# A BJP stalwart with Socialist roots

Hours before fatal heart attack, she had expressed happiness at removal of special status for J&K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELH

Former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj passed away here on Tuesday after suffering cardiac arrest. She was rushed to the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation was administered but doctors were unable to revive her, hospital officials said. She was declared dead at 10.50 p.m.

Just a couple of hours earlier, she had expressed happiness at the removal of special status for Jammu & Kashmir, thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making it possible "in her lifetime" to see the event.

#### Long career

Ms. Swaraj, 67, had a long career in politics. She was known for her skilled oratory and was, at 25 years, the youngest-ever Cabinet Minister in the Haryana government led by the late Devi Lal. A lawyer by training, she was part of the legal team put together by the Opposition when socialist leader George Fernandes was arrested during the Emergency. Since she and Swaraj Kaushal, who was also involved with the Socialists, were part of the legal team and had to travel to Mumbai together, their law professor and later Chief Justice of India A.S. Anand suggested that they get married, a story later recounted by her with much relish.

While she was considered a latecomer to the BJP, having started out in the socialist ranks, she held the confidence of top leaders and was chosen by the late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to take on UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi in Bellary in 1999. While she lost that election, she won hearts, narrowed the victory margin of the Congress and provided a foothold to the BIP in that area.

She was variously Information and Broadcasting, Parliamentary Affairs and Health Minister in the Vajpayee government and also served as Delhi Chief Minister in 1998, a position she lost to Sheila Dikshit who also passed away recently.

Ms. Swaraj and Ms. Gandhi tangled again in 2004, after the UPA came to power, with the former threatening to shave her head and live on berries if the latter became PM. As the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha between 2009 and 2014, however, the two did repair their relationship.

Ms. Swaraj was seen as part of the old guard of the BJP but fit in well as a responsive Minister for External Affairs, who nevertheless ceded the limelight to Prime Minister Modi in foreign policy.

A kidney transplant some years ago saw her opt out of electoral politics, and later from the Cabinet formed by Mr. Modi in his second term.



# A source of inspiration: Modi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ministers and Opposition leaders have condoled the death of former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday.

"Extremely shocked to hear of the passing of Smt. Sushma Swaraj. The country has lost a much loved leader who epitomised dignity, courage & integrity in public life. Ever willing to help others, she will always be remembered for her service to the people of India," the President tweeted

'A glorious chapter'

Mr. Modi paid rich tributes to Ms. Swaraj, saying: "A glorious chapter in Indian politics comes to an end. India grieves the demise of a remarkable leader who devoted her life to public service and bettering lives of the poor. Sushma Swaraj Ji was one of her kind, who was a source of inspiration for crores of people."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said he was deeply shocked and anguished by the sudden demise of an extremely valued colleague.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said, "Deeply shocked to learn of the passing away of Smt. Sushma Swaraj. Difficult to accept this news. The whole nation grieves, the Foreign Ministry even more so.'

The Congress condoled her demise. "We are saddened to hear about the untimely demise of Smt Sushma Swaraj. Our condolences to her family and loved ones," the party said.

'Extraordinary leader' "I'm shocked to hear about the demise of Sushma Swaraj Ji, an extraordinary polit-

ical leader, a gifted orator &

an exceptional Parliamentarian, with friendships across party lines. My condolences to her family in this hour of grief. May her soul rest in peace. Om Shanti," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Twitter.

saddened, "Deeply shocked at the sudden passing away of Sushma Swaraj Ii. I knew her since the 1990s. Even though our ideologies differed, we shared many cordial times in Parliament," said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a statement. "An outstanding politician, leader, good human being. Will miss her," she added.

Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said, "Deeply saddened that Sushma Swaraj ji has passed away. She served her party and the country with loyaldevotion distinction."

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(With PTI inputs)

# Amit Shah lied, I was detained in my house: Farooq Abdullah

## He tells NDTV he will take the fight to the logical end

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, in an interview to NDTV on Tuesday, accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of lying that he had not been detained.

"I feel sad that Home Minister of India can lie like this and say that I wasn't detained. I was detained in my house," he said, adding that he had to force himself out of his house.

