

■ Xi Jinping Secures Unprecedented Third Term as China's President

Mr Xi Jinping has been re-elected for an unprecedented third term as China's President, making him the most powerful leader in China since Mao Zedong. The largely ceremonial display at the National People's Congress saw nearly 3000 members of China's parliament unanimously vote for Mr Xi Jinping who was the only candidate. In addition to being reappointed as head of the Central Military Commission, his trusted allies will be appointed to key government roles. Meanwhile, China's parliament on Friday approved a plan on reforming the institutions of the State Council - China's cabinet, that would put public security, financial regulation and technology - areas now handled by the state - under direct control of the Communist Party of China.



■ **Prakash Padukone Elected Third President of Nepal**