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However, BJP leader Hi-

manta Biswa Sarma said on

Monday, "We (NDA allies in the northeast) have diffe-

rences of opinion over the

Bill, but I don't think it will

have any impact on national

politics or on the Lok Sabha

elections." Sarma, who is

convener of the North East

Democratic Alliance, NDA's

northeast version, added

that he was in touch with

ry K C Tyagi, which is in

the state, and the party's na-

tional vice-president Pras-

hant Kishor will also be pre-

es in Meghalaya, which

are part of the ruling Me-

ghalaya Democratic Allian-

ce, have also confirmed

their participation apart

from other regional parties

from Manipur, Nagaland,

Mizoram, Arunachal Pra-

desh and Tripura.

All other regional parti-

sent at the meeting.

the Meghalaya CM.

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US-Taliban talks put India in tight spot

Outcome To Affect India, But It's Neither At Table Nor Being Heard

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New Delhi: With the US and Taliban making "significant" progress in talks in Doha, India's own position on the Taliban is coming under scrutiny.

According to reports mainly attributed to Taliban sources, the US-Taliban talks have moved forward after the militant group appointed Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar as the lead negotiator from their side.

Reports indicated that while nothing has been been agreed upon, discussions with US negotiator Zalmay Khalilzad have included talks on a ceasefire, a US withdrawal in 18 months and Taliban committing not to provide sanctuary to al-Qaida and IS among other global terror groups.

Khalialzad himself ruled out any talk of an "interim" government, emphasising that he was trying to facilitate an intra-Afghan dialogue, But, as he has himself tweeted, nothing is done until it is done.

India will be deeply affected by the outcome of the talks, vet it is not at the table, nor is it being heard. Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat's bald suggestion, that India join the "bandwagon" by talking to the Taliban because everyone else is doing it, has made the Indian establishment deeply uncomfortable.

India has been on the defensive regarding Afghanistan in the recent past - first, to counter US President's Trump's comment that India was building "libraries" there, and then Rawat's unsolicited remark.



Among other worries, the Army chief's comment that India join the 'bandwagon' by talking to the Taliban has also added to the Indian establishment's discomfiture

Pakistan's official spokesperson trotted out the old line that India has "no role" in Afghanistan, echoed by Nato official Alejandro Alvargonzález that New Delhi was just one

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among "hundreds" in Afghanistan, while Pakistan held all the cards. External affairs ministry spokesman Raveesh Kumar defended the official position with the same mantra of an "Afghan-led, Afghan-owned" peace process. "Our position on Afghanistan has been very clear and consistent... that India supports the peace and

nistan... that is inclusive." India, in these years, has built enormous goodwill in

reconciliation efforts in Afgha-

Afghanistan despite not having "boots on the ground". It has remained on the side of its government, built infrastructure and rebuilt ties with the Pashtuns in its south.

Despite the clamour that India needs to "engage" the Taliban, MEA plans to keep a steady stance. Whether India maintains a covert line with the Taliban, for the moment New Delhi will stand by Kabul and will open communications with Taliban after Kabul

does so. This group believe that India's brand equity, built over the past 17 years, will be enough to secure Indian interests in Afghanistan.

The Army chief was reflecting the views of another group that believes India should maintain some contact with Taliban. "If Pakistan is successful in putting its own people in government in Kabul, India can expect to witness the destruction of all the assets it has built there, like the Bamiyan Budd-

has," said high-level sources. India has two primary objectives in Afghanistan helping it stand on its own feet, and thwarting Pakistan's designs there. The first does not envisage seeing the Taliban in power. The second is aimed at reducing Pakistan's ability to run terror groups against India. The government believes that even without talking directly to the Taliban, it can continue to play an effective game.

Bulandshahr accused's wife claims frame-up

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Meerut: Aday after police claimed to have recovered slain inspector Subodh Kumar Singh's mobile phone from the house of Prashant Natt, who allegedly shot the officer during the December 3 violence in Bulandshahr, the latter's wife alleged that the phone had been "planted" by the policemen who came with the search warrant.

"A police team arrived with a search warrant and asked for Prashant's room. Two policemen entered and I saw them placing the phones near a dressing table. When I objected, they told me to shut up," Natt's wife, Sonam, told reporters on Monday.

Police, however, have refuted her charges. "The reaction of the criminal's wife is on expected lines. She is going at length to protect Natt," Atul Kumar Srivastava, SP (city), Bulandshahr, said.

Guwahati: BJP's allies in the northeast will gather in Assam's capital on Tuesday for a meeting against the Citizenship(Amendment)Bill, 2016, convened by Meghalava chief minister Conrad Sangma's National People's Party (NPP) and hosted by Asom Gana Parishad (AGP).

Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi and CM Sarbananda Sonowal arrive at the assembly for the budget session in Guwahati on Monday

AGP leads opposition attack in House, guv speech silent on Bill

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NE parties meet today to

oppose Bill, BJP denies rift

Sangma was the first CM in the northeast to oppose Guwahati: BJP's former the Bill and his government ally AGP on Monday led an the first to adopt a resoluall-opposition attack on the tion against it. Recently, a BJP-led government in the meeting between leaders of assembly over the Citizens-AGP and NPP had fuelled hip (Amendment) Bill. Earspeculation that a non-BJP lier this month, AGP had front may be in the works. walked out of the govern-

Parties that will attend ment on the issue. Tuesday's meeting include As soon as governor Jag-Mizo National Front, Natiodish Mukhi started his custonal Democratic People's mary speech and referred to "peace initiatives" in the sta-Party (from Nagaland), Indigenous People's Front of te, AGP, Congress and AIUDF MLAs rushed to the well of Tripura, Sikkim Democratic Front and the NPP units the House. BJPMLAs soon jofrom Arunachal Pradesh, ined in and a shouting match Nagaland and Manipur. ensued. Mukhi was forced to A delegation of JD(U) end his address within minuled by party general secretates and leave. The Bill found

no mention in his speech. Later, talking to the media outside, AGP chief Atul Bora said, "The speech had no mention of the Bill that is posing a threat to the existence, language, culture and heritage of the indige-

nous Assamese people." Opposition's Debabrata Saikia (Congress) said, "The government is keeping people in the dark by not mentioning the Bill in the governor's address."

