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Only one person in a million becomes enlightened without teacher's help. (Bodhidharma)

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- Integration of static and dynamic topics - Synchronisation of Prelims and Mains Syllabus - Prelims and Mains Test Series included - Faculty driven Test Discussions - Prelims Crash Course and MCQ Tool access included

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NEARBY



Former CJI Lodha duped by online fraudster

Former Chief Justice of India R.M. Lodha was cheated by an online fraudster, who allegedly hacked the email account of his former colleague, a retired judge, the police said on Sunday. In the email, it was requested to transfer a sum of ₹1 lakh online.

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Former headmistress found dead in Gurugram

A 47-year-old former headmistress of a private school was found dead at her house in Sector-23 here on Saturday evening under mysterious circumstances, the police said on Sunday.

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Centre in damage control mode over anti-Hindi protests

Cabinet Ministers take to Twitter to allay concerns over draft educational policy

PRISCILLA JEBARAJ NEW DELHI

The Centre went into damage control mode on Sunday, with senior Cabinet Ministers of Tamil origin taking to Twitter to allay concerns over the Draft National Education Policy's recommendation on the three-language formula and mandatory Hindi teaching in schools, which has sparked outrage across the political spectrum in Tamil Nadu.

The draft policy will only be implemented after public hearings, said a tweet written in Tamil by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The Centre would support the development of ancient Tamil, she added.

The new External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar tweeted a similar message on Sunday evening, in both English

Obstacle course

A look at the language formula recommended by the Draft National Education Policy



PRE-SCHOOL Teaching in mother tongue

CLASS 1 TO 5 Exposure to three languages. Medium is mother tongue

CLASS 6 ONWARDS Choices within the 3-language formula

• In Hindi-speaking States: Hindi, English and another modern Indian language

• In non-Hindi speaking States: Hindi, English and local language

• Additional 2 years of Sanskrit or any other classical language

• Foreign language can be an elective subject

and Tamil. "The National Education Policy as submitted to the Minister HRD is only a draft report. Feedback shall be obtained from general public. State govern-

ments will be consulted. Only after this the draft report will be finalised," said the tweet. "Gol respects all languages. No language shall be imposed."

The tweets by the two Ministers - neither of whom deals with education issues - seem to be part of the Centre's effort to calm the storm provoked by the draft policy. Current and former Human Resource Development Ministers also tweeted a similar reassurance.

AIADMK's stand

While all Opposition parties in Tamil Nadu, including the DMK, the Congress, the MDMK, the Left and Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiyyam, blasted the recommendations, the ruling AIADMK - which is allied to the NDA government - insisted that it would not dilute the State's two-language formula which does not mandate the teaching of Hindi.

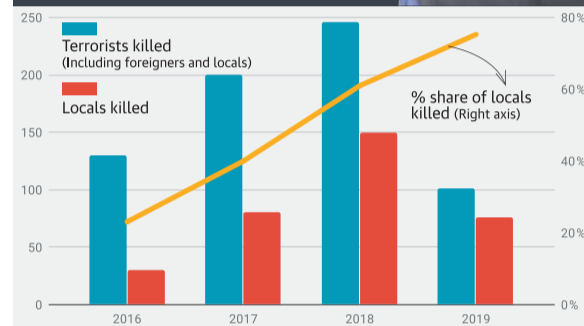
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75% of militants killed in Kashmir Valley were locals

More of them died this year than foreign terrorists in two decades

On the rise

The number of local terrorists killed in the Valley hit a new peak in 2019. 75% of those killed till May 30 were locals



Note: 33 locals were recruited this year till May 25; In 2018, it was around 200 joined.

VJAITA SINGH NEW DELHI

Nearly 75% of the militants killed in the Kashmir Valley this year were locals. Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik said that though the priority was to kill Pakistan-trained terrorists, a large number of locals were killed as they had joined the ranks of terrorists.

According to police data, of the 101 terrorists killed in the Valley so far, 76 were locals. This is the first time in more than two decades that the number of locals killed in police encounters is more than that of the foreign terrorists.

Last year, of the 246 ter-

rorists killed in encounters, 60%, or 150, were locals.

'Hit by fatigue'

Mr. Malik, who was in Delhi to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday, told The Hindu, "there is fatigue and frustration among the terrorists. If you recall, after Burhan Wani was killed in 2016, there was unrest for more than three months. A few days ago, [Zakir] Musa was killed [and] there was no impact even for three days."

Zakir Rashid Bhat alias Musa was the chief of the al-Qaeda-affiliated Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH).

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Invitees to Indian envoy's Islamabad Iftar harassed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI/LAHORE

India on Sunday lodged a strong protest after guests at an Iftar event organised by its mission in Islamabad complained of harassment.

"Guests faced unprecedented harassment and intimidation at the hands of security agencies. A concerted campaign was launched by Pakistan's security agencies in the days preceding the Iftar function to reach out to invitees to actively dissuade them from attending the event," said a statement issued by the Indian High Commission in Islamabad.

