

on Sunday



Neither CPI(M) nor I will protect my son, says Kodiyeri Balakrishnan page 10



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Smriti Irani, Goa CM visit Amethi AMETHI (U.P.) Union Minister Smriti Irani and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant visited Amethi's Barolia village on Saturday to meet the family members of BJP worker Surendra Singh, who was killed recently.

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BJP delegation visits Bhatpara in W.B.

KOLKATA A three-member BJP delegation visited the trouble-torn Bhatpara area in West Bengal on Saturday, and alleged that police firing had led to the death of two persons during the clashes earlier in the week.

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Elderly couple stabbed in their Dwarka home

NEW DELHI A couple in their 50s were stabbed to death at their residence in Dwarka's Uttam Nagar on Saturday. The police suspect the involvement of a man who used to live with the couple. The victims lived in Mohan Garden with their son and daughter. The police are looking at all angles, including robbery and monetary dispute.

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Thriller win



Hat-trick man: India clinched a thriller against Afghanistan in the World Cup match in Southampton on Saturday. Defending 15 runs in the final over, Mohammed Shami performed a hat-trick to seal the victory for the Men in Blue by 11 runs. • REUTERS (PAGE 19)

BJP slams U.S. for 'bias' against PM

Annual report had criticised the party

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

In a strong statement on Saturday that could spiral into a diplomatic spat, the ruling BJP accused the U.S. State Department of a "clear bias" against the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the party in an annual report on international religious freedom released on Friday.

The '2018 Report on International Religious Freedom' had criticised BJP of office-bearers for hate speech and the government for reportedly protecting cow vigilante groups.

'Local disputes'

"The basic presumption in this report that there is some grand design behind anti-minority violence is

simply false," BJP National Media head Anil Baluni said in the statement.

"On the contrary, in most of such cases, these instances are carried out as a result of local disputes and by criminal mindsets. Whenever needed, Mr. Modi and other BJP leaders have strongly deplored violence against minorities and weaker sections of society," he added.

The report, which documents the situation in every country (except the United States), was released by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who will arrive in Delhi on June 25 for talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

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Minorities not under siege, says Naqvi

NISTULA HEBBAR NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, by direct contact with all sections, smashed what was till now a "hypocrisy" around engagement with minority communities of "room main topi, sadak par tilak" (a skull cap indoors, a tilak out on the streets).

In an exclusive interview with The Hindu, Mr. Naqvi said, "All talk that minorities are under siege in India is part of the haar ka horror show (the horror show of the defeated)."

He added that violent incidents where minorities were being targeted were "isolated."

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Time running out to curb terror, Pak. told

New Delhi cites FATF move to blacklist Islamabad

SUHASINI HAIDAR NEW DELHI

Reminding Pakistan that it has less than three months to show progress on curbing terror financing, India said it expected its government to fully comply with the action plan set out by the global body Financial Action Task Force (FATF) by taking "credible, verifiable, irreversible and sustainable measures" against terrorist groups in its soil.

On Friday, the FATF plenary session in Orlando, U.S., issued a stern statement at the end of its outcome document, telling Pakistan that it could face blacklisting (the next step) at its next session in October, if it did not follow a 27-point checklist on bringing in stricter laws to curb the access of funds to terror groups inside the country, including the Islamic State, al-Qaeda, the Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Jaish-e-Mohammad. The FATF put off the blacklist, reportedly due to support for Pakistan from China, Turkey and Malaysia, but the entire 38-member body stressed that Pakistan had missed two action plan deadlines.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said India expected

Cutting the flow

The Financial Action Task Force has asked Pakistan to take stern steps to check terror funding. A look at the country's status

GREYLIST

- FATF placed Pak. in its 'greylist' in June 2018
12 countries, including Ethiopia, Sri Lanka and Yemen, are on the greylist, with "strategic deficiencies" in anti-money laundering and combating terror financing



BLACKLIST

- Failure could push Pakistan into the 'blacklist', alongside Iran and North Korea
Blacklist will mean severe strictures on Pakistan's banks and credit rating, as well as access to loans and foreign investments

Pakistan "to take all necessary steps to effectively implement the FATF Action Plan fully within the remaining time frame, that is, by September 2019, in accordance with its political commitment to the FATF and take credible, verifiable, irreversible and sustainable measures to address global concerns related to terrorism and terrorist financing."

Risk ignored

The task force said Pakistan had failed to understand the "transnational" or cross-border terror financing risk it

posed. It also listed 10 of the most important tasks, including the effective implementation of UN sanctions against designated entities and more robust prosecution of terror financiers. India was not a sponsor of the original move to put Pakistan on a compliance 'grey list' last June, but has supported the U.S., the U.K., Germany and France in efforts to make Pakistan accountable. Pakistan was put on the grey list in 2018, the second time it has been on it since 2012-2015.

