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Sengar says he is being framed in car crash

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Uttar Pradesh MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, jailed in a case of rape of a minor girl, claimed on Sunday that there was a "political conspiracy" to frame him and demanded a thorough probe into the car crash that left the rape survivor injured and two dead. "I would also pray to God that both the advocate and the pidhitaa (Unnao rape survivor) recover fully," Mr. Sengar told reporters outside Sitapur jail.

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Now and then

Once hailed as a "tremendous talent", former cricketer Maninder Singh admits to having made a few mistakes in life. He now stays connected with the game through commentary and coaching.

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J&K leaders placed under house arrest

Tension mounts as additional forces move in, occupy civilian installations and police stations

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

An uneasy calm enveloped the Kashmir Valley on Sunday as additional security forces occupied civilian installations and police stations and were put in "stand-by mode."

Late in the night, National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah and Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti were placed under house arrest. Congress leader Usman Majid and CPI(M) leader M.Y. Tariqami also said they were being detained.

Section 144 Cr.PC was imposed in Srinagar district from midnight and will remain in force till further orders. "There shall be no movement of the public. All educational institutions shall remain closed. There will be a complete bar on any kind of public meetings or rallies during the period of operation of this order. Identity cards of essential services officials will be treated as movement passes wherever required," read the order.

No curfew

However, there is no curfew in place, it added. In Jammu, the authorities said all schools, colleges and academic institutions, both private and government, were advised to remain closed as a measure of caution.

In a phased manner, mobile Internet services were snapped in all districts of the



Running on empty: People with gas cylinders waiting for refills in front of an outlet in Srinagar on Sunday. ■ NISSAR AHMAD

Kashmir Valley.

Mr. Abdullah said he was placed under house arrest in Srinagar. "The process has already started for other mainstream leaders. No way of knowing if this is true but if it is then I'll see all of you on the other side of whatever is in store. Allah save us," he tweeted.

Ms. Mufti said, "In such difficult times, I'd like to assure our people that come what may, we are in this together and will fight it out. Nothing should break our resolve to strive for what's rightfully ours."

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PM Modi will chair Cabinet meeting today

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NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the Union Cabinet on Monday morning, where an important announcement is expected. It was not known whether the decision was related to Jammu and Kashmir.

Amid the build-up of Central armed police forces in the State, Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a review meeting with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Sunday.

The meeting, held at Mr. Shah's office in Parliament, was also attended by Union Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Intelligence Bureau chief Arvind Kumar and Research and Analysis Wing chief Samant Goel. Mr. Doval and other officials refused to comment as they left the meeting.

Mr. Shah also held discussions with Gyanesh Kumar, Additional Secretary, who is in charge of the Kashmir desk.

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Tourism takes a hit in Valley

Tourism took a major hit in Kashmir on Sunday. Against an average footfall of 3,000 tourists a day the previous week, just 350 arrived in the Valley on Sunday, despite the adverse advisory. An official said most hotels in tourist hotspots were emptied. "Around 700 tourists are still in the Valley after helping 90% tourists to leave Kashmir in the past two days. We expect 350 more to leave by Monday. Thereafter 35 will be left. All arrangements have been made for those who want to leave the Valley safely," another official said.

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Take back bodies: India

The Army has asked Pakistan to take back the bodies of its Border Action Team soldiers lying in Indian territory, Army sources said on Sunday. The Army said it had foiled an infiltration attempt on Saturday and inflicted heavy casualties on the team. Pakistan has denied any "cross-LoC action" by its soldiers and called the possession of bodies by India "mere propaganda".

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CWC to set course for new leadership

Rahul's resignation to be accepted

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The Congress Working Committee meeting will be held on August 10 to do the groundwork to elect a new president of the party. The meeting comes more than two months after Rahul Gandhi quit the post.

"It has been decided to hold the next Congress Working Committee meeting on Saturday, 10th of August, 11:00 am at AICC (All India Congress Committee)," party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said in a tweet. According to sources, a draft resolution has been prepared, thanking the outgoing president and formally accepting his resignation. This provides a finality to Mr. Gandhi's exit and ends the impasse over leadership.

The resolution also outlines the way forward for the party.

A large section of the party has been demanding that the process of "electing" a new party president should not be limited to the 53-member working committee alone. Together with 24 members, 19 permanent invitees and 10 special invitees, the CWC has 53 members.

Provisional president

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said the



Shashi Tharoor and J. Geetha Reddy at a press meet on Sunday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

CWC should appoint an interim president immediately and then hold an election to the party president's post as a leader elected by workers would be empowered and have more credibility.

"When we spoke with Rahul Gandhi, he said, 'I believe in a culture of accountability'. If Rahul Gandhi has done this, then it is relevant for everyone. This principle is not just for one person," he said at a press conference after the national executive State leaders' meet of the All India Professionals' Congress (which he heads).

Mr. Tharoor had earlier openly spoken out saying that a "selected" body should not get to choose the next president of the party. He has prescribed that the CWC be dissolved and the elections be open to over 10,000 Pradesh Congress Committee delegates.

