

Out of FinMin, Garg says: No one in Govt questioned overseas bonds



SC Garg (right) takes charge as Power Secretary from AK Bhalla on Friday. PIB/PTI

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TAKING CHARGE as Power Secretary, former Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg Friday said "no one in the government" had opposed the idea of sovereign bond issuance during his tenure in the Finance Ministry.

On Thursday, the day after he was moved out of the Finance Ministry, Garg said he had applied for voluntary retirement

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India's Davis Cup team set to go to Pakistan in Sept

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MUMBAI, JULY 26

FOR THE first time in 55 years, an Indian team will travel to Pakistan to compete in a Davis Cup tie. The All India Tennis Association (AITA) confirmed the Indian team's participation in the Asia/Oceania Group 1 away tie, which will be held on September 14-15 at the Pakistan Sports Complex in Islamabad.

"Yes, we will be going," AITA Secretary General Hironmoy Chatterjee told *The Indian Express*. "It's the World Cup of tennis and not a bilateral series, so there is no embargo on any front."

India has skipped most sporting events hosted by Pakistan for over a decade — the 2007 cricket tour to Pakistan was the last significant "away" sporting trip that India undertook.

While the Davis Cup draw was out in February, the team's chances of making the trip seemed bleak in the wake of the

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First step, but wait for cricket

THE TRIP to Pakistan can be seen as a baby step in normalising sporting relations between the two countries. Following pressure from the international sports community after India didn't grant visas to Pakistan shooters earlier this year, India had to soften its stand. Last month, the government said it would not stop Pakistani athletes from taking part in events in India. However, historically, the benchmark of normalcy between the two countries is always the resumption of home and away cricket ties.



General Bipin Rawat, Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa, Admiral Karambir Singh at the Kargil War Memorial in Drass on Kargil Vijay Diwas Friday. Shuaib Masoodi

Kargil Day good news for war hero working as traffic cop: Promotion

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 26

ON THE DAY *The Indian Express* reported that Satpal Singh, a Kargil War soldier who was awarded the Vir Chakra for exceptional gallantry, had been working as a Punjab traffic policeman following his discharge from the Army, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh ordered his immediate



The *Indian Express* report on July 26

promotion from Head Constable to Assistant Sub Inspector.

Job offers have also been made to his 25-year-old son who is an unemployed post-graduate. An educational institutions chain and a multinational beverage bottling company have got in touch with Satpal Singh's family to offer a job to his son.

On Friday, *The Indian Express* reported that Satpal Singh was a traffic police Head Constable at

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FLOOR TEST MONDAY

Karnataka gets Yediyurappa as CM fourth time

Changes spelling of his name, puts on hold decisions by Cong-JD(S) in July

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BENGALURU, JULY 26

THREE DAYS after the Congress-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka collapsed after being defeated in a trust vote, state BJP president BS Yediyurappa was Friday sworn in as Chief Minister. Yediyurappa met Governor Vajubhai Vala in the morning to stake claim and requested him to administer the oath of office the same day.

Yediyurappa (76), Chief Minister for the fourth time, was sworn in as the only member of the BJP government in a ceremony at Raj Bhavan which top state BJP leaders attended. No central party leaders, however, were at the ceremony other than



BS Yediyurappa after taking oath. ANI

recently appointed BJP national organising secretary B L Santhosh. The Congress and JD(S) boycotted the swearing-in. Yediyurappa said he would decide appointments to his Cabinet after consulting party

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

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Pinnacle safe, will keep you posted: J&J told Govt in 2011, went silent

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NEW DELHI, JULY 26

AS EARLY as October 2011, the Indian medical device regulator had questioned US pharma giant Johnson & Johnson about its Pinnacle Metal-on-Metal (MoM) hip implant that it imported and sold to patients here. The

company, which has now agreed to pay \$1 billion to settle lawsuits with patients in the US who used its defective Pinnacle hip implant, gave itself a clean chit calling it "safe and effective."

The file was closed even as "adverse" reports related to the implant started to come in.

Johnson & Johnson has claimed that there are no

patients with adverse reports in India. As reported today, *The Indian Express* tracked down eight patients, five men and three women, who had the Pinnacle implanted. Their medical records, their communication with doctors and, in some cases, with Johnson & Johnson as well, paint a story of suffering.

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China first to share satellite data with India on floods in Assam

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INDIA RECEIVED satellite data on its flood-hit regions from eight nations and China was the first to provide it as part of a multi-lateral mechanism for sharing space-based information for

countries affected by natural or man-made disasters, the government said Friday.

The first set of data on Assam came from the Chinese Gaofen-2 satellite on July 18. Large parts of India's North-East and Bihar are grappling with a worsening flood situation.

China's newly appointed ambassador to India Sun Weidong

tweeted Friday: "Following ISRO's request for international disaster relief support, China has provided India with satellite data on India's flood-hit regions to assist its flood relief efforts. Hope all gets well soon."

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said that whenever there is a

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