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JEE Advanced 2019



All India Rank

3

in
JEE Advanced
2019



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FIITJEE’s Legacy of producing unparalleled Results continued in JEE Advanced 2019. It is the 23rd consecutive year, when we have produced the Highest Number of Selections in IIT-JEE / JEE Advanced. 5 FIITJEE Students from Long Term Classroom Programs secured All India Rank in Top 15. Obviously, every JEE aspirant admires these Top Rankers and wants to emulate their success trail. So, we thought, why not let the budding JEE Aspirants learn & imbibe from their Journey & Experience. We organised few interactive sessions where these Top Rankers answered the queries of future JEE Aspirants studying at FIITJEE and enlightened them on having the right approach in their JEE preparation. The feedback of JEE aspirants on these interactive sessions was so overwhelming that we thought we must share the insights of these Top Rankers with each & every JEE aspirant of the Country.

Learn from these Prodigious Talents !

■ When did you start your preparation for JEE ? Tell us something about your preparation strategy.

HIMANSHU (AIR 2) : I started my preparation in class X when I enrolled in FIITJEE’s Three Year Classroom Program. My preparation strategy was to analyse my weak areas and work upon it till the time I gained enough confidence. Practicing of questions in time bound conditions was another important aspect of my preparation which helped me to give my best on the actual JEE day. In the end I must add that I never missed my classes at FIITJEE as every class added some value.

■ How should we manage our Class XII Board Exams along with the preparation of JEE ?

HIMANSHU (AIR 2) : This is more of a psychological concern of many Students. You must understand that if your fundamentals are strong and you have a firm grip on all the topics, then you can sail through any exam pattern. Another important point is to be regular at your School and make sure

that you appear in all the School Exams.

■ There is a perception that JEE preparation gets you disconnected socially. Is it so ?

HIMANSHU (AIR 2) : It is not true. If you are regular in your studies, then you will find time for yourself. When you study, study with 100% dedication without wasting a single minute. You will see that you will get time to spend on your social engagements.

■ Was preparing for JEE stressful ?

HIMANSHU (AIR 2) : Many Students & Parents believe that preparing for JEE is stressful. I can firmly say that at FIITJEE, it is not. Strengthening the fundamentals and enhancing the analytical ability are the key. If you follow the FIITJEE system with absolute focus & dedication then you will be devoid of any stress & anxiety.

■ Archit, you started your preparation in class VI itself ? What made you take this step.

ARCHIT (AIR 3) : See, preparation for JEE does not start from class VI but yes, it will help you at a later stage to step into the world of JEE preparation with lot more confidence & zeal. In my early years at FIITJEE, I got success in various milestone exams like Junior Science Olympiad & RMO. I can confidently say that my early years at FIITJEE developed my logical thinking and enhanced my IQ & analytical ability. All this has made a substantial contribution in my eventual success in JEE Advanced 2019.

■ How did you manage to be consistent & motivated in your long journey of JEE preparation ?

ARCHIT (AIR 3) : I always dreamt of studying at an IIT and my passion to give my best has kept me motivated all through these years. However, there were days when I didn’t feel like studying and it was hard to maintain the momentum. On those days, I used to take some break and rejuvenated myself by indulging in a sport, or any extracurricular activity.

■ Should one study equally for all the three subjects Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics or focusing on only two subjects will be sufficient ?

ARCHIT (AIR 3) : Studying two subjects and leaving out the third one can drastically bring your rank down by a huge margin and can take you away from your dream Institute and branch. The key to my success is that I divided my study schedule accordingly wherein I devoted almost equal amount of time to all the three subjects.

■ Now that JEE Main is being conducted twice, what do you suggest, whether we should appear in the first attempt, or the second or both.

ARCHIT (AIR 3) : I recommend you to give both the attempts. Through the first attempt, you will get to know your weakness & loopholes in your preparation. Overcome all the shortcomings and then appear for the second attempt with more confidence & assurance of getting a big score.

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All India Rank
10
in JEE Advanced 2019

**All India Topper
(among Girls)**
Shabnam Sahay, Student of
Intensive Contact Program (XII)

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All India Rank
14
in JEE Advanced 2019

Manan Aggarwal,
Student of Two Year
Classroom Program (XI & XII)

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All India Rank
15
in JEE Advanced 2019

E. Shreepranav Varma,
Student of PINNACLE - Two Year
Integrated Program (XI & XII) + Two
Year Classroom Program (IX & X)

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■ **Shabnam, how should we improve our speed & accuracy ? Please share few tips.**

Shabnam (AIR 10) : Increase your self-study time, work on your fundamentals and then attempt lot of mock test papers in simulated real exam like conditions.

■ **In my class, there is immense competition. Sometimes I also feel peer pressure. Please suggest.**

Shabnam (AIR 10) : During this journey, you will meet many Students who are better than you and this should only motivate you to work harder & perform better. Don't get disappointed at any point of time. I was really fortunate, that at FIITJEE I had a very competitive peer group and it helped me a lot to uplift my level of competency manifold.

■ **How should I develop interest in a subject which is not to my liking ?**

Shabnam (AIR 10) : Speak to your subject teacher and discuss your reason for dislike. Take his / her help and try to overcome it. They will give you a right approach & few tricks on how to make the subject interesting. You should also enhance the self-study time for that particular subject.

■ **Manan, how helpful was FIITJEE's All India Test Series in preparing you for the JEE Main & Advanced. Is it a must appear in ?**

Manan (AIR 14) : From time to time, through FIITJEE's All India Test Series, I got to know the gaps in my preparation and about the points which required my attention. Moreover, I also got to know my standing at National Level which certainly egged me to perform better and beat the competition. The best part is, it gave me a simulated test environment like JEE Main & JEE Advanced Exam thus enabling me to be much more confident on the day of the actual CBT exam of JEE Main & JEE Advanced.

■ **Few students find FIITJEE's All India Test Series tough ? What do you have to say on this ?**

Manan (AIR 14) : Attempting FIITJEE's AITS is like attempting JEE Advanced. I realized this when I appeared in JEE Advanced. The questions asked in AITS are designed closely on the lines of JEE. So, when I appeared in JEE Advanced, it was just like appearing in one of the All India Test Series Tests. It is like preparing for

Olympics. If you are preparing for Olympics and dream to succeed in it, then the level of your preparation, practice & planning has to be at the desired level. You have to keep raising the bar of your performance and you can only achieve that by regular practice. Similarly, by regularly appearing in the AITS you keep on striving to set new benchmarks of performance and aim to keep surpassing those. The ultimate objective of these Tests is to help JEE aspirants retrospect their performance through continuous Tests and make up for the shortcomings.

■ **Is it important to appear in exams like NTSE, KVPY & Olympiads ?**

Manan (AIR 14) : Indeed, it is extremely important to appear in these National / International Level Exams and do well. By appearing in these milestone exams you can benchmark your performance among the Top Students of the Country and get to know your standing. These are stepping stones in your journey to become an IITian.

■ **Does increasing the number of study hours in a day enhance my chances of qualifying JEE ?**

Manan (AIR 14) : It is the quality and not the quantity of study time that matters. Solving good quality questions tests your fundamentals and makes your preparation much stronger than solving large number of easier questions. Whenever you study, study sincerely, dedicatedly & with zero distraction.

■ **Manan, what are the common mistakes Students make while preparing for JEE ?**

Manan (AIR 14) : Well, what I have observed is that many Students approach their Teacher for doubt removal without putting sufficient self effort in solving a problem. Only after you have exhausted with your attempts in solving the problem, you should approach your Teacher. This way your doubts get removed totally and you understand the concepts very well. In future you would be able to apply the concept effortlessly in solving any problem. Another example, which can be stated as a mistake is the frequent use of calculators. IIT-JEE does not allow the use of calculators. I advise you that you should shun this habit and should aim to do the calculation by yourself only as it will help you to develop speed required in JEE Exam and would boost your confidence.

■ **What is that one quality that every JEE aspirant must possess or at least strive to develop over a period of time ?**

Shreepranav (AIR 15) : Not one, rather I suggest two. One, that you take preparation of JEE as a joyful journey, and two, you should inculcate a Never Give Up Attitude.

■ **We have heard that revision is very important especially that of Class XI syllabus. When should we ideally complete the syllabus and start the revision ? What should be the revision strategy / important things to be kept in mind ?**

Shreepranav (AIR 15) : Revision stage is an important stage of your JEE preparation where you overcome your shortcomings. Your study notes will be of a great help. During revision, do not try to touch new concepts, rather attempt the mock JEE papers as many as possible.

■ **Is FIITJEE's study material sufficient to prepare for both JEE Main & JEE Advanced ?**

Shreepranav (AIR 15) : Following single learning system has been the key to my success. FIITJEE study material is much more than self-sufficient. I will not advise you to consider different study materials for your JEE preparation as the bundle of study materials only leads to confusion and loss of time.

■ **What should be done to utilize the time available after the JEE Main exam is over ?**

Shreepranav (AIR 15) : Let me tell you what I did. I was preparing simultaneously for both JEE Main & JEE Advanced as both are concept based exams. After JEE Main, I practiced with more mock papers of JEE Advanced in that period and quickly brushed through my notes which helped me to achieve the success in JEE Advanced.