Home Minister Amit Shah said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has neither been detained nor arrested and he is at his home of his



Faroog Abdullah, leader of the National Conference.

own free will.

"For seventy years we have fought the battle with the nation and today we are supposed to be the culprits? It was the guarantee given by the solid Government of India."

"The Article 370 and 35A, guaranteeing the special status of the State, was granted by the Government of India," said the three-time

Chief Minister, who had served as a Union Minister.

"Today, what do you think people feel, who stood by this nation as to how we have been betrayed...," said

an emotional Dr. Abdullah.

"Are they going to divide people's hearts also? I do think...they are going to remove Hindus one side, Muslims one side, Buddhists one side, is that what they want? Is this what India is?" he observed.

Dr. Abdullah said he, along with those who stood for democracy and secularism, would fight for unity of the country and take the fight to the logical end. "We will not give in," he said.

The government's assurance that the State had a ration stock of three months was of no use when ordinary people were unable to get to it, did not have the money to

## State bifurcation undemocratic, says Mehbooba's daughter

Kashmir has become like an open-air prison: Iltija Javed

NISTULA HEBBAR

Iltija Javed, daughter of People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mehbooba Mufti, has described the Union government's decision to remove the special status accorded to Jammu and Kashmir and to reorganise the State into two Union Territories as "completely undemocratic," reducing Kashmiris to being "second-class citi-

zens in their own State." Ms. Mufti, a former Chief Minister of the State, has been put under detention,

along with several other pol-

itical leaders, including another former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

'Like Palestine'

Speaking to *The Hindu* from Srinagar, Ms. Javed said: "This is a ruse by the State to break her spirit. We don't know how she is at the moment, as she was taken away last evening after being under house arrest.

"Kashmir itself has become like an open-air prison, we are not being allowed to speak out. Now I know what it is like to be in Palestine. The way this is be-

ing projected by the Centre is that the removal of special status is something that is good for Kashmiris.

"Do you think Kashmiris have such low IQ [intelligence quotient] that they don't know what is good for them? Or what they want for themselves? Should it have been done so undemocrati-

She said there was fear in the Valley. "The way forward, as I see it, is for political parties in Kashmir to get together, sit calmly and go for a front that would reflect what is happening.

## + Afghanistan shadow over India's move

Last message to the PM

Sushma Swaraj, in her last tweet on August 6,

Thank you Prime Minister.

Thank you very much. I was

thanked the Prime Minister for the Centre's

waiting to see this day in my lifetime

decision on Jammu and Kashmir

Real reason lies in global context

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE

India's move to end the special status to Jammu and Kashmir indicates that the government is bracing for serious geo-strategic shifts that will unfold in South Asia over the next few months.

Though the domestic reasons for ending the status was presented through a detailed analysis of the negative effects that the Article 370 had for Kashmir, the real reason for this hurried makeover lies in the international context.

## 'Great progress'

Soon after Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented his case for turning Kashmir into a Union Territory, a message from U.S. Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad stated that his talks with the Taliban in Qatari capital had yielded "great progress" and that he was

heading to Delhi to create greater consensus in favour of peace in Afghanistan.

The implication of this peace agreement between the Taliban and the U.S. will be felt across South Asia and in the West Asia.

Pakistan is waiting anxiously till its biggest strategic assets - the Taliban seal the deal with the U.S. The Taliban have a historical parallel going back to the 1980s. In 1988, following the Geneva Accords of 14 April, South Asia went into a tailspin with Pakistan trying to use some of the resources secured for the Afghan Mujahideen fighters to Kashmir where insurgency peaked

subsequently. The immediate outcome of the U.S.-Taliban deal will be the visible display of American disinterest in South Asia. This is the context in which India keeping a firm grip on Kashmir has been seen.

## Pakistan Army stands by Kashmiris, says Bajwa

Top commanders hold meeting

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Pakistan's military "firmly stands" by Kashmiris, the powerful Army chief said on Tuesday, a day after India stripped the disputed region of its special autonomy in a move set to deepen animosity between the nuclear arch-rivals.

