

## No proposal to use remote voting machine in 'upcoming election': Rijiju

NEW DELHI, Feb 3:

There is no proposal to use the remote electronic voting machine (RVM) in the "upcoming election" in the country and it is also not proposed for the use of Non-Resident Indian (NRI) voters, Lok Sabha was informed today.

Responding to a question in the Lower House of Parliament, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said in a written reply that according to the Election Commission (EC), it has "not proposed to introduce the RVM for the upcoming election in the country".

Several assembly polls are due this year, while the Lok Sabha elections will be held in 2024.

The Minister said the EC has also informed that the RVM is not proposed for the use of NRI voters.

Rijiju noted that public sector unit Electronic Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), under the guidance of the EC and the Technical Expert Committee of the poll panel, has developed a prototype of the Multi Constituency Remote Electronic Voting Machine.

The EC, he said, had circulated a concept note to all national and state political parties on improving voter partici-

### Amul hikes milk prices by Rs 2 per litre

ANAND, Feb 3:

The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets its dairy products under the brand name 'Amul', on Friday increased the prices of milk by Rs 2 per litre for all markets except Gujarat.

Jayen Mehta, Managing Director of the Anand-headquartered federation, said the hike in milk prices is not applicable to Gujarat. "We have increased the milk prices by Rs 2 per litre for markets other than Gujarat, such as Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai. As of now, there is no increase in milk prices in Gujarat," he told PTI.

The new prices are effective from Friday morning, the GCMMF said in a statement issued by its Mumbai office. With the increase in prices, one litre pouch of Amul Taaza milk will now cost Rs 54, while one litre of Amul Gold will be sold at Rs 66, the statement said, adding that one litre pouch of cow milk will now cost Rs 56, while Amul A2 buffalo milk pouch will cost Rs 70 from Friday. (PTI)



## Saradha: ED attaches assets of P Chidambaram's wife, ex-CPM MLA

NEW DELHI, Feb 3:

The ED on Friday said it has attached assets worth more than Rs 6 crore of "beneficiaries" like Nalini Chidambaram, wife of former Union finance minister and Congress leader P Chidambaram, former CPM MLA Debendranath Biswas and

a company owned by former Assam minister late Anjan Dutta in the Saradha money laundering case.

A provisional order for attaching movable properties worth Rs 3.30 crore and immovable assets worth Rs 3 crore has been issued under the

Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the federal agency said in a statement.

These properties were owned by the Saradha Group and other people, who were beneficiaries of the "proceeds of crime" generated by the group,

it said.

The "beneficiaries" include Nalini Chidambaram, Debabrata Sarkar (East Bengal Club official), Debendranath Biswas (former IPS officer and ex-CPM MLA) and Anubhuti Printers and Publications owned by Dutta, a former Assam Cabinet Minister and president of state Congress party.

The money laundering case pertains to an alleged chit fund scam perpetrated by the Saradha Group in West Bengal, Assam and Odisha till 2013.(PTI)

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