■ **Is there anything else that you would like to share / suggest ?**

Shreepranav (AIR 15) : I would like to give a message to the Parents of budding JEE aspirants. There might be instances where your child might not meet your expectations or may perform poorly in few tests. In those situations, you should not reprimand your child as this will further demotivate & dishearten him / her and will put unnecessary pressure. A parent should always motivate & guide their wards to be strong in all the situations of life.

FIITJEE RESULTS

JEE Advanced 2019

In Top 100 AIR	In Top 200 AIR	In Top 500 AIR	In Top 1000 AIR
38 Students	70 Students	144 Students	304 Students

3880 from Long Term Classroom & Integrated School Program	4590 from all Programs
This is the Highest number for any Institute in the Country for 23rd Consecutive Year.	This is the Highest number for any Institute in the Country for 22nd Consecutive Year.

All our Results are from General Category only

JEE Main 2019

All India Rank
1

Shubhan Srivastava
Two Year
Classroom Program

From Long Term Classroom Programs
10578 Students and from all programs, **12111**
Students had qualified for JEE Advanced 2019

XII Boards 2019

All India Topper
of CBSE Class XII Board
2019 (Science Stream)

99.4%
Marks:
497 / 500
Arpit Maheshwari
Four Year
Classroom Program

All India Topper
of CBSE Class XII Board
2019 (Science Stream)

99.4%
Marks:
497 / 500
Karthik Balaji G
Two Year
Classroom Program

1000 Students scored 95% & **3119** Students
scored 90% & above Aggregate Marks

KVPY Fellowships 2019

All India Topper
In Class XI
(SA Category)

B Guruvayurappan
SUPREME - Four
Year Integrated
School Program

661 FIITJEE Students (Class XI (SA Category) + Class XII
(SX Category)) were awarded KVPY Fellowships 2019

International Olympiads 2019

Gold Medal
in IPhO

Archit Bubna
Four Year + UDAYA - Two
Year + LITTLE GENIE - One
Year Foundation Program

Silver Medal
in IPhO

Harshvardhan Agarwal
Three Year
Classroom Program

Silver Medal
in IMO

Anubhab Ghosal
Four Year
Classroom Program

Silver Medal
in IOAA

Ritam Nag
Four Year
Classroom Program

Silver Medal
in IOAA

Hemansh Alkesh Shah
Three Year Combined Program
(Classroom + School Integrated)

Silver Medal
in IOAA

Prashant Abhinjit Gokhale
PINNACLE - Two Year
Integrated School Program

Bronze Medal
in IChO

Madhav Mittal
Four Year
Classroom Program

Honourable Mention
in IMO

Soumil Aggrawal
Four Year
Classroom Program

NTSE Scholarships 2018-19
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Students
awarded NTSE
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We believe that these learnings shared by the Top Performers of JEE Advanced 2019
would be of great help for every Student aspiring to be an IITian !

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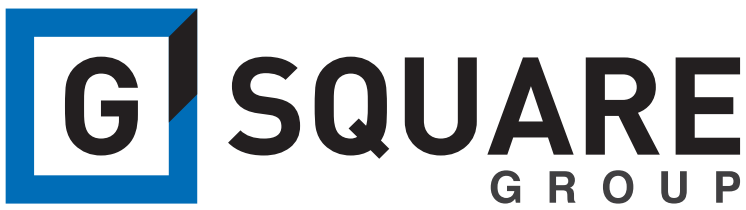
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🌧️ RISE	23:57	🌇 SET	13:16
MONDAY, SEPT. 23			
☀️ RISE	06:10	🌇 SET	18:17
🌧️ RISE	00:00	🌇 SET	14:13
TUESDAY, SEPT. 24			
☀️ RISE	06:12	🌇 SET	18:16
🌧️ RISE	00:56	🌇 SET	15:09

Delhi Weather	max	min
Delhi City	35	26
Safdarjang	35	26
Palam	37	25

Delhi Palam Today
33°C A warm and humid day lies ahead. One or two spells of rain and thundershowers is likely.

Delhi Palam Tomorrow
35°C Mostly dry and warm weather will prevail. Night will be comfortable.

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Delhi	114	Gurugram	81
Ghaziabad	94	Faridabad	53
Greater Noida	102	Noida	86
Good	0-50	Satisfactory	51-100
Moderate	101-200	Severe	>401
Poor	201-300	Very poor	301-400
Severe	>401		
AIR QUALITY INDEX AT 4 P.M. YESTERDAY (AVERAGE OF PAST 24 HOURS) SOURCE: CPCB			

Buses impounded for not having inter-State papers
NEW DELHI
Two buses with Uttar Pradesh registration number were impounded and penalised for illegal inter-State plying, the police said on Saturday.
During a special drive on September 18, two vehicles were intercepted in Sukhdev Vihar for carrying passengers without the required documents.

Insurance company employee shot dead

Two motorbike-borne assailants committed crime, fled spot, say locals; family rules out personal

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI
A 59-year-old employee of an insurance company was shot dead by two unidentified bike-borne assailants on Saturday morning in east Delhi's Madhu Vihar, the police said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Jasmeet Singh said Usha Gupta from Radhey Shyam Park Extension worked as assistant manager at New India Insurance Company. A murder case has been registered and teams are probing all angles, including personal enmity, he said.

Usha and her husband Kailash Kumar Gupta, a retired MTNL employee, had left the house at 6.30 a.m. for his dialysis at Max Hospital in Vaishali, said victim's nephew Pawan Bansal. "They stopped at a temple in Madhu Vihar. My aunt, who was driving the car, parked it outside the temple and waited inside the vehicle while my uncle went inside," he said.

When Mr. Kailash returned after 10 minutes, he saw that his wife had re-



Usha Gupta.
•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ceived a bullet injury near her right ear and the glass on the driver's side was broken. "A few locals told my uncle that two motorbike-borne persons had shot at her and fled off," he said, adding that the accused did not take any belongings.

Next, Mr. Kailash called the police and other family members after which she was rushed to a nearby hospital where she was declared brought dead. Usha's family members, neighbours and colleagues said they are clueless about who could have committed the crime because she had no enmity with anyone. Her son Sanyam said his family did not have problems with anyone. The victim's colleague, Vandana Dixit, said Usha was

very helpful. "Two days ago, a payment of ₹3.5 lakh was made to a person, whose file had been in process for years and only Ushaji made it possible. She used to be personally invested in helping people," Ms. Dixit said.

The family was also preparing for the first birthday of Usha's granddaughter on October 2. Her son-in-law Ankit Aggarwal said that Usha was very excited.

At the temple, a caretaker who identified herself as Sangeeta said Usha and her husband used to come there every Saturday at the same time and would also park the vehicle at the same place.

Probe so far
Mr. Singh said there are no conclusive leads in the case so far and that the CCTV obtained from the spot doesn't clearly show anything. "All the family members, neighbours and colleagues will be questioned to ascertain the motive and identify the accused," he said. Mr. Ankit said the murder could be a case of mistaken identity or something in connection with her work.

'Locals did not take her to hospital, waited for police'

She could have been saved, says brother

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI
Family of Usha Gupta, who was shot dead by bike-borne assailants on Saturday morning, said no one helped her ailing husband to take her to a hospital, which was less than 200 metres from the spot.

Sanjay Goel, Usha's brother from Patparganj, reached the spot in 20 minutes and took her to Max Hospital.

"By the time I reached, the police had also come to the spot. After that, we took her to the hospital but she might have been saved if she was rushed earlier," he said.

Dr. Goel, head of cardiac anesthesia at Max Hospital Vaishali, said his brother-in-law Kailash Gupta called him at 6.50 p.m.

"While on call, I was requesting people that they

It took me 20 minutes to reach the spot. While on call, I was requesting people that they should take her to the hospital immediately but no one helped. They said only the police will take her," he said.

SANJAY GOEL
Victim's brother

Ailing husband

The family said Mr. Kailash couldn't drive because he remains unwell. Usha had been taking him for dialysis three days a week to Vaishali hospital for over five years now.

Usha is survived by her husband, son Sanyam, and

Unauthorised colonies: AAP observes 'Dhoka Diwas'

Party members march to BJP office

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday marched from its party headquarters to the BJP office against the latter making "false promise of regularising unauthorised colonies in Delhi within six months" and termed the day "Dhoka Diwas".

Leading the march, AAP Delhi convener Gopal Rai said the government has been trying for many years to regularise the unauthorised colonies in the Capital.

'Proposal not approved'
"The government had passed a proposal in this regard in the Cabinet and sent it to the Center but the Central government has been sitting on it for many years," he said.

Leader of Opposition and BJP MLA Vijender Gupta said, "AAP is shedding crocodile tears only to distract the attention of the people of Delhi to hide their failures. Mr. Kejriwal did nothing in these unauthorised colonies during its tenure. In their election manifesto, AAP had promised to build

schools and hospitals in all unauthorised colonies but so far, none of them has been built."