The Army's top commanders met in the garrison city of Rawalpindi to discuss the move by India, which is also set to exacerbate the longrunning bloody rebellion in Kashmir.

"The Pakistan Army firmly stands by the Kashmiris in their just struggle to the very end. We are prepared and shall go to any extent to fulfil our obligations in this regard," General Qamar Javed Bajwa said, in a tweet sent by a military spokesman after the meeting.

Spokesman Major General Asif Ghafoor said commanders "fully supported"

the civilian government's reiection of India's move.

"Pakistan never recognised the sham Indian efforts to legalise its occupation" of the disputed mountainous region, he added.

On Tuesday, an estimated 500 people demonstrated in Muzaffarabad, the largest city in Pakistani-held Kashmir, with more protests expected across the parts of the country.

Pakistani lawmakers also began a joint-session of Parliament to discuss a possible response to New Delhi's

For three decades the Indian-administered part has been in the grip of an insurgency that has left tens of thousands dead.

Armed Kashmiri rebels and many residents have fought for the Muslim majority region's independence or to join neighbour Pakistan.

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However, they noted that the

Anticipating action

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EOI documents and other details can be downloaded from

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E-TENDER NOTICE No.02/DCE/CN/ERS/OT/2019 Dated: 03-08-2019 For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Engineer Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction - 682 016 invites e-tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portawww.ireps.gov.in. The Tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the ender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online enders will be accepted. The cost of the Tender Form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available or the website by way of Multiple Bank's, Net Banking, Debit and Credit Card.

Name of the Work

Doubling of track between Kuruppantara and Chingavanam. Proposed construction of limited use Subway in lieu of LC No.35 at Km.61.

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3.	SA/E/5/19-20/3:- SA Division: Hiring of Road Vehicle for the use of Sr.DEE/G/SA for the period of Two Years.					
SI. No.	Approx. Cost in (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Tender Cost (₹)	Completion Period		
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SI. No.	Description	Details		
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	NIT No & Date	CMG/C/K 1987025, Dt:02/8/2019		
2	Estimated Cost put to tender	₹ 113 Lakhs		
3	Period of Completion	06 Months		
4	Period during which the tender documents can be requested	From: 07/08/2019, 10:00 Hrs To : 16/08/2019, 14:00 Hrs		
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Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from website www.isro.gov.in / www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO. For further details and Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR

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and Etakkot Stations & (3) Br.No.1090 at Km.737/700-900 as

6x18.0 m. PSC-I Girder and Slab between Tellicherry and Etakkot Stations - Earth Work and blanketing for formation on approaches collection of ballast, linking of track and other protective works. Shoranur - Mangalore Section - Proposed reconstruction of Bridge No.925 at Km.649/500-800, as 6x19.22 m. effective span PSC Bo Girder and 2x9.15 m. clear span PSC Slab between Parappanangac

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## Enough security for peace in J&K: Army

Sources say they expect infiltrations and ceasefire violations in the days ahead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI Necessary security arrangements have been put in place for ensuring peace and security in Jammu and Kashmir, said General Officer

Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh on Tuesday after chairing a meeting of the core group of intelligence and security agencies in Srinagar.

However, sources in the Army said they expected infiltrations and ceasefire violations to go up in the coming days by Pakistan following the dilution of Article 370 and reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement after the meeting in Srinagar, the Army said counter-terrorism



On the job: Paramilitary personnel patrolling the deserted streets of Jammu on Tuesday. • PTI

and the law and order grids had been strengthened.

"The security forces are suitably deployed to guard important vulnerable points/areas, prepared for

crowd control, emerging law and order situations, as also to conduct effective counter terrorist operations. Overall, the security forces are firmly in control of the security sitPakistan army had to do something to show solidarity with people of Kashmir. "So they will do some action on the LoC [Line of Control]. We are expecting that infiltration, CFVs or some visible action will be done by the Pakistan army," a source

The Kashmir Valley still remained shut which, the sources said, should be relaxed in the next couple of

#### measures in place, the Army sources said, chances of rioting or any other things hap-

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3.	15,50,240/-	31,000/-	2,240/-	Two Years	

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