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Justice Mishra refuses to opt out of case

NEW DELHI
Justice Arun Mishra of the Supreme Court on Tuesday stood firm against a request by parties to recuse himself from heading a Constitution Bench meant to re-examine his own judgment. On February 8 last year, Justice Mishra authored a majority judgment that conflicted with a 2014 verdict of the court on grant of compensation under Section 24 of the land acquisition law of 2013.

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Delhi police to be roped in to evict ex-MPs

NEW DELHI
The Delhi police will be roped in to evict former parliamentarians who have been squatting in Lutyens' bungalows allotted to them in their previous stint. The Lok Sabha House Committee headed by BJP MP C.R. Patil has decided to approach them to ensure that no squatters are allowed to stay on beyond October 31.

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India's share of river water will no more go to Pakistan: Modi

This belongs to farmers of Haryana and Rajasthan and we will get it, says PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India would put to use its share of water from the rivers flowing to Pakistan and ensure that every single drop was used for the country's farmers. The work on this had started, he added.

Mr. Modi, who was addressing an election rally at Charkhi Dadri in Haryana, said the river water that rightfully belonged to India had been flowing to Pakistan for the last 70 years. It would not happen any more.

'Gone for 70 years'

"For the last 70 years, the water that belonged to India and farmers of Haryana were going to Pakistan. Modi will stop it and bring it to your households," he said.

"This water belongs to farmers of Haryana, Rajasthan and the country and we will get it... Work towards realisation of this has been started, and I am committed to it. Modi will fight your battle," he asserted.

Attacking the Congress's



Confident of victory: Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at a rally at Thanesar in Haryana on Tuesday. ■ AKHILESH KUMAR

stand on the dilution of Article 370, Mr. Modi said a few Congress leaders were spreading rumours across the globe. "I want to tell them that they are free to abuse me... They can import abuses from Bangkok, Thailand or Vietnam and hurl at me, but they should stop backstabbing Hindustan," he said.

Reiterating his remarks made at an election rally in Maharashtra, he again dared the Congress and other Opposition parties, which were

against the dilution of Articles 370 and 35A, to announce that if they assumed power, the provisions granting special status to Jammu & Kashmir would be restored.

'Double Diwali'

The writing was clear on the wall that the BJP would form the next government in Haryana. "It will be a dual Diwali this time. One, a *diya* [earthen lamp] Diwali and the other a *kamal* [lotus] Diwali. I would urge everyone that let this Diwali be dedi-

cated to our daughters," he said.

If the villages of Haryana had not come forward, the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign would not have progressed the way it had, he noted.

Chinese President Xi Jinping told him at the recent informal summit in Mamallapuram, near Chennai, that he had watched the movie *Dangal*. "When he told me that he had watched *Dangal*, which exhibited excellent performance of daughters of India, I felt proud of Haryana," he said.

Addressing another rally in Kurukshetra, Mr. Modi said the Kartarpur Corridor project, which would connect the religious shrine of Sikhs, was about to be completed in Punjab.

"I am fortunate to get an opportunity to rectify the political and strategic failure that occurred seven decades ago," he observed.

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Farooq's sister, daughter jailed

Police break up protest in Srinagar



Women's rally: Farooq Abdullah's daughter Safiya and sister Suraiya at a protest in Srinagar on Tuesday. ■ NISSAR AHMAD

PEERZADA ASHIQ SRINAGAR

At least 13 women protesters, including National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah's sister and daughter, were arrested on Tuesday, immediately after their bid to hold a "peaceful sit-in" against the Centre's decision to revoke Jammu & Kashmir's semi-autonomous status and hive it into two Union Territories.

"Legal action has been initiated against them. They were produced before a magistrate, who sent them to the Central Jail," Deputy In-

spector General V.K. Birdi said.

Police sources said the protesters were arrested for violating Section 144, barring assembly of more than four persons. They were booked under Section 107 for "breaching the peace."

The all-women protest was the first attempt to oppose the Centre's move since August 5. The women assembled at the centrally located Sri Pratap Park in Srinagar's Lal Chowk around noon.

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IMF trims growth rate to 6.1% in 2019

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN WASHINGTON DC

The World Bank International Monetary Fund (IMF) annual meetings kicked off on a sombre note on Tuesday, with the IMF downgrading global growth in 2019 to 3%, the slowest since the financial crisis.

India's growth projections have also been downgraded to 6.1% and 7% in 2019 and 2020, down by 1.2 percentage points and 0.5 percentage point relative to April projections, owing to weaker than expected domestic demand.

Globally, rising trade barriers, heightened uncertainty around trade and geopolitics, idiosyncratic factors that have strained emerging markets and structural factors, such as an ageing population in advanced economies, were the causes of a "synchronised slowdown", the IMF said in its 2019 World Economic Outlook (WEO) report - Global Manufacturing Downturn, Rising Trade Barriers.

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ED summons Praful in money laundering case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned former Union Minister Praful Patel for recording his statement in a money laundering case involving international drug dealer Iqbal Mirchi, who died in London in 2013. Mr. Patel has been asked

to appear before the probe team in Mumbai on October 18, said an ED official. He has denied any wrongdoing.

The agency claimed to have found documents showing that Mr. Patel's company Millennium Developers Private Limited had constructed Ceejay House in Mumbai's Worli in 2006-07.

Mr. Patel's wife is a co-owner of the company.

It is alleged that a deed of confirmation was signed between Millennium Developers and Mirchi's second wife Hazra Iqbal and their two children, Asif and Junaid, in February 2007.

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Stalemate over body of detained 'foreigner'

RAHUL KARMAKAR GUWAHATI

The family of a declared foreigner who died of illness after two years in an Assam detention centre has refused to accept his body for the third day on Tuesday. The refusal has put the Sonitpur district administration in a spot because of complications in last rites for a "non-Indian".

Dulal Paul died of diabetes and renal failure on October 13, two years after he was declared a foreigner and lodged at north-central Assam's Tezpur detention centre, one of six across the State within central jails.

The 65-year-old Paul died at the Guwahati Medical College Hospital, about 130 km south-west of his home in Sonitpur district.

Family's stand

His wife Renu Rani Paul and three sons are firm in their stand that they will accept the body only if the government declares him an Indian in writing.

"We have made it clear that if our father was a Bangladeshi, he cannot suddenly become an Indian after death unless the government gives it in writing. What if we take his body and cremate him and the government punishes us for performing the last rites of a Bangladeshi?" said Ashish Paul, one of the three sons.

The quasi-judicial FTs usually do not mention the country of origin of a person it declares a foreigner. But the reports submitted to the tribunals by the border wing of Assam police invariably find a person investigated against to have "come from Bangladesh via a secret route".

Sonitpur DC Manvendra Pratap Singh said he was not sure if there were any provisions preventing the authorities from cremating or burying an unclaimed body.

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