

IN BRIEF



Arrest warrant against Tharoor over remark

KOLKATA
A city court issued an arrest warrant against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday over his alleged remark that the BJP, if voted to power again, would rewrite the Constitution and pave the way for creation of a "Hindu Pakistan". His alleged statement sparked off a controversy, with the ruling BJP demanding an apology from the Congress leader.

Rajasthan bags award at World Education Summit

JAIPUR
Rajasthan has bagged the "best innovation and initiative leadership award" for its achievements in higher education in the World Education Summit-2019 held in New Delhi. Minister of State for Higher Education Bhanwar Singh Bhati received the award at the 14th summit organised on Saturday.

J&K moves undemocratic: Priyanka

'Rules have not been followed; we will fight'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LUCKNOW
Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday broke her silence on the scrapping of the special status to Jammu and Kashmir by saying "the manner in which this has been done is completely unconstitutional."

Ms. Vadra, who was talking to reporters in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh, said the NDA government's moves in Jammu and Kashmir were "against all principles of democracy".
"There are rules to be followed when such things are done. They have not been followed," she alleged. "The Congress party has always fought for the Constitution and democracy. We will continue to fight. This is a very clear view of the party," she said.
Ms. Vadra downplayed the differing statements is-



Follow the leader: Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at Sonbhadra in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. ■ANI

sued by Congress leaders on the issue. Many party leaders had broken ranks to support the Narendra Modi government's decision.
Referring to fellow Congress leader and former MP Jyotiraditya Scindia welcoming the scrapping of the special status to J&K, Ms. Vadra said Mr. Scindia "is also in the CWC [Congress Working Committee] and signed the statement". She added, "All are in agreement."

She said the party had a "clear opinion" on the issue and that there were no differing views. Unlike the BJP, in her party it was not that just one voice was heard while others were suppressed. An opinion was formulated after hearing all the voices and a discussion, she said.
Ms. Vadra was in Umbha village in Sonbhadra where she met the kin of the 11 persons who were killed over a

long-standing land dispute last month.
The Yogi Adityanath government had prevented her from visiting the affected village and detained her in Mirzapur, following which Ms. Vadra vowed to visit the affected tribal people.
She also appealed to the U.P. government to withdraw the "80-90 false cases" lodged against locals in land disputes.

Enact security regime for NRC data, says SC

Authorities had raised concerns about a data leak

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed Assam National Register of Citizens (NRC) authorities to enact a security regime akin to the Aadhaar data protection before making the information on exclusions and inclusions in the NRC list available to the Centre, Government of Assam and the Registrar General of India.

The order came after State NRC coordinator Praateek Hajela raised concerns in court about the security of the sensitive data.
"We direct that an appropriate regime be enacted on lines similar to the security regime provided for AADHAR data. Only thereafter, the list of inclusions and exclusions shall be made available to the State Government, Central Government and Registrar General of India," a Special Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Rohinton Narian ordered.

The Bench had, in the previous hearing, clarified that it would not delve into Mr. Hajela's references to the leakage of NRC information in the Assam Assembly and certain statements made by Debabrata Saikia, Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, and Santanu Bhargava, legal advisor to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

Only online
The 21-page order pronounced on Tuesday directed that only hard copies of the supplementary list of inclusions be published at the NRC Seva centres, circle of-



Long wait: Women waiting in queue with their documents for the NRC draft in Assam. ■RITU RAJ KONWAR

Illegal immigrants may get into NRC, says NGO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GUWAHATI

Assam Public Works, the NGO whose petition made the Supreme Court start the exercise to update the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in 2013, has resented the rejection of its plea for 100% re-verification of documents of the applicants.

The Court on Tuesday declined to reopen the process to conduct a sample re-verification of the data collected, especially in the districts bordering Bangladesh where "infiltration" is believed to be high. "We are not sure if the final NRC will be error-free," NGO president, Aabhiheet Sarma, said.

10 Sikkim Democratic Front MLAs join BJP

NDA poised to gain power in one more northeastern State as lawmakers switch sides en masse

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Ten MLAs of the Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) joined the BJP on Tuesday, making the latter the main Opposition party in the Sikkim, where it failed to win a single seat in the recent Assembly polls.

The MLAs joined the BJP in the presence of its national general secretary Ram Madhav, who is in-charge of the party's affairs in the north-east, and later met party working president J.P. Nadda.

Mr. Madhav told reporters that the SDF had a strength of



New experiment: SDF MLAs joining the BJP in the presence of J.P. Nadda and Ram Madhav in New Delhi on Tuesday. ■ANI

13 MLAs and its legislature party had decided to merge with the BJP.

The BJP is running governments as the main party or

in alliance with regional parties in all the northeastern States except Sikkim. With this development, the BJP will become the principal

Opposition party in Sikkim.
The party won 15 seats while its rival, the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), won 17 in the 32-member Assembly. Since two of the SDF MLAs had won from two seats, they resigned from one seat each, reducing the party's strength to 13 in the House. The SDF was an NDA ally, but now the SKM has replaced it as a member of the BJP-headed North East Democratic Alliance.