Mr. Rai said despite the Centre not cooperating, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal worked to fix drains, roads, sewers and water pipelines in unauthorised colonies at a cost of ₹5,000 crores.

In July, Union Minister Hardeep Puri had accepted the government's proposal and promised to regularise these colonies in a month, he said, adding: "There was a wave of happiness all over Delhi. But BJP State chief Manoj Tiwariji later said that it will take six months to regularise these colonies."

"I want to ask Mr. Puri and Tiwariji, why is BJP cheating people of Delhi?" he asked.

AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said Mr. Tiwari asking for six months' time is a trick by the BJP. "There is an election in Delhi after four months and the BJP, like the Congress, will come at that time and say elect us and we will regularise the colonies."

Man beaten over child-lifting suspicion succumbs to injuries

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 27-year-old man, who was allegedly beaten over suspicion of child-lifting on September 3, died on Saturday, the police said.

The incident happened on September 3 when Govind from Ashok Vihar was allegedly beaten up by three men over suspicion of lifting a child. A case was then registered under relevant sec-

tions. The accused - Yashwant Kumar (35), Rakesh Yadav (22) and Phool Chand (69) - all from Jailerwala Bagh were arrested the next day, the police said.

'Snatch his belongings'
Govind allegedly told the police that when he was roaming near his house, two persons came and tried to snatch his belongings. When he resisted and started running, he

knocked on the doors of nearby houses for help and entered one Kumar's residence. Kumar thought that he was a child lifter and thrashed him along with Yadav and Chand. The police said Govind was discharged after treatment but later complained of uneasiness after which he was admitted again.

After post-mortem, the body was handed over to his family, the police added.

Govt. wasting taxpayer money on ads: BJP

Party leaders hold protest at Jantar Mantar; accuse CM of 'spending crores'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday attacked the city government for expenditure on publicity as well as announcements of various "freebies" on the heels of the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections.

A protest led by BJP Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel and West Delhi MP Parvesh Verma at Jantar Mantar sought to take on Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal for "wasting" taxpayers' money on "his false publicity" instead of spending it on the development of the Capital.

"The Kejriwal government did not do anything for the people of Delhi for five years which is why with just two months to elections, it is wasting crores on advertisements through TV, FM, radio, newspapers and hoardings. It is now declaring freebies...

Why is that he did not declare freebies five years ago? To further vote-bank politics, the Kejriwal government is playing ducks and drakes with public money. Metro and DTC schemes have not even started," Mr. Goel said.

The Rajya Sabha MP also accused the government of "spending crores" on advertisements related to its recently launched anti-dengue "10 minute, 10 baje, 10 din"

campaign even as he argued that the same government, from the year 2017 to 2020, "did not spend even 1% on dengue and other diseases".

He also accused the government of doing the same with pollution in regard to the odd-even scheme. "Since Kejriwal knows that he will lose the Assembly polls, he is emptying the exchequer for the next government," he added.



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6% of GDP must be given to education, says Sisodia

He calls for law to bind governments

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Education Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday demanded that a law be made to allocate at least 6% of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to education.

Speaking at the Special Meeting of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) convened by the Union HRD Ministry to discuss and finalise the National Education Policy, he said the preamble to the policy should state that "providing good quality education would be the responsibility of government through schools."

While lauding few provisions of the policy, Mr. Sisodia also sought to point out

that unless there was a law which binds governments to allocate funds, the policy per se will not result in the transformation of education in India.

"Quality of education in government schools should be at par with the private schools. Only 5% of children get access to quality education, the rest have been getting an average quality education. It needs to change," he said.

Mr. Sisodia also opposed the proposal of a private education board calling it a "dangerous idea" as these boards would "promote private schools and further dilute the responsibility of government in school education."



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THE HINDU

Tri-cornered contest in bypolls to 4 Assembly seats in Punjab

Opposition will look to corner Congress over ‘unfulfilled’ poll promises

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHANDIGARH

The by-election to four Assembly seats in Punjab is likely to witness a three-cornered fight among the Aam Aadmi Party, the Shiromani Akali Dal-BJP combine and the ruling Congress, which is looking to maintain its winning momentum in the State.

The bypolls for Phagwara, Jalalabad, Dakha and Mukerian Assembly seats will be held on October 21 and the results will be declared on October 24.

Pro-Modi trend

Punjab was the only State that had bucked the pro-Narendra Modi trend across northern and central India in the 2019 general election. The Congress had won eight out of the 13 parliamentary seats in the State.

In the 117-member State Assembly, the Congress has 77 legislators, the SAD 13 while the strength of AAP is 19. The BJP and the Lok Insaaf Party have two MLAs

‘We will win all four seats’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LUDHIANA

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday expressed confidence that the Congress will win all the four Assembly bypolls in Punjab and said it is the only party that can ensure the State’s development.

The party’s campaign will revolve around the State government’s progressive and welfare schemes, he said at the inauguration of a two-day Kisan and

Pashu Palan Mela here.

“The people of Punjab will once again put their seal of electoral approval on the Congress, which has proved itself in the last two-and-a-half years of governance in the State. It’s the only party equipped to ensure the development of Punjab,” Capt. Amarinder said.

He said the people will reject the regressive and divisive politics of the Opposition parties.

each.

The SAD will field its candidates from Jalalabad and Dakha seats while its alliance partner BJP will fight from Phagwara and Mukerian seats.

Congress will go to people seeking votes while highlighting the implementation of its flagship programmes like farm debt waiver, employment gener-

ation, fighting drug menace and health insurance to 42 lakh families among others.

Chief Minister Amarinder Singh had recently claimed that of the 161 promises made by his party in the last Assembly election, 140 have been implemented and the rest are in the process of execution.

The Opposition – AAP and the SAD-BJP – will look

to corner the Congress over its “unfulfilled” poll promises such as distribution of free smartphones to the State’s youth among others.

Phagwara and Jalalabad seats had fallen vacant after sitting MLAs Som Parkash and Sukhbir Singh Badal were elected to the Lok Sabha from Hoshiarpur and Ferozepur parliamentary constituencies respectively in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Phoolka’s resignation

The Dakha seat got vacant after former AAP legislator and noted Supreme Court lawyer H.S. Phoolka’s resignation was accepted last month. He had resigned as an MLA in October last year over the Congress government’s alleged failure to take action against those who were involved in 2015 sacrilege of religious scriptures.

The Mukerian seat fell vacant with the death of Congress legislator Rajnish Kumar Babbi last month.

Rough ride



A rickshaw puller wades through a waterlogged road after heavy rain lashed Patna on Saturday. ■RANJEET KUMAR

One stabbed to death in U.P. over child-lifting rumours

Four injured as two groups clash: police

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHADOHI (U.P.)

A person was killed and four others were injured in a clash between two groups in Uttar Pradesh’s Bhadohi district following rumours of child-lifting, police said on Saturday.

Trouble started when a tractor hit a tricycle of a physically-challenged person near Gandhi village in Suryava police station area on Friday night and an irate mob indulged in heavy stone throwing in protest, the police said.

As the tractor driver tried to speed away, locals ‘alerted’ people in the villages on the route that there were child-lifters in the tractor, they said.

Before the tractor driver

could reach his native Danupatti village 8 kms away, a mob started chasing it on two-wheelers and threw stones, Superintendent of Police Ram Badan Singh said.

At Danupatti, a clash broke out between the locals and those who were chasing the tractor and its occupants, the police said.

Victims in tractor

In the meantime, someone from the crowd attacked one Gulab Chand Bind (52) with a sharp-edged weapon, leading to his death, and injured four others. All the injured and the deceased were riding the tractor, Mr. Singh said.

The mob left behind two motorcycles, police said.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

The Uttar Pradesh Police has declared Nahid Hasan, the Samajwadi Party MLA from Kairana, “absconder” after he was not found at his residence when a police team raided it to enforce the warrant issued by a Kairana court on Saturday.

“The court issued arrest warrants in three cases and an arrest warrant was issued to recover his SUV. The MLA was not able to produce its papers during regular checking on September 9, and misbehaved with government officials,” said Ajay Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Shamli, who led the team.

The vehicle has a Punjab registration number and ac-

cording to the police when a team was sent to Patiala, its file was not found.

Mr. Kumar said Mr. Hasan was given five days to produce the papers but it had been 13 days since then. “When the police reached his residence, both the MLA and his car were not found,” he said.

Mr. Hasan has been booked under Sections 353, 453 and 153 for obstructing government officials from doing their duty, forgery and provoking with the intent to cause a riot.

The latter is related to a video that went viral in July in which he allegedly appealed to local Muslims not to buy goods from shopkeepers who were close to the BJP.

Release full water of State’s share: Gehlot

CM raised the demand at the Northern Zonal Councils 29th meeting

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

Rajasthan has sought the release of full water of its share as per the inter-State river water agreement, while expressing hope that the issue of supply of the remaining 0.60 MAF Ravi-Beas river waters from Punjab would be resolved soon.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot raised the demand at 29th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council in Chandigarh on Friday.

