

Trump wins America again

■ By Manash Pratim Bhuyan

WASHINGTON, Nov 6 (PTI)

FORMER President Donald Trump on Wednesday won the US presidency for a second term in one of the greatest political comebacks in American history, cruising past his Democratic rival Kamala Harris in a bitterly fought election.

The 78-year-old Republican leader cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency by securing a victory in the key battleground state of Wisconsin. According to races called by the *Associated Press* up to 4 pm (IST), 277 electoral votes had gone to Republican candidate Trump and 224 to Democratic Party's Harris.

The victory by Trump is largely being seen as a remarkable comeback after he lost the 2020 presidential election to Joe Biden which appeared to be the end of his political career. Trump challenged the election results and even indirectly urged his supporters to march on the US Capitol that reportedly triggered the violent attacks and clashes inside the seat of American democracy sending shockwaves



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across the globe. In the following months, Trump unsuccessfully challenged the results in court.

In effect, he became the first former President to get the nomination for the top office on the planet after being convicted of a felony. Trump won the battleground states of Pennsylvania, (Contd on page 5)

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Modi dials Trump, congratulates him



NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (PTI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi spoke to US President-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday to congratulate him on his "spectacular" victory, and said he looked forward to working together with him again to further strengthen India-US relations across technology, defence, energy, space and other sectors.

Official sources said Modi also congratulated Trump on the performance of his Republican Party in the US (Contd on page 5)

Trump promises to bring 'golden age', heal nation

WASHINGTON, Nov 6 (PTI)

DONALD Trump on Wednesday promised to bring a "golden age" for America, as he appeared poised to win the

presidential election with a mandate he called "unprecedented and powerful".

"This will truly be a golden age for America. This is a magnificent victory that will also

help us to make America great again," Trump, 78, told his supporters in the wee hours of Wednesday at Palm Beach Convention Centre in Florida.

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Suhas Subramanyam



Ami Bera



Raja Krishnamoorthi



Ro Khanna



Pramila Jayapal



Shri Thanedar

6 Indian Americans in US House of Representatives

■ By Lalit K Jha

WASHINGTON, Nov 6 (PTI)

SIX Indian Americans have won the elections to the House of Representatives, increasing their number from five in the current Congress.

Indian-American lawyer Suhas Subramanyam created history by becoming the first from the community to be elected from Virginia and the entire East Coast. He defeated

Mike Clancy of the Republican Party. He is currently a Virginia State Senator.

"I am honoured and humbled that the people of Virginia's 10th District put their trust in me to take on the toughest fights and deliver results in Congress. This district is my home. I got married here, my wife Miranda and I are raising our daughters here, and the issues our community faces are personal to our family. It is

an honour to continue serving this district in Washington," Subramanyam said.

Subramanyam, who previously served as a White House Advisor to President Barack Obama, is a Hindu by faith and is popular among Indian Americans nationwide.

He joins the 'Samosa Caucus' in the Congress that currently comprises five Indian Americans – Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna,

Pramila Jayapal and Shri Thanedar. All the five existing Indian American members were re-elected to the House of Representatives.

Shri Thanedar was re-elected for the second consecutive term from 13th Congressional District of Michigan. He won it for the first time in 2023.

Raja Krishnamoorthi won the seventh Congressional District of Illinois for the fifth consecutive term.

'Incoming data on GDP growth mixed but positives outweigh negatives'

MUMBAI, Nov 6 (PTI)

RESERVE Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday



Shaktikanta Das

Speaking at Business Standard's annual BFSI event here, Das stressed

that the underlying economic activity by and large remains strong.

"Data which is coming in is mixed but the positives outweigh the negatives and by and large underlying activities remain strong," Das said.

It can be noted that many analysts have been voicing concerns about growth, especially after official data showed growth slowing to a 15-quarter low of 6.7 per cent in the first quarter of FY25.

The RBI, however, has been holding onto its estimate of 7.2 per cent real GDP growth for

FY25, even as some expect it to be lower than 7 per cent.

Das said the RBI tracks over 70 high-speed indicators to arrive at its estimates and described both the positive factors pushing the number and the negatives pulling it down.

