) scored a landslide victory in Delhi assembly elections 2020 for the second time in a row as it swept aside both BJP, which was again restricted to a single digit, and Congress which could not win a single seat. AAP won 62 seats in the 70-member assembly, five seats short of its 2015 tally when it had won 67 seats. The BJP won eight seats, five more than its tally in the previous election. The Congress, which had failed to win a seat in the last election also, saw a dip in its vote percentage. AAP's victory came in the backdrop of a campaign marked by shrillness and dashed BJP's hopes to form government in the national capital after nearly two decades.

SOURCE: *Livemint, Financial Express*

BIMSTEC

Disaster Management Exercise - 2020 being organised in Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday inaugurated Seven Nation BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise - 2020, which will take place from February 11 to 13. The exercise is being organised by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Odisha, on behalf of the Government of India. Representatives of BIMSTEC member countries from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and India participating in the exercise, Bhutan and Thailand are not participating this time. The objective of this exercise is to test the existing emergency procedures for notification, preparedness and emergency response, during a major earthquake and flood scenarios and to enhance the coordination and co-operation involving multi-agency operations in an earthquake, flooding and storm surge.

SOURCE: *Business Standard*

All medical

devices sold in the country would be treated as drugs from April 1

Come April 1, all medical devices sold in the country would be treated as drugs and would be regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1940, the ministry of health and family welfare said in a notification on Tuesday. At present, only 23 medical devices have been classified as drugs. Of these, only a few including cardiac stents, drug eluting cardiac stents, condoms, intrauterine devices, have been brought under price control. The health ministry said the decision was taken after consultation with the Drugs

Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), the apex decision making body on technical matters related to drugs. In a separate notification, the health ministry made some amendments to the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 (which was made public and suggestions were invited from stakeholders). This will be called Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2020 and would also come in force from April 1.

SOURCE: *Times of India*

Donald

Trump administration approves sale of IADWS to India

The US has approved the sale of an Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) to India for an estimated cost of \$1.9 billion to modernize its armed forces and to expand its existing air defence architecture to counter threats posed by air attacks. The Trump Administration has notified to the US Congress of its determination to sell India the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS), the Defence Security Cooperation Agency said Monday. The entire system is estimated to cost \$1.867 billion, the State Department has told the Congress in a notification.

SOURCE: *Livemint*

National

Institute of Financial Management (NIFM) at Faridabad to be renamed

The Centre has decided to rename the National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad, as 'Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management' (AJNIFM). NIFM, Faridabad was set up in 1993 as a registered society under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, with the mandate to train officers of various finance and accounts services recruited by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) through the Civil Services Examination, as also officers of the Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS). The Union Finance Minister is the President of the NIFM society. The late Jaitley had played a stellar role during his career as the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs from May 2014 to May 2019, said an official release.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*