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Pakistan using deceit over Kashmir: Modi
NEW DELHI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi termed the victory in the Kargil war a "symbol of India's might, determination and capability". Speaking at the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the war in New Delhi, Mr. Modi said that "wars are fought not by governments but by the whole country".

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Nagaland forms panel to frame RIIN modalities

KOHIMA
The Nagaland government on Saturday set up a commission to frame the modalities of creating the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland, officials said. The RIIN, a register of all the indigenous inhabitants of the State, is required to prevent issuance of indigenous inhabitant certificates to ineligible persons, they added.

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1,050 passengers rescued from stranded train near Mumbai

NDRF, Army, Navy engage in 10-hour rescue after flood waters inundate tracks



A train marooned: This screen grab from a video footage taken by the IAF shows the Mahalaxmi Express stranded between Badlapur and Vangani on Saturday. AFP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

A coordinated operation of the NDRF, the Army and the Navy on Saturday rescued over a thousand passengers stranded on the Mumbai-Kolhapur Mahalaxmi Express near Badlapur, following heavy overnight rains that inundated large swathes of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).
The train that left Mumbai on Friday night could not proceed beyond Vangani in Thane district, around 65 km from Mumbai, as the Ulhas river near Badlapur burst its banks, leading to water-logging on the tracks.

SOS sent

The first SOS on the train was sent out at 5.25 a.m. A coordinated response was initiated by the Maharashtra government.

In the 10-hour rescue operation, seven Navy units, two helicopters of the Indian Air Force, and four Army columns retrieved 1,050 passengers, including nine pregnant women, from the 20 marooned coaches. The operation was monitored by the Western Naval Command, the Army, the Air Force, Maharashtra's Chief

Secretary and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.

NDRF teams were the first to reach the site with six inflatable boats at 9.43 a.m. They were joined by the Western Naval Command with three diving units, a Sea King helicopter with divers on board and several auto-inflatable crafts. The first seven passengers were evacuated at 10.05 a.m. By 2.00 p.m., all the passengers were evacuated and brought to the Sahyadri Mangal Karayalay in Badlapur.

Special train

A special train from Kalyan departed at 6.10 p.m. carrying the evacuated passengers through the Manmad line to Kolhapur, railway officials said. "We received unprecedented rainfall in a short period. Our first objective was to reach the train and ensure that passengers do not de-board in panic. This was a first-of-its-kind evacuation undertaken on this scale in Maharashtra," said Sunil Udasi, Chief Public Relation officer, Central Railway.

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FinMin, NITI Aayog guidelines ignored in airport privatisation

Adani gained as curb on numbers, experience norm set aside

JAGRITI CHANDRA NEW DELHI

A Finance Ministry recommendation not to award the same player more than two airports, out of a total of six to be privatised by the Centre, was among some of the key suggestions brushed aside by the government panel for public private partnerships – the PPP Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) – effectively leading to Adani Enterprises Limited emerging as the winning bidder for all airports.
Following the Union Cabinet's in-principle approval in November last to privatise six airports owned by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the PPPAC met on December 11 to recommend the proposal for final approval.

Key suggestions

The panel dismissed key suggestions made by the Finance Ministry's Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and the NITI Aayog to improve criteria for selecting bidders. These included the requirement of prior experience in operation and management as well as providing the total

A big takeoff

Nov 8, 2018: Union Cabinet gives in-principle approval for leasing of six airports
Dec 10, 2018: NITI Aayog, DEA submit appraisal note
Dec 11, 2018: PPPAC meets to discuss proposal on privatisation. Recommends it for approval with minor changes



Dec. 14, 2018: AAI publishes its request for proposal for six airports
Feb. 25 & 26: AAI declares Adani Enterprises Ltd. the highest bidder for all six airports
July 3: Union Cabinet approves leasing of Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru airports

project cost upfront for each of the airports, to better determine the financial capability of interested players.

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Three days later, on December 14, the AAI floated a tender for operation, management and development in the PPP mode for the Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru airports. In February, the AAI declared Adani Enterprises Limited the highest

bidder for all six airports. On July 3, the Union Cabinet gave its nod for leasing three of these airports, while a decision on the remaining three is awaited.

An email each to Subhash Chandra Garg – who was then Secretary, Economic Affairs, and also headed the PPPAC – as well as Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation P.S. Kharola, with specific questions on the final decision, remained unanswered till the time of going to print.

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FIR against VHP leader for hate speech

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GHAZIABAD

Taking suo motu cognisance of a video where Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Prachi Arya was heard appealing to Hindus to boycott articles made by Muslims for Hindu festivals, Baghpat police on Saturday registered an FIR against her for hate speech.

The VHP leader's speech was in response to Samajwadi Party legislator Nahid Hasan's appeal to Muslims to "boycott shopkeepers who sympathise with the BJP". Ms. Prachi went on to add that in trying to win everybody's "vishwas" (confidence), Hindus were suffering. She also described madrasas as "terror factories". SP Shailesh Pandey confirmed that a case has been registered under Sections 153, 153A, 505(2) and 188 of the IPC.