He said the Punjab govern-



Home Minister Amit Shah and Ashok Gehlot (second from right) at the meeting in Chandigarh. ■FILE PHOTO

ment had shown a positive response to the needs of Rajasthan, for which the capacity of head regulator for Indi-

ra Gandhi feeder at Harike Barrage would be enhanced.

Mr. Gehlot said the Haryana government should follow

suit and take steps to supply the water of Rajasthan’s share. The flow of contaminated water in the State’s canals should be checked, he said.

Mr. Gehlot also expressed concern over reduction in the State’s share in the Central taxes during the current financial year. In the Union Budget presented in February this year, a provision of ₹46,411.08 crore was made for the State, but it was reduced to ₹44,461.86 crore in the revised Budget, he said.

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The details of the mineral blocks are summarized below:

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MT- Million Metric Tonnes

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Karnataka Chief Minister rushes to New Delhi

BENGALURU
Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa made a dash for New Delhi on Saturday to discuss the thorny issue of accommodating rebel MLAs in the light of the announcement of bypolls in the State. He is hopeful of meeting party president and Home Minister Amit Shah. Mr. Yediyurappa has made many futile efforts to meet Mr. Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to seek flood relief funds from the Centre.

Telangana govt. eyes online sale of film tickets

HYDERABAD
The Telangana government is planning to take up online sale of cinema tickets after scrapping the present system. Speaking to reporters, Minister for Cinematography Talasani Srinivas Yadav said producers and distributors would benefit if the government itself sold the tickets. He said there were reports of GST evasion by the websites offering tickets online and this could be curbed if the government monitored the sale of tickets through its own system.

A.P. nursing college correspondent arrested

MACHILIPATNAM
The police on Saturday arrested Samayam Ramesh, 46, correspondent of a Machilipatnam-based nursing college for women, on charges of seeking sexual favours from a student. "In July, the accused allegedly attempted to sexually assault the girl in his chamber, reportedly after she refused to entertain his request for sexual favours. Later, she left the college hostel," Assistant Superintendent of Police M. Sattibabu told newsmen here.

Officials issue fresh notice for demolition of Naidu’s residence

‘If the riverfront building is not demolished within a week, it will be razed’

**STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA**

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (AP-CRDA) on Saturday issued a fresh notice in the name of industrialist Lingamaneni Ramesh, asking him to demolish in a week his guest house on the banks of river Krishna here, where former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is residing. If it was not demolished within the deadline, the CRDA would raze it, the notice made it clear.

The CRDA officials pasted the notice at the building entrance saying a similar notice served by them last month evoked no response from Mr. Ramesh, and Mr. Naidu continued to stay there, even as the TDP leaders alleged witch-hunting by the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government.

‘Norms violated’

The government, refusing to entertain an appeal by Mr. Naidu to retain it, got the ad-



In trouble: The riverfront building that was used as a camp office-cum-residence of N. Chandrababu Naidu. •T. VIJAYA KUMAR

joining conference hall – Praja Vedita – demolished in June on the grounds that it violated the River Conservation Act and relevant provisions of the CRDA Act.

The government then followed it up with notices to scores of such buildings, including the Lingamaneni guest house that was leased out to Mr. Naidu when he was Chief Minister. It became his camp office-cum-residence and he continued to stay there even as the

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

However, the government did not act upon the previous notice served on Mr. Ramesh as the issue took a political turn, pitting the TDP and the YSRCP against each other. The TDP said it was a ploy to force Mr. Naidu out of his residence. It contended that no other building on the river bank had got the demolition notice.

The demolition drive was also intensely debated in the

Assembly, where Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy mounted a scathing attack on Mr. Naidu for allegedly flouting norms.

Officials pointed out that the Lingamaneni building was constructed at 19 m, whereas the maximum flood level is 22.6 m. Besides, the building rules were violated and so were the CRDA master plan regulations, they claim.

Minister for Water Resources P. Anil Kumar said Mr. Naidu was raising a hue and cry when it was the responsibility of Mr. Ramesh to give an explanation to the CRDA. He wondered whether Mr. Naidu got the property transferred in his name and recalled that the officials of the Water Resources Department had advised him when he was the Chief Minister that it was not proper to stay in that illegal building, but to no avail. They had duly pointed out that the building was on the river bed, which was a major violation.

Priest, accused of abuse, on the run

Kerala police await copy of minor victims’ statement to the magistrate court

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI**

The Kerala police, who booked a 70-year-old priest for allegedly molesting three minor girls, are awaiting a certified copy of the statement the victims had given to a magistrate, to take further action, including the potential arrest of the accused.

It was on Wednesday that the Vadakkekara police in Ernakulam district registered three separate cases

against Fr. George Padayattil of the Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese, invoking Sections 7 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

“Since this is a very serious allegation, we don’t want to rush but want to verify the facts of the case by comparing the statement the three victims gave us with the one they gave to the magistrate. We are expecting a copy by Monday,” said T.V.

Shibu, sub inspector, Vadakkekara.

Placed under suspension

He said that the accused, who had since been suspended from his post pending inquiry by the Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese after a preliminary inquiry, remains absconding.

He is accused of molesting three minor girls, all Standard IV students from the same class, at the priest’s

quarters on August 7. One of the girls was allegedly targeted twice, the police said.

The girls were produced before the magistrate and their statements were recorded as per Section 164 of the CrPC on Thursday.

The alleged incident came to light after a teacher overheard the girls discussing their experience. The teacher alerted Childline authorities, who in turn, informed the police.

Shivakumar evasive during questioning, says ED

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**

Arguments on the bail application of Congress leader and former Karnataka Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on charges of money laundering earlier this month, concluded on Saturday. Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar is expected to pronounce his order on September 25.

Continuing his submissions on the ED’s behalf, Additional Solicitor General K.M. Nataraj said the agency was investigating ill-gotten wealth. The Income Tax Act did not deal with ill-gotten wealth and that its provisions were not meant to regularise tainted property.

“White always remains white and black always remains black. By paying tax, tainted money cannot become white,” said Mr. Nataraj, alleging that Mr. Shivakumar was evasive and non-cooperative in the investigation.

Mr. Nataraj said that during custody, the accused could be questioned only for four hours on an average a day. The accused gave irrelevant answers to questions about the properties in question, he said. He alleged that there was a possibility of influencing the witnesses if he was released on bail.

Countering the prosecution, senior advocate A.M. Singhvi said the approach of throwing huge figures was an attempt to influence the court. The ED had been quoting higher figures every day, he said, adding that all the assets of Mr. Shivakumar had been declared before all the authorities concerned.



The clip purportedly shows ex-judge Nooty Rammohan Rao and his family members beating up Sindhu Sharma.

Retired HC judge’s daughter-in-law alleges pressure to drop plaint

A video clip of assault had gone viral

**STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD**

Even as the video clip allegedly showing retired Madras High Court judge Justice Nooty Rammohan Rao and his family members assaulting their daughter-in-law Sindhu Sharma went viral, the victim made fresh charges that an attempt was made to delete the video footage.

Speaking to a TV news channel, the victim claimed that she also had video clips showing the retired judge, along with other family members, trying to delete the clip from the digital video recorder connected to the cameras in their house. She said she would release those clippings if required.

‘Huge sum was offered’

Meanwhile, her father, M.V. Sharma, alleged that the retired judge had mounted pressure on him and his daughter to withdraw the criminal complaint lodged with the Hyderabad Central Crime Station.

“The former judge even offered a huge sum to drop

the charges and restrain my daughter from making any adverse statement in court.”

According to Mr. Sharma, some middlemen and politicians too tried to intervene in the matter and persuade him to accept the deal offered by the former judge.

After all their attempts failed, the former judge’s son Vasista moved the Nampally family court here for divorce. The court has directed the victim’s counsel to file a counter and posted the next hearing for Tuesday, Mr. Sharma said.

The clip tweeted by Ms. Sharma was recorded on April 20 on the surveillance cameras installed in the former judge’s house.

While there has been little progress in the investigation into the assault, the court notice for divorce has apparently disturbed the victim more. “Actually my daughter had hopes of reunion and reconciliation,” Mr. Sharma said.

Earlier, the High Court had granted her custody of her two children.

All eyes on SC as Karnataka gets set for bypolls to 15 seats

Court will hear pleas of 17 disqualified MLAs tomorrow

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU**

With the Election Commission announcing byelections to 15 Legislative Assembly constituencies in Karnataka on October 21, all eyes are now on the Supreme Court which is expected to hear the petitions of 17 disqualified MLAs of the Congress and Janata Dal (S) on Monday.

It was the resignations of these MLAs that brought down the 14-month Congress-JD(S) government. They were disqualified in July, 2019, by the then Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar till the expiry of the Assembly term. The disqualified MLAs are not eligible to contest bye-

lections, unless the Supreme Court strikes down the Speaker’s ruling.

Elections to two of the 17 constituencies – Maski in Raichur district and R.R. Nagar in Bengaluru – have been withheld as separate election cases related to them are pending in the Karnataka High Court.

