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Cross FIRs registered in tempo driver assault case
NEW DELHI
A day after video clips showing a group of policemen thrashing a tempo driver who had pulled out a sword and attacked them went viral on social media, the Delhi police on Monday registered cross FIRs against the driver and the policemen involved in the incident. Three police personnel have been placed under suspension, the police said.
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Two workers die after falling off 10th floor
NEW DELHI
Two workers died after falling from the 10th floor of Videocon Tower in central Delhi's Jhandewalan while cleaning windows on Monday afternoon. DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa said Raju and Ishtar Khan, both in their mid-20s, used to live with their families in JJ cluster of Vasant Kunj.
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Congress leader seeks Dikshit's removal
NEW DELHI
Former chairman of the Delhi Metropolitan Council Purushottam Goyal on Monday wrote to Congress president Rahul Gandhi calling for the removal of DPC chief Sheila Dikshit and replacing her with a 'fresh face'. "An exercise must be undertaken to find a new face for Congress CM candidate if the party does not want to lose further in Delhi," he said.
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West Bengal doctors withdraw strike

In unprecedented televised meeting, CM Mamata Banerjee assures them of increased security

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA/NEW DELHI

Junior doctors in West Bengal called off their strike on Monday evening ending the seven-day standoff between them and the State government over lack of security at the workplace.

The truce was achieved following a two-hour meeting with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who assured them of improved security.

Doctors in the State have been protesting since Tuesday last against the assault on two junior doctors at NRS Hospital in Kolkata by the relatives of a patient who died at the hospital.

Representatives from medical colleges held a meeting with Ms. Banerjee at the State Secretariat, with the Chief Minister agreeing to live coverage of the talks.

Visits injured doctor
"We are satisfied with the meeting," said representatives of the doctors. Later at night, Ms. Banerjee visited the injured junior doctor, Paribaha Mukherjee, at a private hospital.



Long agony: Saraswati had to wait for one day at the Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad for stitches to be removed as out-patient services were closed on Monday. ■ NAGARA GOPAL

The Chief Minister has asked the police to appoint nodal officers for security of doctors at all government hospitals and said no doctor has been booked by the government.

"Also the entry and exit gates [of hospitals] will be manned properly; CCTV cameras will be made functional. The police will be station-

ed in good numbers at the hospitals. A nodal officer will have all the information and coordinate with the doctors when they approach him with queries," Ms. Banerjee said.

She added that every hospital should have a functional grievance cell that should be properly visible and manned round the clock.

SC to hear plea on doctors' safety

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a petition for deputing government-appointed uniformed security men to all government hospitals all over the country for ensuring the safety and security of doctors. A Vacation Bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Surya Kant posted the hearing for Tuesday. Advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava filed the petition following the nationwide protest by doctors against violence against them. ■ PAGE 13

ishment for those involved in the assault on doctors at the NRS Medical College and Hospital on June 11.

Ms. Banerjee instructed the officials present to give "priority" to the safety issues of the doctors.

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New start: PM Narendra Modi addressing the media at the Parliament House on Monday. ■ SANDEEP SAXENA

PM asks Oppn. to speak out on issues

'Don't bother about your numbers'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

As the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha commenced on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the Opposition to speak out on issues and not bother about their numbers, in a House where the ruling NDA has 353 seats.

Addressing the press before the session, Mr. Modi said he welcomed all new MPs as with them "comes new hopes, new aspirations and new determination to serve." "When we come to Parliament we should forget Paksha [Treasury] and Vipaksha [Opposition]. We should think about Nishpaksh spirit [objective neutrality] and work in the larger interest of the nation," he said.

"The role of the Opposition is important in a parliamentary democracy. The Opposition need not bother about their numbers. I hope they speak actively and participate in House proceedings," he said.

He commended the historically largest contingent of women MPs elected to the 17th Lok Sabha as well.

The Prime Minister said his government worked on the principle of *sabka sath, sabka vikas* (with all, development for all) during his first term and people re-

posed their faith in it for a second time. As a result, a government had been re-elected with a clear majority after several decades, he said. As he entered the Lok Sabha, he went around the Opposition benches greeting senior leaders, who stood up as he greeted them.

Rahul takes oath
Congress president Rahul Gandhi, back from a sojourn abroad, started his fourth term as a Lok Sabha member, but from a new constituency. He had won in the election from Wayanad in Kerala but lost to the BJP's Smriti Irani in his traditional seat of Amethi in Uttar Pradesh by over 55,000 votes.

With his mother watching the proceedings from a front row seat of the Opposition benches, Mr. Gandhi took the oath in English. And interestingly, despite his temple visits becoming a matter of intense political debate, he took the oath by "solemnly affirming his allegiance to the Constitution," unlike many of his colleagues who took the oath in the name of God.

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10 injured as militants trigger IED blast again in Pulwama



Out of action: The bullet-and-mine-proof vehicle that came under IED attack in Pulwama on Monday. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Army personnel travelling in mine-proof vehicle targeted

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Eight Army personnel and two civilians were injured when militants triggered an improvised explosive device (IED) fitted in a vehicle near an Army patrol in the militancy-hit Pulwama district of south Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

They said the multi-vehicle patrol of the 44 Rashtriya Rifles was moving on the Arihal-Pulwama road when the IED was detonated, injuring the personnel travelling in a

bullet-and-mine-proof Casper vehicle.

The site of the IED blast is 27 km from the area where a convoy of vehicles carrying security personnel on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was attacked by a suicide bomber on February 14 in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed.

Major killed
In another incident, an Army officer and a militant were killed during an encounter in Anantnag.

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J.P. Nadda appointed BJP's working president

Will oversee organisational elections

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP's parliamentary board, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Monday declared former Union Minister J.P. Nadda the party's working president, after the incumbent Amit Shah joined the Union Cabinet.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh made the announcement after a meeting of the board here.

"The BJP has won in several elections under the leadership of Shri Amit Shah. After Mr. Modi appointed him the Home Minister, Amitiji himself said the responsibility of



J.P. Nadda

party president should be given to someone else. The parliamentary board met today [on Monday] and it has selected Shri J.P. Nadda as the working president. He will remain the working president till the membership drive and organisational elections are over," he said.

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Jet Airways to be taken to bankruptcy court

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

As six months of efforts to save one of the country's leading airlines, Jet Airways, failed, the lenders have now decided to take it to the bankruptcy court, which will decide the future course of action.

The lenders met on Monday in a last-ditch effort to save the Naresh Goyal-owned airline, but after much discussions they decided to seek a resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). "A meeting of lenders was held to consider the way forward in respect of Jet Airways. After due delib-

erations, lenders have decided to seek resolution under IBC since only a conditional bid was received and requirement of the investor for SEBI exemptions and resolution of all creditors is possible under IBC," the lenders, led by SBI, said in a statement.

Jet Airways' total dues to the banks are about ₹8,000 crore. "Lenders have been taking efforts to find a resolution for Jet Airways outside the IBC, but in view of the above, they have decided to seek a resolution within the IBC process," the statement said.

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Iran to breach uranium stockpile limit

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

Iran said on Monday that it would surpass from June 27 its uranium stockpile limit set under the nuclear deal with world powers, turning up the pressure after the

U.S. walked away from the pact last year.

"Today, the countdown to pass the 300-kg reserve of enriched uranium has started and in 10 days time..., we will pass this limit," atomic energy organisation spokes-

man Behrouz Kamalvandi said.

The decision "will be reversed once other parties live up to their commitments," he said.

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