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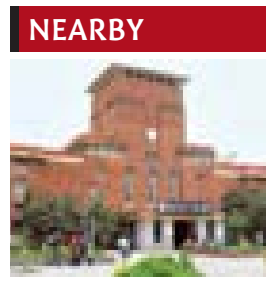
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Allow DU admissions on last year's criteria: HC

NEW DELHI
The Delhi High Court on Friday directed Delhi University and the University Grants Commission to allow students to apply for admission to undergraduate courses at the university for the current academic session based on the eligibility criteria of 2018-19. It also extended the deadline from Friday to June 22 for students to apply for admission.

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Bukhari killed in second attempt within 24 hours

SRINAGAR
Pointing to grave lapses on the part of the security apparatus, the investigation into the assassination of journalist and editor of *Rising Kashmir* Shujaat Bukhari last year has found that the June 14 incident was the second attempt within 24 hours.

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Modi, Imran exchange pleasantries at Bishkek

At SCO summit, PM hints at Pak. role in backing terror

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistan counterpart Imran Khan exchanged greetings during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. The informal exchange came in the backdrop of Mr. Modi's strong pitch for a regional and global drive to eliminate terrorism.

"The Prime Minister exchanged usual pleasantries with the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan in the Leaders' Lounge," said a source.

'No meeting'

However, the sources said, the interaction did not amount to a meeting or a "pull-aside" and was just an exchange of pleasantries.

Friday's exchange, though brief, is the first since the Pulwama terror attack, which led to a dramatic escalation of tensions.



Warm reception: Kyrgyz President Sooronbai Jeenbekov greets PM Modi before a meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State in Bishkek on Friday. ■ AFP

Earlier, addressing the summit, Mr. Modi hinted at Pakistan's role in supporting terror elements and highlighted the importance of peace in Afghanistan for the overall security situation in the region.

"Last Sunday, during my trip to Sri Lanka, I visited St. Anthony's church. There I

was reminded of the hateful nature of terrorism that can destroy innocent lives anywhere in the world. There is a need to hold those countries that support terrorism accountable," he said.

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PM HITS OUT AT TRADE PROTECTIONISM PAGE 13

India to impose retaliatory tariffs on 29 American goods

Move comes after a year of talks on trade barriers to Indian steel, aluminium

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI

India has decided to impose retaliatory tariffs on 29 goods imported from the U.S. from June 16, a year after it initially decided to do so, officials in the Commerce Ministry told *The Hindu*.

The tariffs will apply to \$220-290 million worth of goods and will have about the same impact as the tariffs imposed by Washington on India last year.

The official notification will be issued before June 16 by the Finance Ministry, an official added.

June 16 deadline

"India has decided to go ahead and impose the retaliatory tariffs on U.S. items," the Commerce Ministry official said. "The deadline after which the tariffs would be imposed was supposed to be June 16. The notification to impose the tariffs will be is-



Trade tensions

India is seeking to raise tariffs on U.S. imports starting next week. A look at the events that led to the decision and the major items that will be impacted if the retaliatory tariffs are brought into force

■ In March 2018, the U.S. imposed 25% tariff on steel and 10% import duty on aluminium. India was one of the major exporters of these items

■ On June 21, 2018, India decided to impose duties in retaliation, but extended the deadline

■ On June 5, 2019, the U.S. withdrew export incentives to India under its Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) programme. India was the largest beneficiary of GSP

■ India now wants to implement its decision to impose retaliatory tariff on 29 U.S. items from June 16, 2019

MAJOR PRODUCTS IMPACTED

1. Walnut
2. Chickpeas
3. Bengal gram
4. Masur dal
5. Boric acid
6. Binders for foundry moulds
7. Domestic reagents
8. Apples

sued by the Finance Ministry before then."

The tariffs on the 29 goods – including walnuts, apples and some pulses – were initially announced in June 2018 in retaliation for U.S. President Donald Trump's decision in March that year

to impose higher import tariffs on Indian aluminium and steel. India had repeatedly asked for exemption from these higher tariffs.

