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### NEARBY



**Committed to Kartarpur corridor, says Amit Shah**  
NEW DELHI  
Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the Modi government was committed to completing the Kartarpur Sahib corridor within the stipulated time.

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**Chinmayanand case: girl's parents headed for Delhi**  
SHAHJAHANPUR  
Following the Supreme Court directions, a Delhi Police team arrived here on Saturday to take the parents of a law student, who was allegedly sexually harassed by BJP leader Chinmayanand, to meet her in Delhi.

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# Over 19 lakh excluded from final NRC

### Those excluded from the list have 120 days to file appeals before Foreigners' Tribunals in Assam

RAHUL KARMAKAR  
GUWAHATI

More than 19 lakh of the 3.3 crore applicants have been left out of Assam's final National Register of Citizens (NRC), which was published on Saturday, concluding a five-year, Supreme Court-monitored exercise that cost ₹1,220 crore.

Updating the NRC to sift Indians from illegal immigrants, believed to have come mostly from Bangladesh, has been a 40-year-old demand that started in 1980 during the anti-foreigners' Assam Agitation. The 1985 Assam Accord ending that agitation had incorporated this demand and prescribed 1971 as the base year for detecting and deporting foreigners in the State.

The final version of the NRC contains the names of 3,11,21,004 of the total of 3,30,27,661 people who had applied for inclusion in the document. The 19,06,657 people excluded make up 46.39% of the 41.09 lakh people who were left out of the draft list published on July 30, 2018, and an additional list a year later.

Officials said those excluded

cannot technically be called foreigners as they have legal options to challenge their exclusion from the NRC. Each of them has 120 days to appeal before the Foreigners' Tribunals, which in turn have six months to dispose of the cases. The appellants can thereafter approach the Gauhati High Court and the Supreme Court to establish their citizenship with proper documents or end up in detention camps for foreigners.

#### State-specific

Releasing the final data, NRC Coordinator Prateek Hajela said the process of the NRC update in Assam differs from the rest of the country and is governed by rules framed as per the cut-off date of March 24, 1971, enshrined in the Assam Accord. "Updating the NRC was a mammoth exercise involving about 52,000 Assam government officials working for a prolonged period," he said.

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**THE BIG COUNT** Future tense: A woman, with documents in one hand and her baby in the other, going to check the final NRC list in Morigaon district on Saturday. ■ RITU RAJ KONWAR

Objections received against those in draft NRC published on July 30, 2018  
**1.87 lakh**

Total applicants  
**3.3 crore**

Included in final NRC  
**3.11 crore**

Did not reapply among those excluded  
**3.95 lakh**

Documents processed  
**60 crore**

#### OVER THE YEARS

**December 2013:** Preparatory work for NRC update begins

**May 2015:** Process of receiving application forms starts

**December 31, 2017:** First part of NRC draft published

**July 30, 2018:** Complete draft of NRC published; Four crore people excluded

**June 26, 2019:** Second exclusion list with 1,02,462 names published

**August 31, 2019:** Final NRC published

## Investigation ordered into uranium contamination

### A.P. CM orders action on complaints

STAFF REPORTER  
VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh government has ordered a full-fledged inquiry into a number of complaints about groundwater pollution caused by the uranium mining and processing project of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) at Tummalapalle in Vemula mandal of Kadapa district.

Chief Minister Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy reviewed the situation on Friday and directed the officers to look into the complaints. The government asked the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) to set up a committee of experts which would visit the tailings pond where the waste from the UCIL facility is stored.

The committee would comprise scientists and senior officials of the National

Geophysical Research Institute, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, the Mines and Geology, Groundwater and Agriculture Departments of the State government and the IIT-Tirupati as members. It will submit a report in 10 days.

Ever since uranium was discovered at this remote village and the mining of ore and processing began, residents of six to seven villages around the site have been complaining of contamination of groundwater. There were reports of people falling ill and damage to crops.

The constitution of the committee came after Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy and K. Babu Rao, a former scientist of the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, raised the issue.

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## Tiwari rakes up Delhi NRC again

### State BJP chief says he would broach matter with Amit Shah

JATIN ANAND  
NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari on Saturday reiterated his demand for an exercise similar to Assam's National Register of Citizens in the Capital. While the country, he said, was always willing to welcome those seeking refuge in it legally, "it would not tolerate infiltrators".

The North East Delhi MP argued that an NRC exercise was necessary in Delhi to address issues ranging from prevention of possible terror plots to reining in street crimes, drug trafficking, enhancing women's safety and checking "encroachment of both land and rights meant for legal citizens by illegal outsiders".

"Our city is sitting on several possible terror plots which could be hatched by any of the 10 to 12 lakh illegal immigrants currently residing in it. An exercise like the



Manoj Tiwari

NRC has become necessary not only in the interest of Delhi but also for the security of the entire country," Mr. Tiwari said, adding that he would broach the matter with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

#### Wait and watch

"As far as the timing of the exercise in Delhi is concerned, things will become clearer as the exercise reaches its conclusion in Assam; in the meantime, I would like to ask colleagues from all political parties, including Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, to

make their stand on the issue known," the BJP leader said.

He said that illegal Bangladeshis and Rohingya refugees were depriving citizens of their rights and "exploiting the resources of Delhi".

At a rally in September last year, Mr. Tiwari had announced that the BJP government would initiate the NRC process in Delhi and "take action against infiltrators".

"I firmly believe that illegal migrants in Delhi are depriving locals of rights and opportunities whether these be related to Central government schemes such as the provision of housing, employment and health facilities," he said.