The MLAs who joined the BJP include Dorjee Tshering Lepcha, who has served as a Minister thrice in the Chamling government and is a five-

term MLA, and three-term MLA Ugen Gyatso.

Lone ranger

The SDF tried to put up a brave front saying that people of Sikkim were not used to national parties and one had to wait and watch to see how far this "new experiment" went.

The SDF is now left with only one MLA -Mr. Chamling himself.

"We are certainly facing the most challenging times," SDF spokesperson P.D. Rai told *The Hindu*.

(With inputs from Shiv Sahay Singh)

Manmohan Singh files RS nomination

Congress sounds confident of his victory

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT JAIPUR

Veteran Congress leader and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday filed his nomination as the Congress candidate for the by-election to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan. He filed four sets of papers in the chamber of Returning Officer and Assembly Secretary Pramil Kumar Mathur in Jaipur.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, his deputy Sachin Pilot, AICC general secretary Avinash Pande and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal accompanied Dr. Singh.

Dr. Singh was received in the morning by Mr. Gehlot and senior Congress leaders



Manmohan Singh being received by Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot in Jaipur.

at the Sanganer airport.
The by-election follows the death of State BJP president Madan Lal Saini on June 24. He was elected last year.

The ruling Congress party in Rajasthan sounded confident of Dr. Singh's victory, as it has the majority in the 200-member Assembly, while two seats are at present vacant.

Chief Justice advocates more autonomy to CBI

'It should be given statutory status'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Tuesday recommended a comprehensive legislation to make the Central Bureau of Investigation functional as an efficient and impartial investigative agency.

Delivering the 18th D.P. Kohli Memorial Lecture, Chief Justice Gogoi listed legal ambiguity, weak human resource, lack of adequate investment, accountability, and political and administrative interference as key concerns.

"The CBI should be given statutory status through legislation equivalent to that provided to the Comptroller & Auditor General. The legal mandate of the CBI must be strengthened by having a comprehensive legislation addressing deficiencies re-

lating to organisational structure, charter of functions, limits of power, superintendence and oversight," he said.

"Further, to address an increasing incidence of inter-State crimes, an argument could be made for including 'public order' in concurrent list, for the limited purposes of investigating such crimes," he said, advocating administrative and financial autonomy for the CBI.

Political interference

In the context of political and administrative interference, he said that in the Vineet Narain v. Union of India case, the Supreme Court had expressed concern over the state of affairs and laid down explicit guidelines for protecting the integrity of the force.

Sushma always took up challenges: PM



Rich tributes: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the function in New Delhi on Tuesday. ■PTI

She transformed External Ministry into one that heeded people's call

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led leaders across party lines and members of his own Council of Ministers on Tuesday in paying homage to former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj who passed away last week.

Terming Swaraj a Minister who transformed the External Affairs Ministry from one bound by protocol to one which heeded the "people's call," Mr. Modi was fulsome in his praise for his late colleague. He recalled instances when he and Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu helped persuade her to fight from Bellary in Karnataka against Congress president Sonia Gandhi in 1999. "I remember Venkaiah Naiduji and me go-

ing to Sushmaji, and asking her to go to Karnataka to fight elections. The outcome was certain but she was someone who was always ready to take up challenges," he said.

He also recalled how she persuaded him, in 2014, just before his first address to the UN General Assembly as Prime Minister to stick to a written text, her point being that she felt every forum had a particular form attached to it. "Wherever she went, she transformed the work culture there," he said.

BJP leaders, including Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and party's working president J.P. Nadda, and others were present at the meeting.

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TENDER CALL NOTICE - 2019-20
Director of Agriculture and Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Department, Government of Odisha invites Sealed Tender in the prescribed form from reputed manufacturers for the year 2019-20 for fixation of price for supply of Insecticides, Herbicides, Fungicides, Micronutrients, Bio-Fertilizer, Organic Fertilizer, Plant Growth Regulator, Pheromone Traps & Lures etc. required under all Schemes under Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment during 2019-20 for Demonstration purpose. The last date of receipt of complete tender is **4th September, 2019** up to 5.30 PM through Registered Post/Speed Post by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Plant Protection), Baramunda, Bhubaneswar-751003 with address to the Director of Agriculture and Food Production, Odisha and will be opened on dated **5th September, 2019** at 10.30 AM in the presence of concerned Manufacturer/ Tenderer or their authorized representatives and the members of SLTC in the **Quality Control Laboratory Building, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007**.
For Tender Form and other details please visit the website <http://agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in> / <http://odisha.gov.in> or contact Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Plant Protection), Odisha, Baramunda, Bhubaneswar-751003.
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Ro.No:05-11/Aug/2019/PRD/(N)11

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