Results crucial

Results of the byelections will play a crucial role in stabilising or destabilising the BJP government. The BJP has to win in at least eight constituencies to reach the magic figure of 113 in 225-member Lower House to maintain stability of the government.

The counting of votes is scheduled for October 24. The EC announced byelections to 15 constituencies since the Supreme Court has so far not admitted petitions by 17 disqualified MLAs.

Of the 15 constituencies, the Congress had won in 11 and the JD (S) in three, and the Karnataka Praganyavanta Janata Paksha had won one seat. The BJP now has 105 MLAs. After 17 MLAs resigned, the Assembly strength was reduced to 208. The Congress and JD(S) which fought the 2019 general elections together have decided to contest independently, after their bitter verbal duel following the fall of the coalition arrangement.

Safety first



A mock drill on fire safety being carried out at the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. terminal in Vijayawada on Saturday. •V. RAJU

Expectations run high ahead of Kerala-T.N. CMs’ meeting

Knotty inter-State water issues on the agenda

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

As Tamil Nadu and Kerala Chief Ministers Edappadi K. Palaniswamy and Pinarayi Vijayan prepare to meet here on Wednesday, expectations are running high that the two States would make some headway in settling knotty inter-State water issues.

On Saturday morning, Mr. Vijayan went into a huddle with Water Resources Minister K. Krishnakutty and officials about his meeting with Mr. Palaniswamy.

On account of the long history of demands, blame games and court cases, Wednesday’s meeting is sure to be a keenly-watched one. The meeting, the first at the CM level in about 15 years, also assumes significance as



Pinarayi Vijayan

it comes against the backdrop of increasing instances of drought in both States during the summer months.

On its part, Kerala is expected to press Tamil Nadu to honour the provisions of the Parambikulam-Aliyar Project (PAP) and ensure Kerala’s rightful share of water. In addition to its demand for 2.5 tmc feet water from

Anamalaiyar, Tamil Nadu also wants the Pampa-Achenkoil-Vaipar link proposal and the Pandiyar-Punnapuzha project on the discussion table, sources said. Kerala has been opposed to these schemes.

Apart from the Chief Minister and the Water Resources Minister, the Kerala side will consist of Forest Minister K. Raju, Electricity Minister M.M. Mani, Chief Secretary Tom Jose and senior officials.

The T.N. delegation consists of Power Minister P. Thangamani, Municipal Administration and Rural Development Minister S.P. Velumani, Environment Minister K.C. Karuppannan, Deputy Speaker V. Jayaraman, Chief Secretary K. Shanmugam and five secretaries.

New tenders will be called for all projects: A.P. Minister

**STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA**

Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Minister P. Anil Kumar said on Saturday that the government would invite reverse tenders for all the projects undertaken during the TDP rule to save public money.

M/s Max Infra bagged the contract for a portion of the Polavaram project by quoting 15.60% less than the estimated cost through reverse tendering, the Minister said, and pointed out that former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had awarded the project at 4.77% excess cost to the same company during his tenure.

Mr. Kumar told the media near here that ₹58 crore could be saved in the project by calling reverse tenders, but Mr. Naidu was resorting to false propaganda that the conditions were altered to suit a few contractors and that dam safety was endangered as quality was compromised.

‘No restrictions’

He said there were no restrictions as even the Navayuga Engineering Company Limited (NECL) – whose contract had been scrapped by the State government – could bid for the Polavaram project.

Responding to Mr. Naidu’s allegation that the project was stopped, the Minister asked how it was possible to undertake the work amid floods and said that it would be expedited after November by which time the tendering process would be completed.

He said the project was estimated to cost ₹55,000 crore and disputed Mr. Naidu’s claim that 70% of the project had been completed, insisting that only the spillway and cofferdam had been built so far.

NIA searches house of terror suspect in T.N.

Diwan Mujipeer summoned for questioning; documents seized

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
TIRUNELVELI

A National Investigation Agency (NIA) team searched the house of M. Diwan Mujipeer at Vellankuzhi near Cheramahadevi in Tirunelveli on Saturday. The operation came in the wake of intelligence gathered during searches conducted in Coimbatore in connection with an Islamic State-inspired



NIA officials leaving the district police office in Palayamkottai on Saturday. ■ A. SHAIKMOHIDEEN

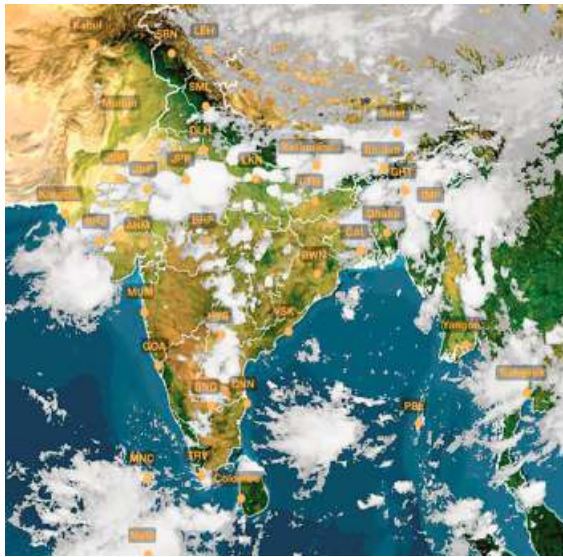
module. The team from Kochi that searched the house of Mr. Mujipeer, who had worked at the Dubai branch of a multinational company, reportedly seized three mobile phones, four SIM cards, a memory card and a certificate of appreciation given to him by the company. Mr. Mujipeer was not present in his house during the search. He was working in a paint showroom in Puliyan-

gudi, where another team conducted a search till 10 a.m. A press release from the NIA said, "a number of incriminating documents" were seized. They will be submitted to a special court and subjected to forensic examination. The team met Superintendent of Police P. Ve. Arunshakthikumar after completing the search. No one was arrested, but Mr. Mujipeer has been asked to appear before the NIA at Kochi. Following the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka that killed a few hundred people, the NIA arrested two per-

sons from Coimbatore for their alleged links with the mastermind of the bombings Zahran Hashim. When the NIA conducted a search, they reportedly found that 16 persons from Tamil Nadu, "conspired and were preparing to wage a war against the Government of India by forming a terrorist outfit called Ansarullah". The accused and their accomplices were allegedly collecting funds for carrying out attacks in India with the intention of establishing an Islamic rule. The NIA claimed it suspected that Mr. Mujipeer was associated with the activities of Ansarullah.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



Forecast for Sunday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over places like eastern Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Gujarat, Telangana, southern Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Puducherry.

Table with 3 columns: CITY, RAIN, MAX, MIN. Lists weather data for various cities including Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Chennai, etc.

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Table with 3 columns: CITIES, SO2, NO2, CO, PM2.5, PM10. Lists air quality data for various cities.

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)
SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.
NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.
CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.
PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Vikram and Pragyan fade into lunar sunset, their batteries likely dead

Lander had unexpectedly crashed on moon minutes before its descent

MADHUMATHI D.S.
BENGALURU

If things had gone on well and the Indian lunar craft Vikram soft-landed on moon as expected on September 7, Vikram and its companion rover Pragyan would have completed taking a close look at moon's unknown south by now. Chandrayaan-2 has been circling moon since August 20, its orbiter alone intact. After a perfect journey from earth since July 22, Vikram unexpectedly crashed on moon three minutes before its descent, without doing its job and also taking



A videograb of the soft landing of the Vikram module of Chandrayaan 2 on the lunar surface on September 7. ■ PTI

down the rover that was in it. Fourteen days on, the sun has set on the lunar side where the two Indian craft of Chandrayaan-2 mission lie. Their solar-powered batteries would have died out, putting them both to sleep forever on moon.

If a lunar soft-landing eluded India this time, Chandrayaan-1, too, ended prematurely in 2009. For the second mission, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) planned to soft-land Vikram at a spot 70° south of the lunar equator (crudely comparable to our Antarctic region). Agency reports quoted ISRO Chairman K. Sivan as saying on Saturday that the crash is being analysed but they cannot restore the link with Vikram. It was his first public statement since the lander went silent.

Govt. sets early deadline for Ganga hydro projects to ensure flow levels

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

The Centre has cut down by two years the grace period accorded to hydropower projects on the upper stretches of the Ganga, for complying with environmental-flow requirements. Environmental flows refer to minimum water levels that must be maintained in the river at all times of the year for its health and sustainability as against hydropower projects that frequently dam water in rivers for generating power.

On October 11, 2018, noted activist G.D. Agrawal succumbed after a 100-day fast to steer the government's attention to pollution in the Ganga as well as the harm being wreaked by hydropower projects and sand mining. Last week, via a gazette notification, the government advanced this deadline to December 15 of this year. There are 16 commissioned projects and 13 under-construction projects

along the Ganga. "The CWC has for a year monitored flows from the these projects and what we found was that all of the projects had the capacity to comply with the e-flow regime," said Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director-General, National Mission Clean Ganga, "Only half the projects were compliant and the others were non compliant only because they had time till 2021. This is unacceptable, and so we've made this change."