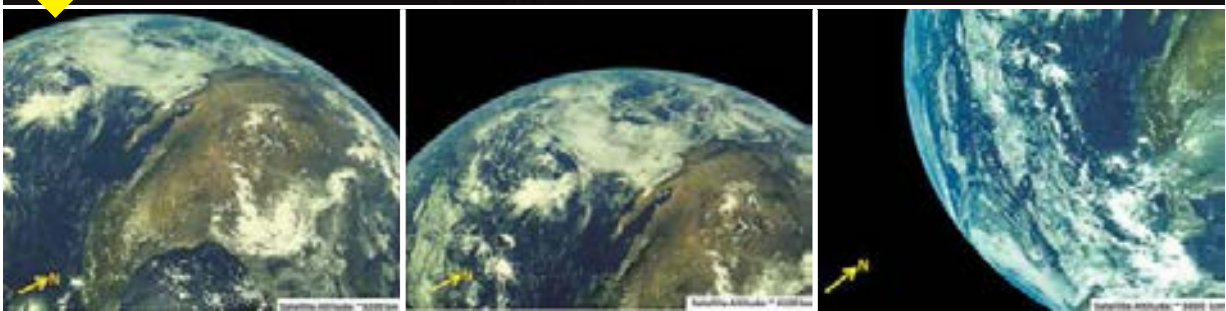
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SCINDIA PAGE 12

Hello world

The first set of images taken by a camera aboard the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft was released by ISRO on Sunday. The images were captured on August 3 at approximately 11 p.m. IST. The spacecraft, which was launched on July 22, was given its fourth orbit raise on August 2. It will continue orbiting earth until August 14 and is expected to land on the moon on September 7, 2019

The images taken by the L14 camera on the lander show parts of southern U.S. and parts of Latin America



SOURCE: ISRO; STUFFIN.SPACE

30 die in U.S. in two mass shootings

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Two separate mass shootings within 24 hours left 29 people dead and several others injured in Texas and Ohio, the latest in a string of such incidents in the U.S. that have shocked the nation.

The first shooting took place in the southern border town of El Paso in Texas, where a 21-year-old gunman opened fire at a crowded Walmart store, killing 20 people and wounding 26 others on Saturday.

Hours later, a man killed nine people before being shot dead by the police in Oregon district in Dayton, Ohio, early on Sunday, the police said.

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Assam minorities bombarded with re-verification notices

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

Anwar Hussain was surprised to receive a notice from the Local Registrar of Citizen Registration (LRCR) of the Goroimari Revenue Block on Saturday.

The notice gave him less than 48 hours to appear, with all members of his family, for re-verification of their citizenship documents at the Golaghat North Development Block office in Golaghat district's Dergaon, about 330 km west of his village Kanahara in Kamrup district. They were

asked to report at 9 a.m. sharp on Monday.

"I somehow managed to hire a 22-seater bus for my family and a few others. The vehicle alone will cost me ₹18,000," said the 33-year-old Mr. Hussain, vice-principal of the Al-Amin Islamic Model School, before leaving for Dergaon in eastern Assam late on Sunday.

He was not the only one in Kanahara; 148 others had received a similar notice. By Saturday afternoon, about 50% of the people in most Muslim-dominated villages, such as

Goroimari, Sontoli, Kalatoli, Topamari and Maligari, in Kamrup district had received the notice – almost simultaneously.

"All those who were asked to get their documents re-verified are included in the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) published on July 30, 2018. They are not among the 40.07 lakh and 1.02 lakh put on the two lists of people excluded from the NRC," Kanahara village leader Muksed Ali Choudhury told *The Hindu*.

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Satwik and Chirag breach the wall of China

They won India's first-ever men's doubles final at the Thailand Open badminton championship



A day to remember: Chirag Shetty, left, and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy inked their names in bold in Indian badminton history. ■ AFP

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty scripted a piece of history on Sunday by breaching the 'Chinese Wall' of reigning World champions Li Jun Hui and Liu Yu Chen, with a 21-19, 18-21, 21-18 victory in the men's doubles final of the Thailand Open badminton championship in Bangkok.

This is the first-ever Indian men's combination to win a BWF Super 500 title.

It was a revenge win for the Indians, who had lost to the World champions at the Australian Open early this year.

The Indian pair, ranked World No. 16, capped a week of consistent performances that saw them beat

No. 7 Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto, No. 19 Ko Sung Hyun and Shin Baek Cheol and No. 27 Choi Solgyu and Seo Seung Jae.

Satwik in the front-court and Chirag controlling the back-court turned out to be a deadly combination. Satwik's brilliance included a splendid flick which fetched game-point in the first game.

See-saw battle

The second game saw a see-saw battle, but the Chinese won a test of nerves after the scores were tied at 18.

The intensity of the contest in the decider was palpable and the Indian duo kept their cool under pressure and raised their performance after trailing 1-4.

There was double delight for the Indians as they are poised to break into the World top 10. This is a shot in the arm as they eye a slot in next year's Tokyo Olympics.

'We stuck to plan'

"We were steady and did not rush things. We stuck to our plan of keeping the shuttle low and not hurrying through the points. I think that really worked," Satwik said later.

Chirag's father, Chandrashekhar Shetty, told PTI on the phone that his son's feat had opened the doors for aspiring shuttlers. "What can I say! Spectacular win," he added.

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