

KARNATAKA TRUST VOTE: COALITION GOVT FALLS AFTER 99 IN SUPPORT, 105 AGAINST

Numbers game lost, exit Cong-JD(S)

Betrayal, BJP misled rebel MLAs, says Congress; victory for democracy, says BJP's CM candidate Yeddyurappa

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BENGALURU, JULY 23

AFTER AT least five failed attempts over the last 14 months to topple the Congress-JD(S) coalition government in Karnataka, the Opposition BJP finally tasted success Tuesday by defeating a confidence motion moved by Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy by six votes in a House where 20 coalition MLAs remained absent.

Amid delaying tactics by the coalition to lure back its 15 MLAs who had resigned since July 6, the BJP, which had waited four days for Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar to put the confidence motion to vote, registered 105 votes to the coalition's 99.

While all BJP MLAs were present for the trust vote, the coalition had 17 MLAs missing, apart from a BSP MLA and two Independents who were earlier allied with the government. The half-way mark in the 224-member Assembly is 113 but with its strength reduced by the absence of 20 coalition MLAs, the BJP won a simple majority.

"This is a victory for democracy. The 14-month-old government of Kumaraswamy had become a source of frustration for the people. In the coming days, the state is going to witness a wave of new development," Chief Minister candidate and state BJP chief B S Yeddyurappa, 76, who masterminded attempts to topple the coalition, said.

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CM Kumaraswamy leaves the House after the trust vote. ANI

BJP says natural claimant to power, BSY plans return to chair lost 14 months ago

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

FOURTEEN MONTHS ago, the BJP's government in Karnataka collapsed within three days as Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa resigned without facing a trust vote. On Tuesday night, its successor, the Congress-JD(S) coalition led by H D Kumaraswamy, lost the trust vote 99-105, returning the spotlight to the BJP.

The BJP legislature party will meet Wednesday before its MLAs go to Governor Vajubhai Vala to stake claim.

"The BJP is a natural claimant with majority on its side in the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Part of seashore in South Mumbai to become govt land

CM says in-principle OK, subject to CRZ law; developer plans highrise

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, JULY 23

A PROPOSAL of the Maharashtra revenue department to treat a portion of the Arabian Sea foreshore in South Mumbai as revenue land has been cleared by the state government. This, officials say, sets an "unhealthy" precedent since it amounts to recognising unauthorised reclamation.

Official documents obtained by *The Indian Express* under the Right to Information Act show that on July 15, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis approved in principle the revenue department's proposal to treat a foreshore portion on the seaward side of the High Tide Line (HTL) in the Nepean Sea Road area as revenue land.

Mumbai's latest coastal zone



The foreshore land during high tide. Nirmal Harindran

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management plan, approved by the Centre on August 16, 2018, shows that the portion in CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



The five men who were released on Tuesday. Hamza Khan

'We are acquitted but who will bring back the (23) years'

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JULY 23

THE SKY was overcast, but, for the first time in over two decades, they were no longer under cloud, as they stepped out of the Jaipur Central Jail Tuesday, a day after the Rajasthan High Court acquitted them in the 1996 Samleti blast case.

At 5:19 pm Tuesday, Latif Ahmed Baja (42), Ali Bhatt (48), Mirza Nisar (39), Abdul Goni (57) and Rayees Beg (56), stepped out of prison; Beg had been incarcerated since June 8, 1997, while the

others were imprisoned between June 17, 1996 and July 27, 1996. During this time, they were lodged in jails in Delhi and Ahmedabad, but were never released on parole or bail.

While acquitting them on Monday, the High Court said the prosecution had failed to provide evidence of conspiracy. It said the prosecution could not establish any link between them and the main accused, Dr Abdul Hameed, whose death sentence was upheld.

After their release Tuesday, the five men said they didn't CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

How Delhi rewound to Osaka to rebut Trump — diplomatically

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

LESS THAN 12 hours after the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar denied US President Donald Trump's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked him to play the role of a mediator on Kashmir, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in Parliament Tuesday he would like to "categorically assure" that the Prime Minister had made no such request.

While Jaishankar's statement was made at around 11 am in Rajya Sabha, after the ministry had about 11 hours to check the records in Delhi and Washington, the MEA spokesperson's statement came after 40-45 minutes of deliberations within the government on how to respond to the US



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Minister of State V Muraleedharan in New Delhi on Tuesday. Renuka Puri

President's statement. It was around 10.30 pm on CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Why PM may not speak

INDIA HAS denied President Trump's claim that PM Modi asked him to play mediator. But India is not planning to escalate the issue by getting the PM to speak on it. Delhi counts on Washington's support to lean on Pakistan on terrorism, and Trump's record has been better than many of his predecessors. Delhi would not like to lose that, and hand Pakistan a win.

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GROUP'S REGISTRATION CANCELLED

SC orders ED probe into Amrapali Group fraud in collusion with govt, banks

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

UNDERLINING THE "serious kind of fraud played upon the buyers in active connivance with officials of the Noida and Greater Noida Authorities and that of the banks", the Supreme Court Tuesday cancelled the RERA registration of the Amrapali Group and asked state-run National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) to complete all pending projects and hand them over to home buyers.

Deciding a petition filed by home buyers who had invested in some 42,000 flats of the Group and were duped, the bench of Justices Arun Mishra and U U Lalit ordered a probe by the



NBCC to complete projects. Abhinav Saha REPORTS, PAGE 4

Enforcement Directorate into diversion of funds and money laundering by the Group.

The bench concluded that Rs 5,619.47 crore of home buyers money had been diverted by the Group, and that a forensic audit had found prima facie violation of Foreign Exchange CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Praising Brahmins, Kerala HC Judge pushes for economic, not caste, quota

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 23

WHILE PRAISING Brahmins as being "twice born" and with "all good qualities", Kerala High Court Judge Justice V Chitambaresh has urged the community to "agitate" for "economic reservation alone, not caste or communal reservation".

Addressing a Tamil Brahmins global meeting in Kochi on July 19, Justice Chitambaresh said: "Who is a Brahmin? A Brahmin



is twice born, because of his poorva janma sukatham (good deeds of his past life). He has got certain distinct characteristics, clean habits, lofty thinking, sterling character, mostly vegetarian, a love of Carnatic music. All good qualities rolled into one is a CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

New move to save a crucial run at Mumbai's iconic Azad Maidan, minister promises toilets

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DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JULY 23

NOT ALL runs in cricket at Mumbai's iconic Azad Maidan were sprinted across 22 yards.

Some involved a dash north to Churchgate station, 1.2 km away, or 350m east to CST. And a few were 60m sprints northeast to the end of Fashion Street. Not any more. For the first

time in its over 100-year history, Azad Maidan is set to get toilets of its own.

According to Maharashtra Sports Minister and former Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) president Ashish Shelar, the state government will sanction toilets for clubs situated at Azad Maidan, Cross Maidan and Oval Maidan — the three nurseries of Mumbai, and Indian, cricket.

"We had a meeting with the MCA. The Sports Department will put the matter to the Heritage Committee on the plan prepared



First time in over 100-yr history, Azad Maidan to get toilets

by the MCA for the toilet, which is one of the requirements. We will also put up some sort of a dugout for various club tents. I will follow it up with the Heritage Committee to get the necessary permission," Shelar said.

Shelar's assurance followed a meeting between the BJP leader and representatives of two clubs — National CC and United Cricketers.

"We met Ashishji, and he sanctioned our request. Our maidan clubs don't have this basic facility, we don't even have CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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