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## In last lap, Diana Edulji speaks up, slams CoA



'Not very open, seen favouring certain states'

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11

DAYS BEFORE they demit office, the long-standing dispute within the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) is out in the open.

Former India captain Diana Edulji, one of the members of the CoA, has broken her silence to lash out at the two other members, saying she is "not at all happy" with the processes adopted by the committee. "We are not very open, we are seen favouring certain states. That is not the idea of CoA, even today Justice RM Lodha said dilution is too much," she told *The Indian Express*.

"This was a reference to a remark by Justice (ret'd) Lodha Friday — whose roadmap set up the CoA — that the reform process has been diluted.

On Thursday, BCCL electoral officer N Gopalwami disqualified nominations from five state associations and three government bodies in the electoral roll for the elections, set to be held in Mumbai on October 23, which

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## SINO-INDIAN INFORMAL SUMMIT

# On Day One, Modi and Xi talk trade, terror and threat they face from radicalisation

Both leaders will meet again today; delegation-level talks to follow; investment areas to be focus

SHUBHAJIT ROY

MAHABALIPURAM, OCT 11

PICKING UP from Wuhan where they met in April last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, on Day 1 of their second informal summit, Friday said that "radicalisation was a matter of concern" to both countries and they would work together to see that radicalisation and terror do not affect the fabric of the multicultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies in their countries.

Disclosing what transpired at the 150-minute one-on-one discussion between the two leaders in the seaside town of Mahabalipuram near Chennai, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said both leaders felt that radicalisation and terror was a "common challenge" for both countries which are "diverse" and "complex".

While sources did not rule out the possibility of J&K having been discussed, the indications are that the Chinese

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Mahabalipuram on Friday. ANI RELATED REPORT, PAGE 10

## Bengal on boil over killings, family says no link to any Parivar, only ours

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JIYAGUNJ, SAHAPUR, OCT 11

AS THE murders of Bandhu Prakash Pal, his wife and five-year-old son in Murshidabad snowballed into a political row with the BJP targeting the ruling TMC government in West Bengal claiming Pal was an RSS functionary, his family Friday said he was not associated with any political party or organisation and lashed out at both parties for politicising the issue.

Pal (40), a teacher, his wife Beauty (30) and their son Angan (5) were found murdered at



Bandhu's mother Maya in Barala, Murshidabad. Partha Paul

their home in Lebu Bagan area of Jiaganj Tuesday.

"He was like a white paper. Who told you he is a BJP member? He was never associated with BJP or Trinamool Congress. He was never with RSS. These are lies being spread," said Maya Pal (68), Pal's mother at their house in Barala village, Sahapur under Sagardighi police station.

The bodies of Pal and his son were found in one room and Beauty's in another. Police said husband and wife were hacked to death and Angan strangled first and then assaulted with a heavy object to ensure that he died. Police said four men were

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## First contraction in two years, IIP dips 1.1% in Aug

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
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FACTORY OUTPUT contracted 1.1% in August as against a growth of 4.2% reported a month ago, signalling a deepening of the economic downturn. August's IIP print is the lowest in the last 81 months and the first contraction since June 2017, setting the stage for further monetary easing of benchmark interest rates in the next policy review in December.

The slide in the headline IIP numbers has been triggered by a contraction in manufacturing and electricity, alongside a record contraction in the production of capital goods — reflective of the weak investment climate. A slide in the output of infrastructure goods and consumer durables offers pointers to the underlying weak demand conditions.

The fall in the IIP number is in line with the contraction in the August core sector, as

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THE IIP contraction in August, particularly in capital goods, clearly points to the persistent weak investment climate. This will prompt RBI to cut rates further, and force the government to aggressively pursue disinvestment to generate resources for increasing public expenditure.

reflected in data released earlier this month by the industry department, which showed that India's eight infrastructure sectors — constituting about 40% of the IIP — contracted for the first

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## Corporate tax cut: 'Suit boot ki sarkar jibe stalled it, welfarism helped it'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
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THE CORPORATE tax structure reforms announced by the NDA government last month were initially proposed four to five years ago but the "suit, boot ki sarkar" jibe made it difficult for the government to undertake the corporate tax reform, Arvind Subramanian, senior fellow at Washington-based Peterson Institute for International Economics and former Chief Economic Adviser, said.

