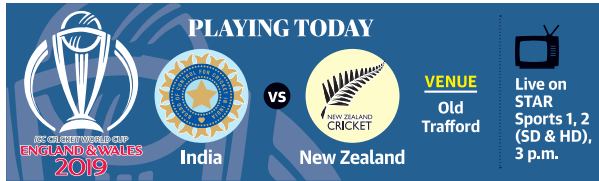




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NEARBY

DU third list out, marginal decline in cut-offs

NEW DELHI
Delhi University on Monday released its third cut-off list for undergraduate courses with a marginal decline in scores required for admission as seats are still up for grabs in some North Campus colleges for courses such as B.A. (Honours) Economics, B.Com (Honours) and science stream for the general category aspirants.

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Odisha plans scheme for witness protection

BHUBANESWAR
The Odisha government has come up with a special 'Witness Protection Scheme' to provide security to witnesses facing threat during the course of a legal battle. State counsel Bibhu Prasad Tripathy informed a single Bench of the Orissa High Court on Monday that the scheme has already been formulated and a gazette notification published on July 5.

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Tragic plunge: The bus which fell into a drain on the Yamuna Expressway on Monday.
*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

29 dead, 23 injured as bus falls off Yamuna Expressway

Hits divider, plunges 40 feet down into drain on way to Delhi

SAURABH TRIVEDI
AGRA
Twenty-nine passengers of an Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation bus were killed and 23 sustained serious injuries when the vehicle hit a divider and fell 40 feet down into a drain between carriageways on the Yamuna Expressway.
The Janrath bus from the Awadh depot in Lucknow was going to Anand Vihar in Delhi. It was carrying 52 people, including children.
The police said they received a PCR (police control room) call at 5 a.m. about the accident at milestone number 161 on the carriageway.
A police team rushed to the spot and started the res-

cue operation with the help of locals and expressway staff. "I informed my seniors and soon policemen from all nearby stations arrived at the spot for the rescue operation. The injured were pulled out of the bus and rushed to local hospitals," said a policeman.
Driver fell asleep
Senior Superintendent of Police (Agra) Babloo Kumar said an initial probe found that the driver had fallen asleep and lost control of the vehicle.
The bus got submerged in the drain beneath a culvert.
Pump operator Sudaan Singh, who was sleeping under the culvert, said, "I heard a loud sound as if the bridge had collapsed. I rushed for

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Cong., JD(S) Ministers resign; reshuffle likely

Speaker to decide on Karnataka MLAs' resignation today

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In a last-ditch effort to save the coalition government in Karnataka, 21 Congress and nine JD(S) Ministers submitted their resignation to Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday to give him a free hand to reshuffle the Cabinet and accommodate the "rebel" legislators.
The latest move in the political crisis came even as two Independent MLAs who were recently inducted into the Cabinet - H. Nagesh and R. Shankar - submitted their resignation. The former has announced his support for the BJP and joined the "rebel" legislators who have been camping in Mumbai before being moved to Goa, after tendering their resignation to the Speaker's office. Mr. Shankar is also expected to join the group.
All eyes are now on Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar who is expected to look into the resignations when he returns to office on Tuesday. His decision will seal the fate of the 13-month coalition government.
Given the present number, if all the resignations are accepted, the government will be pushed into a minority with 104 members in the Assembly. The strength of the House itself will drop to



A brave front: Siddaramaiah, K.C. Venugopal and Dinesh Gundu Rao in Bengaluru on Monday. *SUDHAKAR JAIN

Cong., BJP exchange barbs

The political developments in Karnataka found an echo in the Lok Sabha on Monday as the Congress and the BJP exchanged barbs. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is also Deputy Leader of the Lok Sabha, made it clear that the BJP-led government at the Centre had not pressured any Opposition

MP or MLA to switch parties. He was replying to Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's charge that the Centre was trying to bring down the Congress-led governments in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. "They [the Centre] took our MLAs to a hotel in Mumbai," he said. **PAGE 12**

211 and a simple majority would be 106. With the support of Mr. Nagesh, the BJP's strength would touch 106. However, Mr. Shankar has not yet announced support for the BJP.
The decision on en masse resignation of Ministers was announced by the Congress

on Monday after a marathon meeting of party leaders. Within hours, Mr. Kumaraswamy announced that his party Ministers too would resign "voluntarily".