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Indian airlines told to skip Iran's airspace

LALATENDU MISHRA MUMBAI

The civil aviation regulator on Saturday decided to ban Indian carriers from flying over the Iranian airspace, fearing an increase in hostilities between the U.S. and Iran and to ensure the safety of passengers, crew and aircraft flying the route.

The decision, which will impact Air India and IndiGo, comes a day after the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) banned U.S. carriers from flying over the Iranian airspace, days after Iran shot down an unmanned U.S. spy drone. As a result, United Airlines has suspended its direct flight from Newark to Mumbai.

In a statement issued through its Twitter handle, the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said, "Indian operators, in consultation with the DGCA, have decided to avoid the affected part of Iranian airspace to ensure safe travel for passengers. They will reroute flights suitably." It did not say whether flying was allowed over the rest of the Iranian airspace.

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Tutor kills wife, three children in Mehrauli

Accused admitted crime in two notes before attempting to take his own life

HEMANI BHANDARI NEW DELHI

A 42-year-old private tutor allegedly killed his wife and three minor children before trying to take his own life in south Delhi's Mehrauli area in the early hours of Saturday. The accused has been arrested, police said.

The accused, Upendra Kumar Shukla, belonging to Bihar's Champaran region and a resident of Mehrauli's ward number 2, allegedly killed his wife Archana, daughter Ranya (8) and sons Raunak (6) and a month-old boy whom they used to fondly call Rani. They were found with their throats slit at the fourth-floor residence. The accused allegedly tried to slit his left wrist later.

The police have also recovered two notes, in English and Hindi, in which Upendra admitted to killing his family and said no one else is res-



Onlookers outside the house where the murders took place, in Mehrauli on Saturday. • SANDEEP SAXENA

possible for the murders.

Heard cries

Deepak Agarwal, who runs a grocery shop on the ground floor of the building, said around 6.30 a.m., a third-floor resident told him that he heard someone crying upstairs. The neighbours got together and broke open the door. Seeing the bodies, they called the police.

A senior police officer said they reached the spot by 7 a.m. and saw the bodies of

Upendra wife's on the floor and the three children on the bed. "Upendra was sitting on the bed with a stone cutter close to him. His mother-in-law Lalita Devi was crying," he said, adding that Upendra's clothes were bloodstained. The notes were marked as being written at 2.18 a.m.; investigators suspect the crime was committed around 2 a.m.

The Shukla family lives in a two-bedroom house. Upendra's minor niece and

nephew have been staying for the past year for their education, and his mother-in-law arrived about two-three months ago.

"Upendra and his family used to sleep in one room and his mother-in-law, niece and nephew in the other. When Upendra and his wife didn't come out on Saturday morning, Ms. Lalita went to the room and saw blood coming out from inside. She started knocking but Upendra didn't open the door, after which she started shouting," the police officer said.

Upendra, a chemistry teacher who used to give private tuitions in Vasant Kunj, had graduated from Jawaharlal Nehru University in a language course years ago. The couple, married for nine years, had been living in Delhi for over seven years.

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Rajasthan to implement Ayushman Bharat

It will be integrated with existing State health scheme

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN NEW DELHI

The Rajasthan government has given an official go-ahead to implement the Central government's flagship health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. It will be integrated with the State's existing Bhamashah Swasthya Bima Yojana.

"We are very happy with the outcome and have assured all possible support to

Rajasthan," said Indu Bhushan, CEO, AB-PMJAY.

Rajasthan is currently providing benefits to 97 lakh families under the BSBY scheme, and many of the eligible families under AB-PMJAY are already covered under BSBY. All eligible families will be made eligible to avail health benefits up to ₹5 lakh per year under the scheme.

The Central scheme is also undergoing a price review of the over 1,000 medical pack-

ages being offered to patients. The Indian Medical Association has long been demanding a "reasonable and fair package rate" under Ayushman Bharat while consultants such as PricewaterhouseCoopers had said the rates were not sustainable for quality health care.

"The government has set up committees to review the cost of nearly 1,300 medical packages," said a senior Health Ministry official.

Skeletons near Bihar hospital

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MUZAFFARPUR

Human skeletal remains were found strewn near a garbage dump close to the post-mortem section of the Sri Krishna Medical College Hospital (SKMCH) here on Saturday, officials said.

The SKMCH is in news for the death of more than 100 brain fever-afflicted children since June 1.

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