Deve Gowda says JD(S) will sit in Opposition

STAFF REPORTER BENGALURU

A day after a section of Janata Dal (Secular) leaders asked former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to extend support to the BJP government, party national president H.D. Deve Gowda said it would only play "a constructive role as a regional party, sitting in the Opposition."
Late on Friday night, former Minister and senior party leader G.T. Deve Gowda said a section of the MLAs, at a meeting of the legislative party, favoured supporting the BJP government, stirring up a hornet's nest. The party president, however, said the JD(S) might support the government only on "pro-people issues" like the passage of the Finance Bill.

In a tweet, Mr. Kumaraswamy called these reports "speculations."
Mr. Deve Gowda sought to downplay the former Minister's statements. "It is his personal opinion which he is free to express," he said.
He said that while a decision on the alliance with the Congress would be taken later, the need of the hour was to strengthen the party at the grassroots.



H.D. Deve Gowda

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GST on EVs, chargers cut to 5%

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI

To encourage adoption of electric vehicles, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Saturday decided to reduce the tax rate on electrical vehicles (EV) from 12% to 5% and on chargers from 18% to 5% from August 1, 2019.

It also exempted the hiring of electric buses by local authorities from the GST. "The 36th GST Council Meeting was held here today via videoconference under the chairmanship of Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman," an official release said. Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur and Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey attended the meeting.

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No pass



Stuck in the valley: Trucks stranded near Sonmarg in J&K after the Srinagar-Leh highway was closed on Saturday following landslips on the Zojila Pass. NISSAR AHMAD

Surge in troops sparks panic in Kashmir

10,000 more personnel to be deployed; move attributed to Amarnath Yatra

VIJAITA SINGH NEW DELHI

As panic gripped Jammu and Kashmir over the additional deployment of 10,000 troops, a senior official said the movement was necessary as the security forces deployed in the Kashmir Valley were "stretched" in securing the Amarnath Yatra route.

K. Vijay Kumar, adviser to the Governor, told *The Hindu*, "Infusion of reinforcements is a calibrated response after a joint assessment of security forces, especially as a substantial number had been deployed on Yatra-related security."

For effective planning

"There is no need to panic; extra personnel are being deployed so we could plan security operations effectively. Our hands were full as



Securing pilgrims: Around 32,000 security men have been deployed for securing the Amarnath Yatra.

the Amarnath Yatra is going on," another official said.
Around 32,000 personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces are deployed for securing the Yatra that concludes on August 15. The security detail also involves escorting the pilgrims from their base camps to the Amarnath shrine and on their way back.
The official said that though there was a high threat perception around the Yatra, especially after the car-borne attack on a CRPF bus in Pulwama earlier this year, the deployment was more or less similar to that of

JeM commander killed in Shopian

Two militants, including Jaish-e-Mohammad's top commander Munna Lahori, were killed in a joint operation of the Army, the police and the CRPF in Shopian on Saturday. The other militant is Hizbul Mujahideen's Mir Zeenat Ul Islam. A soldier died while foiling an infiltration bid in north Kashmir. PAGE 10

last year. The State is now under President's Rule. Besides the police and the Army, 50,000 personnel of the Central forces have been deployed in the Valley to assist in security operations and other law and order duties.

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U.P. judge transferred for ordering constable to disrobe in court

Drew judge's ire for not letting his car pass on court premises

OMAR RASHID LUCKNOW

The Allahabad High Court on Saturday transferred a judge in Agra in western Uttar Pradesh to Mahoba in Bundelkhand after he allegedly ordered a police constable to disrobe his khaki uniform in court as punishment for not giving passage to his car.
Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Agra, Santosh Kumar Yadav was transferred as full-time secretary of the district legal services authority in Mahoba, HC registrar general Mayank Kumar Jain said in an order.
The constable driver of Agra police, identified as Ghurelal, was allegedly forced by the judge to take off his shirt, belt and cap and made to stand in court for al-

Ghurelal was allegedly forced by the judge to take off his shirt, belt and cap and made to stand in court for almost an hour

most an hour on Friday. The policeman was reportedly being punished for not letting the judge's vehicle pass on the court premises earlier in the day despite the latter honking repeatedly. The constable was driving a police van carrying accused to be presented before court.
Humiliated by the incident which took place in a juvenile court in Malpura, Agra, the constable then wrote to the district police chief and applied for volun-

tary retirement. He also reportedly broke down.

Police action

Director General of Police O.P. Singh took the issue "very seriously" and raised it at the appropriate level, U.P. Police said in a tweet.
"We stand by the dignity of each and every policeman and appeal to all the sections of society to respect the honour of uniformed forces," the police said.
Later, after the judge was transferred, U.P. Police thanked the DGP in another tweet for "standing by the honour of the lowest rung of the police force and for keeping the morale of the force intact".
No statement was issued by the judge in question.

Governor makes parting shot at Mamata

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KOLKATA

Outgoing West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi on Saturday said Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's "appeasement policy" is adversely affecting the social harmony of the State.
"Her policy of appeasement has the effect of adversely affecting societal harmony... I think she should look at every citizen equally," said Mr. Tripathi, who has had several run-ins with the CM during his five-year tenure. "Discrimination is apparent. Her statements show the discrimination," added the 84-year-old.
The ruling Trinamool Congress hit back, saying it was an "attempt to score brownie points".
Mr. Tripathi's successor Jagdeep Dhankar will take oath as Governor on July 30.