JD(U) team in Assam, says it'll oppose Bill in RS

DJP ally JD(U), whose deleates are in Guwahati to express solidarity with protesters against the citizenship Bill, on Monday said its six Rajya Sabha MPs will vote against the Bill. "If Congress does not walk out, as it did in the LS, we can stop the Bill," JD(U) national general secretary KC Tyagi said. "We have been opposing it as it is unconstitutional," he said. TNN

Despite protests, BJP wins big in council polls

espite facing the heat across Assam for its stand on the citizenship Bill, BJP recorded a thumping win in the Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council polls by winning 20 out of 26 seats. Congress was a distant second winning only five, while one seat went to an Independent. AGP drew a blank. TNN

With 30 cubs, tigress sets new Penchmark

Seoni (MP): A 13-year-old tig-panding her litters by giving ress from Madhya Pradesh's birth to four cubs. Pench Tiger Reserve, popularly known as 'Collarwali', has given birth to four cubs, making her the mother of 30 cubs born in different litters over the last ten years and which forest officials feel could be a rare record.

Officials in MP's Pench are trying to verify if the latest litter - Collarwali's eighth - has catapulted the legendary tigress into the record books for the most number of cubs for any tigress in the world

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On Sunday, tourists spotted the Royal Bengal tigress 'T-15' with four cubs in Pench, field director Vikram Singh Parihar said confirming the births. The tigress made headlines in April 2017 after ex-

Asked whether Collarwali has now become the world's first tigress to have given birth to so many cubs, Parihar said he has not come across such a feline and was verifying if this is true.

Parihar said this was Collarwali's eighth litter: "(Earlier) it had given birth to 26 cubs in seven litters," he said, adding that 21 of the 26 cubs born to her are currently wandering in the reserve.

"The tigress is very beautiful. Its eyes and walk sway everyone. It has now given birth at the age of 14, which itself is the most pleasant surprise,"he said, pointing to the 14-15 year average lifespan of tigers. "Collarwali looks young, and going by her beauty and robust health, she might set another record by living beyond 20. Look at the feline, it seems she might survive 22 years!" Parihar said. The tigress was born in September 2005, he said citing official data. PTI



PES: The tigress with one of her four newborns at Pench in MP's Seoni on Sunday. Foresters compare Collarwali's legend to that of Ranthambore's world-renowned 'Machhli' who died in 2016

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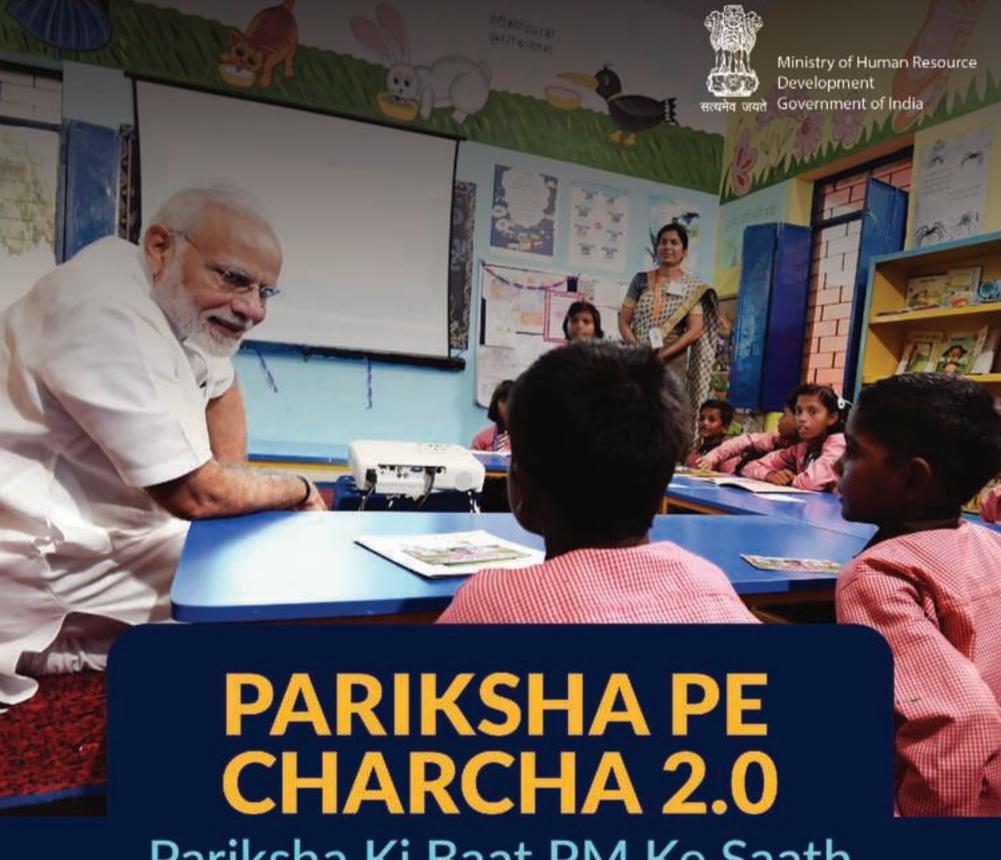
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