In a first, ED attaches chimpanzees, marmosets in money laundering case

The accused was running an organised wildlife smuggling racket

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a first, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has found itself dealing with primates as part of investigations into a money laundering case. The agency has issued an order for provisional attachment of three chimpanzees and four marmosets, based on separate cases registered by the Wildlife Department of the West Bengal government in 2014 and the State Police on June 19 this year, against one Supradip Guha, who ran an organised wildlife smuggling racket. The chimpanzees and marmosets were kept in confinement at the residence of Guha in the fourth

lane of Baguiati in Kolkata, from where they were rescued by the Customs Department in 2014 during a raid. "The value of each chimpanzee has been assessed as ₹25 lakh and marmosets as worth ₹1.5 lakh each. Therefore, the total valuation stands at ₹81 lakh," said an official. Guha is currently on the run and despite a High Court directive, he has not appeared before the probe team. "Investigations revealed that one pair of chimpanzees had already been smuggled to Hyderabad. The remaining were in the process of being transported," an official said.



The chimpanzees were kept at a residence in Kolkata.

It came to light later that Guha had also forged an authorisation letter to transport birds, following which the local police booked him under various sections of the Indian Penal Code.

The accused had recorded contradictory statements before the Customs and the Wildlife officials to evade action. He also obtained fake certificates which attested that the three chimpanzees were born in India. "Based on the findings, the chimpanzees and the marmosets have been provisionally attached," said the official. They are lodged at the Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata. The accused was attempting to take their possession by making false statements and producing forged documents. The zoo authorities then urged the ED to help them retain the wild animals.

Nominations invited for BusinessLine Changemaker Awards

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

It is that time of the year when those who transform society or improve the lives of others must be recognised. The nominations for the BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2020 are open. BusinessLine initiated the awards in 2018 to commemorate its 25th anniversary. This year, for the third edition, the nominations opened on Sep-

tember 2, and will close on October 15. Those who wish to nominate themselves or others can do so by logging on to www.blchangemakers.com. Nominations can be sent for five categories: Changemaker-Social Transformation; Changemaker-Digital Transformation, Changemaker-Financial Transformation, Young Changemakers and Changemaker of the

Year. Once the nominations are received, they will be short-listed, based on a set of criteria, to choose the final nominees. The nominees are subject to an independent validation, after which a jury of eminent personalities will choose the winners. More details, including those of the awards, the categories and the selection criteria, are available on the website.

Recruitment notice from Central University of Tamil Nadu for non-teaching positions. Includes details on application process and contact information.

Advertisement for Sainik Schools Entrance Exam (AISSEE - 2020) and Sainik School Kalikiri Chittoor District (AP) extension of last date for registration.

Advertisement for Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIPT) recruitment for consultant-finance officer.

Advertisement for Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT-Nuzvid) recruitment for project scientist and technical officer.

FROM PAGE ONE

‘60 foreign militants infiltrated into J&K’

Yet another official said the spurt in shelling and firing along the LoC was a cover to push infiltrators. In April, May and June there was zero infiltration from Pakistan but it peaked after August 5, when Union Home Minister Amit Shah moved two Bills to revoke the special status of J&K under Article 370.

The official attributed the zero infiltration in the three months to various international engagements of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in the same period. “Before he was to meet dignitaries, including U.S. President Donald Trump on July 23, the Pakistan army had vacated terrorist camps along the LoC. But after August 5, these camps returned and there is a thrust on pushing terrorists into India,” he said.

According to the government, more than 2,050 unprovoked ceasefire violations had been reported this year along the LoC, killing 21 Indians.

The official said it was difficult to track recruitment of locals in view of the communication blockade. “The Internet shutdown has also af-

fected intelligence gathering. Earlier, when a local joined a group, he would post a picture on the Internet, announcing his affiliation to the terrorist outfit.”

The recruitment of locals had been low owing to lack of weapons with terrorist groups, he said. On September 12, police intercepted a truck carrying six AK-47 rifles in Kathua district of Jammu region and arrested three persons. In August, around 3,000 people were detained in the Valley but subsequently two-thirds were released. Around 1,000 persons were still detained including troublemakers and habitual stone pelters.

The official said militants were threatening shopkeepers with dire consequences. Almost 45 days since August 5, shops and establishments remained shut in most parts of the Valley.

While police claimed normal business was affected due to threats from militants, residents said they had shut shops willingly against the government’s decision.

Chandrayaan 2 a huge success: ISRO chief Sivan

Had Vikram touched down on the moon as per plan, the lander and the rover inside it would have worked by drawing solar energy for just a lunar day – or roughly 14 days on the earth until September 20-21.

“Three mission phases were completed successfully at an altitude of 300 m from the lunar surface. This validated all new technology elements, including the navigation sensors and propulsion. Except soft-landing, all other technologies are validated. Innovation is not just having a great idea on paper. A great idea on paper is just a great idea, but nothing more. Innovation comes from very high level of risk and failure,” said Dr. Sivan.

“The initial outcome of innovation may be imperfect. I don’t need to tell you how many times Thomas Edison failed in inventing light bulb and how many times ISRO faced failure in the development of launch vehicles. But these failures

did not become obstacles in our path. We use these failures as learning opportunities,” he observed.

Dr. Sivan also referred to Gaganyaan, stating that the country was raring to go on the crewed orbital spacecraft mission.

“Gaganyaan is extremely important for India as it will boost the science and technological capabilities of the country. By December 2020, we would have the first unmanned mission of human space flight. And we are targeting the second one by July 2021. By December 2021, the first Indian will be carried by our own rocket. The ISRO is working on that,” he said.

Space technology was only a medium of fast-tracking the country’s development. “Starting a space programme in a country like India in the 1960s was a big crazy idea. But Vikram Sarabhai foresaw the potential of space technology in transforming India,” he noted.



A still from the movie Gully Boy. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gully Boy is official entry for the Oscars

There were four Marathi entries and three each in Malayalam, Tamil and Bengali.

While there were two Gujarati entries, Assamese, Kannada, Telugu and Nepali saw one nomination each.

Industry buzz has it that Gully Boy was chosen with a majority of nine votes out of 14; the other five were divided among Super Deluxe, Article 15 and Pahuna.

‘Feel-good factor’
“The first thing that can be said about it is that the energy of Gully Boy is amazing! Its rhythm gets into your blood! Apart from which it is technically quite brilliant – the photography, the sound, the music, the production design, and of course, the excellent acting! The filmmaker also has her

heart in the right place and contrasts the two Indias – the haves and the have nots – poignantly without becoming sentimental or maudlin. Above all, the film has feel-good factor, which we felt was important for an Oscar nomination,” stated Ms. Sen, the chairperson of the jury that met in Kolkata this week.

Producers of films that contend for the official entry are required to pay a steep ₹82,600 as fee to the Film Federation of India.

“Each producer whose film is entered for selection will be required to pay non-refundable service charges of ₹70,000 (₹70,000 service charges + 18% GST) through D.D. payable to the Film Federation of India, at Mumbai,” the guidelines say.

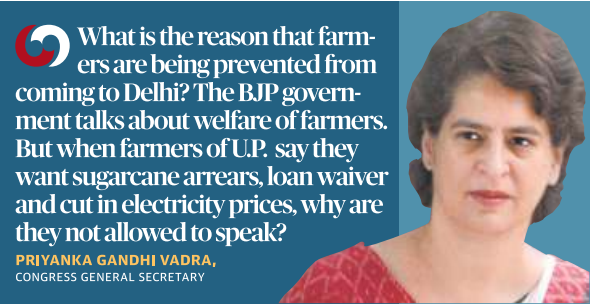
Why no Jharkhand polls: Cong.

“While govt. advocates ‘One nation, one election’, it can’t hold polls in 3 States”

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday questioned the delay in notifying the election dates for Jharkhand. Taunting the Modi government, the party said while the government advocates for “One nation, one election”, it is unable to hold simultaneous polls in three States. While welcoming the election schedule for Maharashtra and Haryana, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said that the people in Jharkhand were also looking forward to polls in their State. “But when polls in three States cannot be held simultaneously, the government talks about ‘One nation, one poll’,” he said.

The Congress said that the party would fight the election in the two States on “pro-people” issues such as job losses and the current



economic downslide. The Opposition party said the government was on its way out due to “slowdown and lockdown” in the two States.

“Lakhs of sugarcane farmers are sitting on Delhi’s border to demand their dues. What about them,” he asked, referring to farmers from Uttar Pradesh who were on their way to Kisan Ghat in Delhi, demanding sugarcane dues, loan waivers and cheap electricity. Mr. Khera

said the Congress would also raise the issue of loss of 15 lakh jobs and ₹20 lakh crore in the stock market in the past three months.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress general secretary in charge of Uttar Pradesh, raised the issue. In a tweet, she questioned the government on the reason to stop farmers on the Delhi border. “What is the reason that farmers are being prevented from coming to Delhi and

NRC is not a political issue for BJP: Khattar

It is a step towards safeguarding the nation’s interest, says Haryana Chief Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

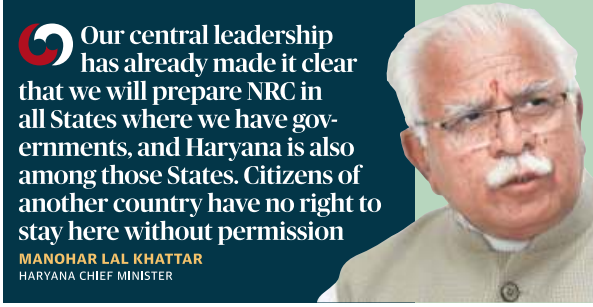
Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday said the National Register of Citizens (NRC) was not a political issue for the BJP but a step towards safeguarding the nation’s interest.