The incident comes four days after guests attending an Iftar dinner in the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi complained of harassment by Indian security agencies.

According to a report carried by The Tribune, guests at the Pakistan High Commission's event had complained about harassment and videography by personnel belonging to Indian security agencies.

The Indian High Commission's statement said guests came from different parts of Pakistan and were harassed. In some cases, cars belonging to the guests were taken away by the security personnel.

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BJP declines berth offer as Nitish Kumar expands Cabinet



New faces: Bima Bharti offers her respects to Nitish Kumar after taking the oath in Patna on Sunday. *RANJEET KUMAR

Eight Janata Dal (United) members sworn in as Ministers

AMARNATH TEWARY PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday expanded his Cabinet with the induction of eight new faces - all from his Janata Dal (United).

Members of allies, the BJP and the IJP, were not accommodated.

Mr. Kumar later said that the BJP was offered a berth

but the party was not too keen.

BJP opts out

Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi said the party had opted out

for now. Five of the new Ministers are MLAs, while three are MLAs. They were sworn in by Governor Lalji Tandon at the Raj Bhavan.

The new Ministers are Sanjay Jha, Neeraj Kumar, Shyam Rajak, Bima Bharti, Ashok Chaudhury, Narendra Narayan Yadav, Laxmeshwar Rai and Ram Sevak Singh.

State BJP leaders were present at the swearing-in, but refused to make any comment on why they were denied berths.

(With inputs from PTI)

U.S. visa process needs social media profiles now

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN WASHINGTON DC

In a significant move to increase surveillance of those seeking to enter the United States, Washington will require most individuals applying for visas to provide details of their social media handles going back five years. The rule is expected to affect close to 15 million people annually.

Online visa forms that require social media account history became operational at the end of last week and will cover all applicants, except those applying for certain official and diplomatic visas.

The rule to expand social media history data collection to all immigrant and non-immigrant visa applicants was first published by

the State Department in April 2018. It was an outcome of President Donald Trump's desire to put in place a policy of "extreme vetting" of foreigners entering the country, a theme articulated during his campaign and through executive orders in 2017.

Earlier, social media information was asked of only certain individuals whose

applications required further review. Now, the information is required as part of all immigrant (form DS-260) and non-immigrant (form DS-160) online visa applications.

A high volume of Indian applications is likely to be impacted by the new proposal.

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Heat wave to continue for a couple of days: IMD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Severe heat wave conditions will continue in many parts over the next couple of days, especially in Rajasthan and several parts of north and central India, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Sunday. In worst-hit Rajasthan, a farmer died of heatstroke in Sikar district, while Churu record-

ed the highest temperature of 48.4°C.

However, thunderstorms and dust storms are likely in some parts, including Delhi, on Monday, and they are expected to bring down temperatures marginally. "Maximum temperatures are very likely to rise gradually by 2-4°C over major parts of northwestern India in the next three to four days. They

are likely to remain above normal by 2-3°C over some parts of south peninsula in the next three days," the IMD said in its five-day forecast.

Maximum temperatures were 5.1°C to 1.6°C above normal on Saturday. In Odisha, Titlagarh touched 43.8°C, while in Andhra Pradesh, Nellore, Guntur and Prakasam districts recorded tem-

peratures above 45°C. Severe heatwave conditions continued in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

However, from June 7 to 9, the IMD has forecast widespread rain over parts of east India, northeastern and south peninsular India, with isolated heavy falls over Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, south interior Karnataka and Kerala.

₹25 lakh damages for medical negligence

Woman with TB wrongly advised to plan pregnancy

SOIBAM ROCKY SINGH NEW DELHI

The Delhi State Consumer Forum has awarded a sum of ₹25 lakh to a woman, who lost her unborn baby, after a local hospital wrongly advised her to plan their first baby simultaneously with tuberculosis medicines.

The 28-year-old Swapnil Mishra's ordeal did not end at the first hospital, as another hospital in Delhi left a portion of the dead foetus in the womb, following an operation, forcing her to undergo re-surgery resulting in further medical complications.

Initial stage

It all began at Pushpanjali Healthcare in Vaishali, Ghaziabad, in November 2011 when the woman went for a medical check-up after she suffered heavy pain during her menstrual cycles.

She was referred to Dr. Sharda Jain in the hospital, who advised her to undergo a battery of tests including Pathogen Assisted Molecular Pattern (PAMP).

The result of the tests shocked her as Dr. Jain declared her to be suffering from TB.

Dr. Jain further advised her to immediately plan their first baby, even while taking medication for TB, as otherwise it would be "too late" for them.

After becoming pregnant, the woman ran some tests with other doctors and found that the growth of her baby was not proper. She then went to Fortis Le Femme Centre for Women at Greater Kailash, where she was referred to Dr. Neena Singh.

Dr. Singh advised her to wait for 15 days. After 15 days, the ultrasound report declared the baby was lost. The doctor advised her to go for D&C (Dilation and curettage). On April 10, 2012 Dr. Singh did the procedure, leading to the further complications.

An ultrasound report revealed that operation of D&C was not done properly.

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