Speaking at the O P Jindal Distinguished Lectures at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Subramanian said that in the wake of the current downturn, the government



Former CEA Arvind Subramanian. File

acquired the political capital to undertake more difficult reforms such as the recent corporate tax reform. Subramanian was CEA when former Congress president Rahul Gandhi directed the "suit, boot ki sarkar" jibe at the NDA government in October 2014.

"It's a major corporate tax

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## I am penniless, money is with Radha Soami chief, Malvinder tells court

PRITAM PAL SINGH

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

A DAY after they were arrested for alleged diversion of funds and causing a loss of Rs 2,397 crore to Religare Finvest Ltd (RFL), brothers Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh, former promoters of Religare Enterprises Ltd, were remanded in four-day police custody Friday.

Before they were led away with three others arrested with them, Malvinder's counsel Manu Sharma told a Delhi court that his client did not have a "single penny" and that investigators were not arresting a "person to



Shivinder, Malvinder were sent to 4-day custody. ANI

whose doorstep the money leads as he is heading a great

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## Citing poll code, Wardha varsity expels 6 students who protested against Govt, wrote letter to PM

'We were hundred...three Dalits, three OBCs singled out'

VIVEK DESHPANDE

NAGPUR, OCTOBER 11

IN AN unusual interpretation of the model code of conduct, six students of the Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya (MGAHV) in Maharashtra's Wardha have been expelled for organising a dharna and writing a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi protesting, among other things, rising incidents of mob lynching and "shielding" of leaders accused of rape.

In an order issued October 9, Acting Registrar Rajeshwar Singh said the students were being expelled for "violating the 2019 assembly election code of conduct and interfering in the judicial process" by organising a group dharna.

Chandan Saroj, one of the six students thrown out, said though some 100 students were present at the dharna on October 9, university authorities took action "selectively against three Dalit and three OBC students". He said "there were many upper caste students too in solidarity

with us".

The expulsion order identified the students as Chandan Saroj (M Phil, Social Work); Neeraj Kumar (PhD, Gandhi and Peace Studies); Rajesh Sarthi; Rajneesh Ambedkar (Women's Studies Department); Pankaj Vela (M Phil, Gandhi and Peace Studies); and, Vaibhav Pimpalkar (Diploma, Women's Studies Department).

The All India Students' Association, in a Facebook post, said Rajesh Sarthi is an AISA activist. It called for reversal of the

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## J&K Govt ad urges people to shed fear as Valley works out its own open-and-shutdown schedule

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BASHAARAT MASOOD  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 11

MORE THAN two months after the lockdown over the Centre's J&K move, the state administration came out with full-page advertisements in local dailies Friday, urging people not to "succumb to militants" and resume normal activities so that they can "take informed decisions on what is best for us".

Referring to "closed shops, no public transport" and asking "who benefits... why fear" when "this is our home" and "it is for



At Lal Chowk, shops open for a few hours in the morning and remain shut in protest all day. PTI

us to think of its well-being and prosperity", the advertisement stated: "Are we going to succumb to militants? Think!!! For

over 70 years now, the people of J&K have been misled. They have been victims of a vicious campaign and motivated

propaganda that has kept them trapped in an endless cycle of terrorism, violence, destruction and poverty."

"While separatists sent their children to exotic lands to study, work and earn, they instigated the common people to push their children into violence, stone-pelting and hartals. They used threats of terrorists, coercion and misinformation to beguile the people. Today, militants are using the same tactic of threats and coercion. Are we going to tolerate this?" it stated.

The Valley though remains sullen over the loss of the state's special status and the lockdown. People are adapting to a new schedule — of making a beeline to shops that open early in the

morning for a couple of hours before shutters are downed for the day as a mark of protest. In some parts of the Valley, the markets open for a few hours only in the evening.

At Lal Chowk in Srinagar, as loudspeakers of mosques fall silent after the morning prayers around 7 am, the city centre rings to the sound of shutters being raised. One by one, the shops open. And the place becomes a beehive of activity. By 9.30 am, the sound of the shutters returns. Shopkeepers simply exchange looks and, almost in unison, down the shutters. Within 15 minutes, the market is shut and traffic begins to thin out.

"We have to continue to

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