“NRC is an issue for the country. Our central leadership has already made it clear that we will prepare NRCs in all States where we have governments, and Haryana is also among those States,” Mr. Khattar said in response to a question during a press conference here on Saturday.

“NRC should be implemented in all States... In Ha-

ryana as well, we will implement it. Citizens of another country have no right to stay here [country] without necessary permission. If, for instance, a few people have a complaint that in Haryana also there are such people [residing without permission]... be it 50,000 or 40,000 or one lakh, all this could be known only after a survey is done. Such people don’t have any attachment towards our country and hence NRC has an important role to play,” Mr. Khattar said.

Mr. Khattar said the NRC was not a political issue for the BJP. “Even Congress leader Bhupinder Singh



Hooda supported it and had said that a law regarding NRC was in place. It had been in place since 1954. Successive Congress governments should have done it [NRC] earlier. From 1982 to 1984, work on the NRC was started but then the issue went to

the court and some other complications engulfed it. Congress party kept it pending... for what reasons they [Congress] did it, it’s for them to answer,” Mr. Khattar said.

Mr. Khattar said in the interest of nation and society

Haryana CEO seeks 200 paramilitary companies

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Agarwal on Saturday said the Election Commission and Union Home Ministry had been requested to provide 200 companies of paramilitary forces for the smooth conduct of the October 21 Assembly election in the State.

Mr. Agarwal said that with the announcement of the election programme by the EC, the model code of conduct had come into effect. “After the second revision of electoral list on August 27, 2019, the final voter list has been published. As per the list, 1.83 crore voters including 1.07 lakh service voters will exercise their right to franchise,” he said. As the process for updating the electoral rolls was in progress, the number of voters was expected to be in-

creased further.

“As many as 3.64 lakh voters in the ages of 18 and 19 are eligible to cast their votes in the Assembly elections this time,” he said.

Mr. Agarwal said 19,442 voting centres had been established in the State, including 5,511 in urban areas and 13,931 in rural areas.

Auxiliary stations
“There are 10,288 polling locations in the State,” he said. Request have been made to the EC for converting polling stations, where the number of voters is more than 1500, into auxiliary ones. The number of such polling stations in the State is 136. “There are 26,329 control units and 40,615 ballot units. Besides, an arrangement of 27,996 Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines has been made,” he added.

‘Provide a solution for unemployment’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

Swaraj India president Yogendra Yadav on Saturday said that in the run-up to the Assembly polls in Haryana, there should be a meaningful debate on the issue of unemployment in the State.

“The BJP government must answer the public on the question of unemployment and other political parties must come up with alternative solutions,” said Mr. Yadav.

He said that Swaraj India would come up with a concrete alternative roadmap for full employment within the next few days.

Navy chief begins 4-day Bangladesh visit

Aims to strengthen maritime relations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Karambir Singh, began a four-day visit to Bangladesh on Saturday to consolidate maritime cooperation between the two countries.

Admiral Singh will hold extensive talks with his Bangladeshi counterpart Admiral Aurangzeb Chowdhury, besides meeting the other service chiefs and senior military officials, a Navy statement said.

Sources said the two Navy chiefs were expected to deliberate on the regional security scenario, including China’s growing forays into the Indian Ocean region and its military assertiveness in the South China Sea.

“The visit is intended to consolidate and enhance the bilateral maritime relations between India and Bangladesh,” the statement said.

Admiral Singh will visit



Admiral Karambir Singh

several key military establishments such as the naval bases in Chattogram and Khulna and address cadets at the Bangladesh Naval Academy.

In addition, he will participate in the first anniversary celebration of Bangladesh Institute of Maritime Research and Development (BIMRAD), the Navy said.

The Bangladesh Navy is an active member of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), a forum for maritime cooperation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

Didn’t back Centre’s policy: Prasada

U.P. Congress leader says growing population has been a national concern

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

Caught in a swirl of controversy over his comments on “population control”, Congress leader Jitin Prasada clarified that his prescription was not prompted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Independence Day speech and that it was not designed against any one community.

The debate was triggered by Mr. Prasada’s tweet on Wednesday recalling the Congress resolution of 1998 at the Panchmarhi shivir (camp) to work towards the goal of a two-child norm.

Mr. Prasada’s comments were seen as an endorsement of the Modi government’s programmes coming close on heels of statements from Jairam Ramesh and Shashi Tharoor, MPs, that the Modi regime must not be “demonised”.

Mr. Prasada was a Minister of State in the UPA government.

“It’s an issue of national interest, betterment of the



Jitin Prasada

youth and future of our children. It is above any individual, party or ideology. There can’t be a dogfight over who said it first,” Mr. Prasada told The Hindu.

When questioned about the timing of his comment, the Congress leader said it was the “opportune” time to begin the debate since projections claim that by 2027, India would be most populous country, overtaking China.

1998 party resolution
Recalling the 1998 Congress resolution, Mr. Prasada said

one of the eight *sankalps* or promises made then was that “every Congress activist [was] to mobilise at least 10 families to adopt population control measures based on the two-child norm.”

“Some people have given it a colour of being anti-Muslim to score political brownie points. The issue is far bigger; India’s interests are paramount and it’s above any religion or caste,” he said.

Mr. Prasada’s latest comments have to be seen against the backdrop of discordant voices in the party on the issue of Article 370. He is part of the camp within the Congress Working Committee that welcomed the BJP government’s move to dilute the Article according special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Backs govt. on Art. 370
“I am not expert on Article 370 but it’s my firm opinion which I also conveyed to the Committee that in the State I come from [Uttar Pradesh], people are not in favour of

opposing what has happened. And any stand that we take for or against should be taken to the people,” Mr. Prasada said.

The CWC resolution had opposed the means used to dilute Article 370. Mr. Prasada said there was a need to publicise this resolution by way of rallies and public meetings.

Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls it was widely speculated that Mr. Prasada would be joining the Bharatiya Janata Party.

The rumour was doing the rounds even during the 2017 Uttar Pradesh Assembly election.

“Last time I was asked to react on this rumour I said I am not here to clarify on speculation. I can clarify only if there was some substance in these rumours of having met someone or initiated talks with any other party. But just because someone outside or inside the party is spreading these rumours I can’t always go on pleading not guilty,” he said.

‘Detaining Opposition leaders in J&K deeply undemocratic’

We are appalled by restrictions on telecommunications, say academics in an open statement

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

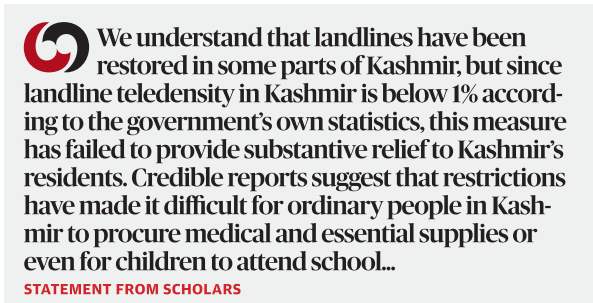
Hundreds of scholars, including academics and scientists from leading institutions in India, have come up with an open statement on the situation in Kashmir.

Saying “As signatories to this statement, we hold various views on the issue of Article 370 and other substantive questions about the conflict in Kashmir,” the statement puts forth three main points: That they are “appalled by the government’s decision to restrict telecommunications... for over a month,” that the “government’s actions in detaining ... Opposition leaders and dissidents ... are deeply un-

democratic” and that they are “disturbed by the multiple reports of human rights violations”.

“The crisis in Kashmir is not just an abstract issue for us, since many of our own students are from Kashmir. These students are going through very difficult circumstances, since they have been unable to maintain meaningful contact with their families for several weeks. It distresses us to see them suffering,” says Suvrat Raju, one of the signatories, from the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, Bengaluru.

504 signatures
The statement has gathered



504 signatures at the time of writing this, in less than 24 hours since it was circulated among the academicians. It refers to various reports in the national and international media.

The scholars write: “We understand that landlines have been restored in some parts of Kashmir, but since

landline teledensity in Kashmir is below 1% according to the government’s own statistics, this measure has failed to provide substantive relief to Kashmir’s residents. In our own institutions, we have witnessed students suffering because they are unable to maintain contact with their families. Moreover,

credible reports suggest that these restrictions have made it difficult for ordinary people in Kashmir to procure medical and essential supplies or even for children to attend school.”