"After the preparation of NRC, Delhi will change for the better and the people entitled to basic amenities of high standard will get them. All political parties should unite on the issue of NRC because it is a question of internal and economic security," he said.

## Errant drivers, beware

Stricter penalties for traffic violations will come into effect from Sunday following the passage of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, earlier last month in Parliament. The government has notified 63 clauses that will come into effect, including steeper fines for various offences. A look at some of the common traffic offences and the penalties



**Riding without a helmet**  
Old: Fine of ₹100; ₹300 for second offence  
New: Fine of ₹1,000 and suspension of licence for 3 months

**More than one pillion rider**  
Old: ₹100; ₹300 for second offence  
New: Fine of ₹1,000

**Not wearing seatbelt\***  
Old: Fine of ₹100 to ₹300  
New: Fine of ₹1,000  
\*Offence includes not securing children below 14 years with a seatbelt or a child restraint system

**Speeding**  
Old: Fine of ₹400; ₹1,000 for second offence  
New: Fine of ₹1,000-4000; impounding of licence for second offence

**Drunken driving**  
Old: 6 months in jail or fine of ₹2,000; for second offence within 3 months, jail up to three years or fine of ₹3,000  
New: 6 months in jail or fine of ₹10,000; for second offence, two years in jail or fine of ₹15,000

**Causing accident**  
Old: 3 months in jail or ₹500 fine; for second offence, 6 months in jail or ₹1,000 fine  
New: 6 months in jail or fine of ₹5,000; for second offence, 1 year in jail or fine of ₹10,000

**Driving without licence**  
Old: Fine of ₹500  
New: Fine of ₹5,000

## Delhi police want to try Tharoor on murder charge

### He has been charge-sheeted for abetment of suicide, cruelty

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi police on Saturday urged a city court to prosecute Congress MP Shashi Tharoor for abetment to suicide or "in alternative" on murder charge in the case of death of his wife Sunanda Pushkar in 2014. It made a submission on Saturday that the post-mortem report had evidence of murder.

Sunanda was found dead in a five-star hotel here on January 17, 2014. The police have charge-sheeted Mr. Tharoor under Sections 306 (abetting in the commission of suicide) and 498A (subjecting a married woman to cruelty) of the Indian Penal Code. The court took cognisance of the charge sheet and summoned Mr. Tharoor last year. He is out on bail now.

In his arguments on the framing of charges before



**More trouble:** Shashi Tharoor is out on bail now in the case of death of his wife Sunanda Pushkar.



he said.

The prosecution concluded its arguments. The matter will now come up for hearing on October 17 when defence counsel will begin arguments. Mr. Srivastava had also argued that there was sufficient material on record to prove the charges against Mr. Tharoor of subjecting Pushkar to cruelty and thereby abetting in her suicide.

(With inputs from PTI)

## Activist advertises 'vacant' Collector post

### Police book him for protesting Pudukottai officials' failure to remove encroachments

C. JAISANKAR  
PUDUKOTTAI

It was not just his activism that landed 39-year-old Durai Guna alias Gunasekaran in trouble. His novel ways of protesting had a role to play too.

A few days ago, residents of Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu woke up to posters he had pasted all over town, calling for applications to fill the 'vacant posts' of District Collector, District Revenue Officer and other officials.

A Dalit social activist and writer based in Pudukottai, Mr. Durai Guna put up the posters to protest "official inaction" on his plea to remove encroachments from an irrigation tank. He alleged that three persons were illegally occupying three hectares of the Vettukulam tank, and were raising crops.

He had petitioned the Collector and other officials



**Novel protest:** The notice that caused sensation in Pudukottai.

in 2017, urging them to clear the encroachments as per High Court and Supreme Court orders. There was no action. The activist then put up the posters and hand bills.

The notices "invited" applications for the posts of Collector, DRO, Divisional Revenue Officer and Village Administrative Officer. The qualifications were "general knowledge, discipline and self respect".

Recommendations of Ministers and others would not be entertained, the notices said.

#### Complaint filed

The VAO of Theerthanvuduthi filed a complaint against Mr. Guna alleging insult to officials. Based on this, the Karambakudi police booked a case against him under IPC provisions: Section 170 (pretending to

hold any post as a public servant) and 501 (printing any matter known to be defamatory). However, he had not been arrested.

Mr. Guna was outraged: "I am really perturbed over the case filed against me. The officials, instead of taking action against the encroachers, have threatened me by filing a case. It is an attempt to stifle my voice," he said.

Meanwhile, Collector P. Uma Maheswari said it had been established that three hectares of Vettukulam had been encroached by three persons for more than 30 years. One of them had an unregistered sale deed, claiming that he had bought the land from an individual several years ago. But, it had been established that the land was part of a Panchayat Union tank. The encroachers had been asked to vacate immediately.

## Dalit Professor gets notice for remark on deity

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LUCKNOW

A Dalit Assistant Professor in Allahabad University on Saturday said he feared he could be lynched by a mob after an old video showing him making controversial remarks about a Hindu deity was widely circulated on campus.

The university's administration has served Vikram Harijan, an Assistant Professor in the Medieval and Ancient History department, a show-cause notice following a complaint by a group of students who claimed they had been offended by Mr. Harijan's remarks.

Mr. Harijan found himself in trouble after a research scholar, Ranjeet Saroj, on August 20 uploaded on YouTube a video showing the faculty member making controversial comments on a Hindu deity.

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