However, negotiations continued for about a year, with India repeatedly extending the deadline for re-

taliatory tariffs. These talks, as well as negotiations on granting India duty-free imports of certain items under the U.S. Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), seem to have fallen through.

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Medical services hit as doctors' agitation spreads

IMA calls nationwide strike for June 17 against assault in Kolkata hospital

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Hospital services were affected in different parts of the country on Friday as a doctors' agitation that began in West Bengal following an assault on medical professionals spread to the national capital, Kerala, Telangana, Chandigarh and even Jammu and Kashmir.

While 300 doctors in West Bengal quit on Friday evening, demanding additional security and assurance of a safe work environment, the Indian Medical Association

(IMA) sought to intensify a nationwide protest over the next two days and called for the withdrawal of all non-essential health services on June 17.

"The gruesome incident in NRS Medical College, Kolkata, is of barbaric nature," the IMA said in a statement on Friday.

"The IMA condemns the violence perpetrated on a young doctor," it added.

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Up in arms: A protest at Nair Hospital in Mumbai against the attack on doctors at a hospital in West Bengal. ■ EMMANUAL YOGINI

Number of children killed by encephalitis in Bihar rises to 57

State govt. announces a new 100-bed ward, six ambulances

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

The number of children who have died of suspected Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Muzaffarpur on Friday rose to 57. However, a report from PTT put the toll at 63, quoting a statement issued by the Muzaffarpur district administration.

The Bihar government has said it will open a new 100-bed ward for children, and deploy six additional ambulances for the govern-

ment-run Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH).

On Wednesday, a team of four doctors, led by Arun Sinha, visited the SKMCH, where children with the symptoms of AES have been admitted and issued guidelines for local medical experts and doctors.

Though the government had previously said the cause of death of the children, mostly of poor families, was hypoglycemia, or

low blood sugar levels, experts and private doctors told *The Hindu* that "AES is a broader aspect of hypoglycemia".

Health Minister Mangal Pandey visited the SKMCH on Friday and said 57 children – 47 at the SKMCH and 10 at the Kejrival Maternity Hospital – had died since the outbreak. He also held meetings with doctors and district officials.

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No plan to bail out Jet Airways, says Minister

India is not a nanny state: Hardeep Puri

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India can't be a nanny state offering bailouts to airlines and real estate companies, said Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, who is in charge of Civil Aviation as well as the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministries.

On the challenge of restoring capacity on international routes vacated by the troubled Jet Airways, he outlined a two-pronged strategy – giving domestic airlines their due share and engaging with international carriers.

"You can't run a private sector organisation, goof it

up and then go to the government to say 'bail me out'. That's not doable. Because if we were to go down that road, we would have airlines, builders, infrastructure, everybody coming and, so, you would have a nanny state," Mr. Puri said at a CII event on Friday.

"Now, if the nanny state had a lot of money, then maybe it would want to; if I had anything to do with it, I wouldn't give a cent," he added.

He said the government could help entities restructure and provide them an environment to grow.

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Metro Man against free rides for women

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

Former Delhi Metro chief E. Sreedharan has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi asking him not to

agree to the Delhi government's proposal to make travel free for women commuters.

The Aam Aadmi Party government in Delhi had re-

cently announced its decision to give free travel facility to women passengers on buses and metro trains.

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Maharashtra boy tops JEE Advanced-2019

DAMINI NATH
SUYASH KARANGUTKAR
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

The results of the Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced)-2019 were declared by the Indian Institute of Technology-Roorkee on Friday.

Seventeen-year-old Kartikey Gupta from Ballarpur in Maharashtra emerged the all-India topper scoring 346 marks out of 372. Himanshu Gaurav Singh of Allahabad was second overall, followed by Archit Bubna of Delhi.

Gillella Karthikeya and Batepati Karthikeya, both from Madhapur, a suburb of Hyderabad, were ranked

four and five respectively.

Among the girls, Shabnam Sahay from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, topped with 308 marks, securing the 10th rank.

For the JEE Advanced, a prerequisite for admission to all IITs, 38,705 candidates qualified, of which 5,356 are girls.

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