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Ashoka University V-C steps down
 NEW DELHI
 Academician Pratap Bhanu Mehta announced on Saturday that he was stepping down as the Vice-Chancellor of Ashoka University due to "personal" reasons. The university said in a statement that Prof. Malabika Sarkar will be the new V-C.

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Four new Governors appointed

Anandiben Patel moved from Madhya Pradesh to Uttar Pradesh

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 NEW DELHI

In a major reshuffle, President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday transferred two Governors and made four new appointments across six States. New Governors will take charge of the Raj Bhavans in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Nagaland and Tripura. "The appointments will take effect from the dates they assume charge," a communiqué from the Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

THE NEW FACES

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| <p>UTTAR PRADESH Anandiben Patel has been transferred to Uttar Pradesh from Madhya Pradesh. Her appointment comes at a time when the Opposition is talking about the worsening law and order in the State.</p>  | <p>WEST BENGAL: Former Union Minister in the Janata Dal govt., Jagdeep Dhankhar will take charge at a time of tensions between Trinamool and BJP workers.</p>  | <p>NAGALAND: A 1976-batch officer of the IPS, R.N. Ravi was formerly the Deputy National Security Adviser and an interlocutor for the Naga peace talks.</p>  |
| <p>MADHYA PRADESH: Lajji Tandon was a Minister in the Uttar Pradesh government, and is a seasoned hand in the Hindi heartland.</p>  | <p>TRIPURA: Ramesh Bais is a seven-time MP from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and a former Union Minister.</p>  | <p>BIHAR: Phagu Chauhan is a backward leader of the BJP in eastern Uttar Pradesh.</p>  |

Madhya Pradesh Governor and former Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel has been transferred to U.P., while the former interlocutor for the Naga talks R.N. Ravi has been appointed Nagaland Governor. The reshuffle and choice of Governors is politi-

cally significant as they are among the first recommendations from the Home Ministry after BJP president Amit Shah took charge. Though appointed by the President, the Home Ministry is the nodal Ministry for the selection of Governors, who

act as a bridge between the Centre and the States. Senior Supreme Court advocate and former MP Jagdeep Dhankhar will be the new Governor of West Bengal, replacing Keshari Nath Tripathi.

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German envoy: RSS is a mass movement

Says as a German, he was conscious of its history during the 1930s-40s

SUHASINI HAIDAR
 NEW DELHI

Terming the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) a "mass movement" in India, German Ambassador Walter Lindner said his visit to the RSS headquarters in Nagpur was part of his attempt to understand the "Indian mosaic".



Walter Lindner

Speaking to *The Hindu* about criticism over the visit, including an online petition that is calling for his resignation or recall, Mr. Lindner said he had visited Nagpur to review progress in the city's Metro project which Germany has helped finance, and decided to also meet RSS Sarsangchalak (chief) Mohan Bhagwat.

made interactions with the RSS public, though a group of ambassadors had met Mr. Bhagwat in Delhi some years ago. In a tweet about his meeting, Mr. Lindner had said the RSS, "Founded [in] 1925, it is [the] world's largest voluntary organisation - though not uncontroversially perceived throughout its history."

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"I went to educate myself about the organisation," he said. "I had read very negative and very positive articles about it, everything from its social engagement to accusations of fascism, and I wanted to make my own impression. So I asked Mr. Bhagwat many questions."

Mr. Lindner's visit was considered unusual as very few foreign diplomats have

Explaining the comment, Mr. Lindner said that as a German, he was conscious of the organisation's history during the 1930-40s, including the inspiration some of its leaders had drawn from Germany's Nazi movement and had discussed that with Mr. Bhagwat.

"I asked many questions on radicalism, and there are no simple answers to these questions," the Ambassador said.

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NIA conducts searches across T.N.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 CHENNAI

A day after getting custody of 16 persons, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted searches at more than a dozen places in Tamil Nadu on Saturday as part of its probe in the Ansarullah module case.

The searches were conducted at five locations in Ramanathapuram district, two locations in Theni district and one location each in the districts of Chennai, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Thanjavur, Perambalur, Nagapattinam and Thiruvallur, the NIA said.

50 documents seized

During the searches, one laptop, seven mobiles, five SIM cards, three memory cards, one hard disk drive, two pen drives, one Internet dongle, nine CDs/DVDs and about 50 documents were seized from the houses of the 16 accused. The seized materials would be submitted before the special court for NIA cases, Chennai, and the digital devices would be subjected to cyber-forensic examination, it said.

NIA DSP Radhakrishnan Pillai supervised the operation lasting about four hours.

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Former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit passes away

Tributes paid to veteran Cong. leader

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 NEW DELHI

Former Chief Minister of Delhi Sheila Dikshit passed away on Saturday at the Fortis Escorts Heart Institute after suffering a cardiac arrest. The veteran leader and head of the Delhi unit of the Congress was 81.

The last rites of the three-time Chief Minister will be conducted on Sunday at the Nigam Bodh ghat. Several leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, form-

er Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, paid homage to Dikshit at her Nizamuddin East residence.

Congress leaders said Dikshit's body would be kept at the residence till Sunday morning for citizens to pay their last respects and will be taken to the party office before the cremation.

The Delhi government has announced a two-day official mourning as a mark of respect for the longest



Sheila Dikshit

serving Chief Minister of the Capital. Dikshit served as Chief Minister for 15 years from 1998-2013 and was subsequently appointed the Go-

vernor of Kerala. Politically active until her death, she had unsuccessfully contested the recent Lok Sabha elections from North-East Delhi.

Earlier, as a legislator, she represented the New Delhi constituency in the Delhi Vidhan Sabha.

A capital transformed

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Modi, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal were

among those who consoled her death.


"Her term in office was a period of momentous transformation for the capital for which she will be remembered," tweeted President Kovind in his tribute.

Mr. Modi described her as someone who was "blessed with a warm and affable personality who made notable contribution towards Delhi's development".

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 Enough to bring tears to your eyes.

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Haimanti Sen
 College student & skywalk teacher



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