The industrial production or IIP data, and moderation in urban demand being witnessed by fast-moving consumer goods companies are the negative factors. Besides, subsidy outgoes have increased in the September quarter and will impact the Q2 GDP number, Das said.

The positives include the handsome growth in GST e-way bills, toll collections, air passenger traffic, and steel and cement industry performance, Das said.

Amid the increased discussion on the auto sector prospects recently with concerns around rising inventory amid lower demand, Das said the sector has done exceedingly well in October with a 30 per cent growth which includes a 23 per cent rise in four-wheeler sales. Additionally, the agriculture and services sectors are also doing well, Das said.

EAM Jaishankar calls on Australian PM Albanese, discusses ways to deepen ties

CANBERRA, Nov 6 (PTI)

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday called on Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and discussed ways to deepen the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership.

During the meeting, Jaishankar also conveyed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's greeting to Albanese.

The minister is on an official visit to Australia from November 3-7.

"Delighted to call on PM Anthony Albanese in Canberra today. Conveyed warm greetings of PM @narendramodi. Value his guidance for deepening India-Australia



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, in Canberra on Wednesday. (ANI)

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership," Jaishankar wrote on X.

He later met with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign

Minister Winston Peters and discussed education, technology, agriculture and people-to-people ties. They also exchanged views on Indo-Pacific and global issues.

He also interacted with members of the Australia-India Parliamentary Friendship Group. "Appreciate their warm sentiments for stronger political, economic and people-to-people ties with India," Jaishankar said in a post.

Earlier, Jaishankar met Peter Dutton, the leader of the Liberal Party of Australia.

"Shared perspectives on global issues and appreciate his support for our bilateral ties," Jaishankar said after meeting Dutton.

UN continues to deliver aid to Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 6 (IANS)

UN AGENCIES and partners continue to deliver humanitarian aid to the crisis-impacted people in Lebanon amid escalating hostilities, Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN chief, said at a daily briefing.

On Monday, UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) delivered medical supplies and fuel for generators to the Burj Shimali Palestinian refugee camp in Tyre in Lebanon. A humanitarian convoy also delivered medical supplies, medicine and hygiene kits to a health care centre in Labweh.

Netanyahu dismisses Defence Minister as war rages

JERUSALEM, Nov 6 (AP)

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday dismissed his popular Defence Minister, Yoav Gallant, in a surprise announcement that came as the country is embroiled in wars on multiple fronts across the region. The move sparked protests across the country.

Netanyahu and Gallant have repeatedly been at odds over the war in Gaza. But Netanyahu had avoided firing his rival before taking the step as the world's attention was focused on the US presidential elec-

Israel Katz is new Defence Minister, Gideon Saar is Foreign Minister

TEL AVIV, Nov 6 (IANS)

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has appointed Foreign Minister Israel Katz to succeed Yoav Gallant as Defence Minister, while Gideon Saar becomes the new Foreign Minister, the Prime Minister's office said on Tuesday in a statement.

Katz, the new Israel Defence

Minister, is described as a long-time ally and loyalist of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. A member of Netanyahu's ruling Likud Party, in which he was previously President of the party's convention, Katz has held multiple Cabinet roles going back to 2003.

As Foreign Minister, Katz drew international attention

for his pointed attacks on world leaders and international organisations that had expressed Opposition to Israeli military actions, particularly in Gaza.

He spearheaded a diplomatic battle against the UNRWA and last month Israel's Parliament banned the agency from working in Israel and occupied East Jerusalem.

tion. Netanyahu cited "significant gaps" and a "crisis of trust"

between them in his Tuesday evening announcement. "In

the midst of a war, more than ever, full trust is required

between the Prime Minister and Defence Minister," Netanyahu said. "Unfortunately, although in the first months of the campaign, there was such trust and there was very fruitful work, during the last months, this trust cracked between me and the Defence Minister." While Netanyahu has called for continued military pressure on Hamas, Gallant had taken a more pragmatic approach, saying that military force has created the necessary conditions for at least a temporary diplomatic deal that could bring home hostages held by the militant group.