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3,900 challans issued on Day 1 of new MV Act

NEW DELHI
The Delhi Traffic Police issued 3,900 challans on Sunday — the first day of implementation of the new Motor Vehicles Act. “We have also asked the traffic policemen to update their handheld e-challan machines as per the new Act,” said a senior traffic police officer.

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Pregnant woman thrashed over child-lifting rumours

NEW DELHI
A pregnant and differently abled woman was thrashed by a mob over suspicion of child abduction in north-east Delhi's Harsh Vihar. The police have arrested two people in connection with the case.

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Now and Then

Hockey Olympian Zafar Iqbal credits his parents for helping him get the balance right in life. He tried to push his teammates as well to have a life outside the sport as “not everyone can be a coach or administrator for life”.

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India facing prolonged slowdown: Manmohan

Former PM blames it on note ban, GST

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Sunday said the 5% growth in India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) signalled a prolonged slowdown and asked the government to engage with “thinking minds by shunning vendetta politics to take the economy out of a man-made crisis”.

In a video statement, he said the state of the economy was “deeply worrying” and the near zero% growth of the manufacturing sector proved that it had not fully recovered from the “blunders of demonetisation and a hastily implemented GST”.

“The last quarter's GDP growth rate of 5% signals that we are in the midst of a prolonged slowdown. India has the potential to grow at a much faster rate but all-round mismanagement by the Modi government has resulted in this slowdown,” he said.

“It is particularly distressing that the manufacturing sector's growth is tottering

Assam to move SC for NRC re-verification in select districts

“Technical flaws” may have caused exclusion of Bengali Hindu refugees: Minister

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

The Assam government and the ruling BJP in the State have termed the finalisation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) as a “mixed bag” with concerns being raised over several “technical flaws” in the process that may have caused the exclusion of Bengali Hindu refugees who had crossed over to Assam before 1971.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the State government would approach the Supreme Court again for a re-verification process, on a pilot basis, in a couple of districts to try and address the anomalies.

“The NRC authority has registered many cases where documents were questionable after which we asked for a re-verification of 20% of the cases in border districts and 10% in other districts as we found that in border areas, where populations were high, deletions were low, whereas in tribal areas deletions were higher in proportion. The Supreme Court denied that request. We will go back again to the Supreme Court and ask that at least in two districts, on a pilot basis, re-verification should happen,” he said.

According to him, the out-



Paper trail: Villagers taking printouts of documents to prove their citizenship in Morigaon district on Saturday • HITU RAJ KONWAR

come saw two kinds of people among a total of over 19 lakh exclusions: “Bengali Hindu refugees who had come over before 1971 and the others who had issues with their documentation.”

Refugee certification

He said there were “technical flaws in the exercise as many NRC officials did not recognise refugee certification issued before 1971, as a result of which many Bengali Hindus remained outside the list.”

He said he was also concerned with the over 3 lakh people who did not appeal against their exclusion when the draft NRC had come out earlier. “There are lakhs who

did not reapply. Unless you update the NRC nationally, we will not know the net result of illegal immigrants across the country,” he said.

Detection to continue

He insisted that going forward, the process of detecting foreigners would not be restricted to just the NRC exercise. “The NRC is one place, but our border police have the right to pursue enquiries against those with questionable documents and citizenship for the detection of illegal foreigners, and that will continue,” he added.

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HIMANTA BISWA SARMA, ASSAM FINANCE MINISTER

‘Want to die as an Indian’

RAHUL KARMAKAR
MAJARTOP (ASSAM)

“I fail to understand how the same set of documents that made my four sons and four daughters Indians has put a question mark on my citizenship,” said Akbar Ali, a 58-year-old tea-seller, whose name was excluded from the final NRC published on Saturday. “I know there's not much life left in me, but I was born an Indian and want to die an India,” he added.

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‘Govt. planning J&K troop reduction’

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

The Centre is planning to reduce the number of troops in J&K, sent in the past month to deal with the aftermath of the Article 370 decision, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Sunday. He held meetings in Brussels where EU officials raised concerns over human rights curbs in the State, ahead of a European Parliament meeting on the situation in Kashmir on Monday.

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Kulbhushan to meet Indian officials today

MEHMAL SARFRAZ
LAHORE

Pakistan will provide consular access to alleged Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav on Monday, Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on Sunday.

Ministry spokesperson Muhammad Faisal tweeted: “Consular access for Indian spy Commander Kulbhushan Jadhav, a serving Indian naval officer and RAW operative, is being provided on Monday 2 September 2019, in line with Vienna Convention on Consular relations, ICJ judgement & the laws of Pakistan.”

Dr. Faisal added that Mr. Jadhav remains in Pakistan's custody “for espionage, terrorism and sabotage.” Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi had confirmed the news earlier in the day.

After the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Pakistan agreed to provide consular access to Mr. Jadhav, 49, who was arrested in Balochistan province in March 2016. He was sentenced to death in April 2017.

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JNU reviewing position of emeritus professors

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Jawaharlal Nehru University is in the process of reviewing the position of all its emeritus professors who are above the age of 75 years.

Five States to get new Governors

Arif Mohammed Khan sent to Kerala

Raj Bhavan bound
President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday appointed four new Governors and transferred one

Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan	Kalraj Mishra	Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
Telangana	Rajasthan	Maharashtra
Bandaru Dattatreya	Arif Mohammed Khan	
Himachal Pradesh	Kerala	

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Sunday appointed new Governors for five States. A communiqué from the Rashtrapati Bhavan said President Ram Nath Kovind appointed new Governors for Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and Telangana.

Former Union Minister Arif Mohammed Khan, who walked out of the Rajiv Gandhi government in 1986 after it decided to overturn the Supreme Court's Shah Bano judgment, was appointed Governor of Kerala.

Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshiyari has been named the Governor of Maharashtra, while Tamil Nadu BJP president Tamilisai Soundararajan will be the new Governor of Telangana.

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Mamallapuram to host Modi-Xi meet in October

DENNIS S. JESUDASAN
CHENNAI

The historic town of Mamallapuram on the scenic East Coast Road in Tamil Nadu is expected to be the venue for the second India-China informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping, scheduled for October this year.

Mr. Modi will host Mr. Xi for two days — October 11 and 13 — in Mamallapuram, informed sources in the government said. Arrangements are being super-



PM Modi and President Xi are likely to visit the monuments in the town.

vised at the highest levels of the Central and State governments. During the summit, be-

sides holding talks, the leaders are likely to make a visit to the ancient monuments in the coastal town. The monuments there have been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the first informal summit in Wuhan, the leaders had made a visit to the Hubei provincial museum.

A Chinese delegation is also to be apprised of the arrangements prior to Mr. Jinping's visit.

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