Fundamental norm
“We believe the government’s actions in detaining and restricting the communications of Opposition leaders and dissidents in Kashmir are deeply undemocratic. Whatever views one might hold about these individuals, a fundamental norm in a democracy is that the party in power does not have the right to lock up its political opponents when they have not

even been accused of any crimes. We are disturbed by the multiple reports of human rights violations in Kashmir by Indian security forces.”

The statement concludes saying: “We remind the government that it is duty-bound to uphold the rights and protect the welfare of its citizens. In line with these obligations, we call on the government to immediately restore full communications in Kashmir, lift the security restrictions that are hampering ordinary life, release dissidents and Opposition leaders, and conduct transparent and impartial investigations into the allegations of human rights abuses.”

Will ‘Howdy, Modi!’ rub off on Trump?

Apart from the bonhomie between them, U.S. President will look to gain from PM's popularity

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NEW DELHI

In early 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's team was planning his visit to Washington and first meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump. On previous U.S. visits, Mr. Modi had addressed massive diaspora events in New York and San Jose, sending out a powerful message about the power of the Indian-American community and of the Indian Prime Minister who was able to bring them together in venues that previously could be filled only by Bollywood stars.

At the time, the team had plans for an event in Houston, in a state with the third largest population of Indian immigrants, and a city with major trade ties to India. There was only one hiccup in 2017: a worry that the newly elected President Trump may not look warmly at a gathering of tens of thousands of immigrants, particularly in a state where immigration was a major issue, right at the beginning of his term. Furthermore, Mr. Trump did not have a personal relationship with Mr. Mo-



A billboard seen in Houston, USA, announcing the 'Howdy, Modi!' event on September 22. •PTI

di, and may not have appreciated being in the shadow of a rally of American voters addressed by a foreign leader. Two years later, the hesitations of that time have been overcome. After a rocky start to their relationship – Mr. Trump and Mr. Modi held only one full-fledged bilateral meeting in 2017 and 2018, trade ties dipped, and Mr. Trump's mocking of Mr. Modi's accent on the Harley-Davidson issue went down badly in India – the leaders have more than made up in 2019. In Hous-

ton, Mr. Trump is meeting Mr. Modi for the third time in four months, and they will also hold a sit-down in New York next week. The leaders have clearly built a rapport, evident in France a few weeks ago when they clasped hands and Mr. Modi playfully slapped President Trump's arm. However, apart from the bonhomie between the two leaders, there are several reasons of realpolitik that are also bringing the two men together on one stage. To begin with, the U.S. is

den a few points ahead of Mr. Trump among Texan voters. Despite his direct pitch to voters of Indian origin ("I am a big fan of Hindu and a big fan of India") during the 2016 campaign, only 16% of Indian-Americans voted for Mr. Trump in 2016. "This is not as much about the India-U.S. bilateral relationship as it is about domestic politics," says Daniel Markey, Professor at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). "While Mr. Trump's foreign policy swings wildly, often switching on a dime, the one constant in his actions is political opportunism," agrees Michael Krepon, co-founder of the Washington based Stimson Centre. He added, "He is going to hope Mr. Modi's popularity with the Indian-American community transfers to him." Mr. Trump is not the first to express that hope, and it may come as a surprise that other leaders have not succeeded in effecting that transfer.

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now well into its campaign season for presidential elections in 2020, and Mr. Trump is locking his sights on both the sizeable and influential Indian-American community, as well as the Texas vote. The last Senate election there in June was very close between the winning Republican and Democratic candidates, and recent polls show Democratic presidential frontrunner Joseph Bi-

Mamata may skip Sheikh Hasina's New Delhi visit

Negotiations on Teesta water sharing require her presence

KALLOL BHATTACHARJEE
NEW DELHI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is unlikely to join the bilateral talks during the visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina here from October 3 to 6. Ms. Banerjee's absence will cast a shadow on the talks, as both sides have been in protracted negotiations on the sharing of Teesta waters. that require her participation. She had previously participated in similar discussions. In 2017, at an event attended by Ms. Banerjee at the Hyderabad House here, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured Ms. Hasina that the river water would be shared. 'No progress expected' During his August 20 visit to Dhaka, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar reminded Bangladesh about India's commitment to share Teesta waters under the ongoing discussions. However, diplo-



Mamata Banerjee, left, with Sheikh Hasina. •PTI/FILE PHOTO

matic sources indicated that no progress was expected on the crucial issue during Ms. Hasina's visit. Informed sources said Ms. Hasina would call on President Ram Nath Kovind and Congress president Sonia Gandhi apart from holding bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 5. However, a meeting with Ms. Banerjee is not on her agenda. Ms. Hasina's visit coincides with the Durga Puja celebrations from October 4 to 8. Ms. Banerjee will have sev-

eral engagements in Kolkata during that time. A discussion on the participation of Ms. Banerjee in the official talks did not take place during her visit to Delhi earlier this week. Ms. Banerjee met Mr. Modi on September 18, where the discussion focussed on her plan to rename West Bengal. In her meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah, she raised the Assam National Register of Citizens. It's learnt that Ms. Hasina's visit did not figure in the talks. Mr. Modi will hold discussions with Ms. Hasina in New York on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meeting. The Bangladesh leader will begin her India visit by participating in the non-governmental India Economic Summit. Tennis star Sania Mirza and entrepreneur Shobana Kamineni will also attend the summit. She is expected to present Bangladesh as a success story at the event.

Governor, Vice-Chancellor break bread

Jagdeep Dhankar visits Surajan Das and Pro V-C Pradip Kumar Ghosh in hospital

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor Surajan Das on Saturday hoped there would not be any unrest at the university similar to the September 19 stand-off between some students and Union Minister Babul Supriyo that ended at the intervention of Governor Jagdeep Dhankar. Earlier in the day, Mr. Dhanakar and Education Minister Partha Chatterjee visited the Vice-Chancellor in a private hospital. Both the Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor Pradip Kumar Ghosh were admitted to hospital after the unrest. "The Chancellor indicated that as guardian, he will make an all-out effort to interact with the students, the faculty and the management so that the university is put on the growth trajectory, and a wholesome environment for education is availa-



Jagdeep Dhanka visiting Jadavpur University Pro Vice-Chancellor P.K. Ghosh in a hospital in Kolkata •PTI

ble to the students who are the future of the nation," a statement from the Raj Bhavan said. Lapses alleged The Governor's visit is also significant as the earlier statements from the Raj Bhavan had referred to "the issue of serious lapses on the

The Chancellor indicated that as guardian, he will make an all-out effort to interact with the students... RAJ BHAVAN STATEMENT university," he said. The Trinamool Congress and the Governor traded charges over the unrest. Mr. Partha Chatterjee called the Governor's visit to the university "most unfortunate and shocking", without informing the elected government for the "so-called rescue of the BJP leader". The Governor responded that the Trinamool Congress's statement was "unfortunate" and said: "Obviously, he [Mr. Chatterjee] did not know of the developments that took place between the Governor and the DGP/Chief Secretary, as also the conversation with the Chief Minister."

Mirwaiz denies signing bond for release

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SRINAGAR

Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Saturday denied a report in *The Hindu* that he had signed a bond for his release from detention.

"The Mirwaiz's access to people and communication is extremely limited since August 5," said his secretary Syed-ur-Rehman Shams. He said the Hurriyat chairman had not been released after signing a bond.

Mr. Shams, in a written statement, said, "The Hurriyat stands firm on its principled stand on the issue of J&K and stands with the people in this unprecedented situation that all are facing." Mirwaiz Umar Farooq is

among the top Kashmiri separatist leaders, including Syed Ali Geelani and Muhammad Ashraf Sehrai, who were detained after the Centre had revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status on August 5.

Police probe Pulwama boy's death as family blames forces

'He committed suicide after detention by the Army'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The police have started an inquiry into the death of a minor boy from Pulwama, who allegedly committed suicide hours after his "brief detention and beating" by the Army in the wake of a grenade blast in the area. "It's a case of suicide; we have started an inquest proceeding," said Superintendent of Police, Pulwama, Chandan Kohli. "The matter was taken up with the Army after the family's allegations. However, the Army has denied any such incident," he added. The victim, Yawar Ahmad Bhat, who the family said was just 15 and a Class 10 student, "apparently consumed rat poison" on the evening of September 17 at his home in Chandgam area. "Yawar was picked up by the Army during the day when he was on the way to Pulwama town," said the vic-



A view of a closed market during the lockdown in Srinagar on Saturday. •NISSAR AHMAD

tim's uncle Gulzar Ahmad Bhat. "His identity card was also snatched. The previous night there was a grenade attack on the security forces in Pulwama's Tahab area. Yawar consumed poison on Tuesday evening and breathed his last on September 19," he added. "He was weak at heart," said the victim's cousin Rayees Ahmad Bhat. "He was fearful that he would have to visit the Army camp

again for his identity card," Mr. Bhat claimed. "In fact, when we shifted him to the District Police Hospital, Pulwama, the doctors enquired if he has any history of physical trauma as his kidneys were also damaged," he added. An Army spokesman said that the family's allegations were "completely baseless". "The boy was neither detained nor tortured in any manner," he said.

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