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Govt. on back foot over repatriation of refugee

Speaker to decide on Karnataka MLAs' resignation today

VIJAYTA SINGH
RAHUL KARMAKAR
NEW DELHI/GUWAHATI

A video clip showing the Mizoram police dragging a woman refugee out of a hut and pushing her back into Myanmar has put the government in a spot, following criticism from a human rights group.
The footage shows the woman crying for help as police women forcibly pull her out of the hut and drag her away. A toddler and a young girl are also seen in the video.
An official from the Mizoram government said the Lawngtlai district administration, with the help of the State police and the Assam Rifles, pushed the Buddhist refugees back into Myanmar on July 2.
The move came after authorities in the neighbouring country backed off from their promise - made during a June 30 flag meeting - to take them back, he said.
The Assam Rifles is deployed in Mizoram to guard the border along Myanmar.
"As directed by the Centre, we repatriated the Myanmar nationals who illegally entered India," Mizoram Home Secretary Lalbiakzama told *The Hindu*.

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Kiwi test for Kohli's men

The first semifinal of the 2019 World Cup will see India and New Zealand meet for the first time in 16 years in the quadrennial event

HEAD-TO-HEAD

OVERALL	Matches	WC
106	7	
55	IND	3
45	NZ	4
1	Tied	0
5	NR	0

WEATHER WATCH

Though a drizzle has been forecast, it will only have a minimal impact on the match

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'I am aghast at disorientation of Congress'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI
Amid the continuing uncertainty over Congress party's leadership after Rahul Gandhi formally resigned, veteran leader Karan Singh on Monday said he was "aghast" at the disorientation of the Congress after Mr. Gandhi's resignation.
He also urged the Congress Working Committee to meet immediately.

Stocks dive as investors fret over tax proposal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI
The stock markets went into a tailspin on Monday as a mix of global and domestic concerns stemming from some budget proposals spooked investors.
The 30-share Sensex fell 910 points intra-day before recouping some of its losses to end the day at 38,720.57 points, which is 2.01% or 792.82 points lower than Friday's close. Sentiment was bearish to begin with as Asian markets were depressed following

CISF jawan tagged 'D-voter' in Assam

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI
A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) jawan in Assam has been served notice as a 'D', or doubtful voter less than two months after retired soldier Mohammed Sanaullah was declared a foreigner.
The tag relegated Mamud Ali, 47, to the additional list of people excluded from the National Register of Citizens being updated in Assam.

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Netanyahu expected in Delhi in Sept.

He may make a case for India to align itself less with Iran

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI
Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is planning to travel to India in September just days before he faces election, official and diplomatic sources confirmed to *The Hindu*.
Mr. Netanyahu, who was due to be in Delhi in February, also just ahead of the previous Israeli election, will make a "short visit", possibly just for a day on September 9, and meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the bilateral relationship. However, the final date of the visit was being worked out, the sources said.
India-Israel relations have been growing rapidly in the past few years, and Mr. Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel in 2017, a visit Mr. Netanyahu returned in January 2018, which marked 25 years since the establishment of full diplomatic relations.
Speaking at a Yoga Day event, Indian Ambassador to Tel Aviv Pavan Kapoor said the relationship was moving in an "upward trajectory". "Modi and Neta-



Benjamin Netanyahu

(warning systems).
Mr. Netanyahu's visit will also come amid rising U.S.-Iran tensions, and he is expected to make a case for India to align itself less with Tehran to join Israel and the U.S. in putting pressure on the regime there.
In a tweet on Friday, Israel's envoy to India Ron Malka said that Iran, "by promoting state-sponsored terrorism around the globe, is the #1 threat to regional and global peace & security."
While India has fallen in line with the U.S. sanctions on cutting its oil imports from Iran, it retains a strong relationship with the Iranian government, and has publicly expressed its concerns over the impact of a war in West Asia on the millions of Indians living and working in the region. During a meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the G20 summit, Mr. Modi listed Iran as one of the "four areas" for discussion, which also included bilateral, defence and telecommunication issues.
(With inputs from Dinakar Peri)

Student stabs teacher over homework

Class XI boy handed over to police

ASHOK KUMAR
GURUGRAM
A 45-year-old teacher of a private school in Haryana's Sonapat was stabbed inside the classroom on Monday for allegedly scolding a student over not completing his holiday homework.
She has been referred to Rohtak's Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences for treatment.
Mukesh Kumari, an English teacher at a senior secondary school in Bhigan village here, was inquiring about holiday homework from some Class XI students when one of them allegedly stabbed her thrice with a sharp-edged weapon.
New student
School principal Neeraj Tyagi said the accused student had taken a vacation a week before the vacation began. He was caught and handed over to the police.
Superintendent of Police, Sonapat, Pratiksha Godara told *The Hindu* that a call was made to the Police Control Room regarding the in-



Mukesh Kumari

cident but no formal complaint was received as yet.
"We are waiting for a formal complaint to register a case. A case would be registered based on the PCR call if no complaint is received," said Ms. Godara.
Recounting her horror to media persons at Sonapat civil hospital, Ms. Kumari said that around two dozen students had not done their homework and she had made them stand inside the class.
"I was going to every student and asking them the reason for not completing their homework. I walked up to this particular student and he took out a weapon from his bag and stabbed me," said the teacher.