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SAILEE DHAYALKAR & KHUSHBOO NARAYAN
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 17

IN A big setback to the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), the Bombay High Court Thursday ruled in favour of Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) and quashed all Letters Rogatory (LRs) sent by DRI to foreign countries pertaining to alleged overvaluation of Indonesian coal imports from 2011 to 2015 by two Adani firms, halting the investigations

To get Valley kids back to school, J&K announces Class 5-12 exams



Nreeti Rani, wife of fruit loader Charanjeet Singh who was killed by militants in J&K, at their home in Abohar, Punjab on Thursday. *Express* REPORT, **PAGE 11**

Parents fearful, schools say need to spread word and step up security

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 17

IN A move aimed at bringing children back to school, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has announced the dates for year-end examinations from Class 5 to Class 12 in the Valley.

The announcement comes at a time when the region is in the midst of a shutdown against the Centre's August 5 decision to scrap the state's special status and bifurcate it into two Union Territories.

The move to conduct examinations is similar to 2016, when after months of violent protests in the Valley following the killing

of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani, the then PDP government too had announced examinations amidst the shutdown.

The State Institute of Education (SEI) and J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE) have separately issued date sheets for Classes 5 to 12.

JKBOSE chairperson Veena Pandita told *The Indian Express* that examinations for Class 10 will start from October 29, Class 12 from October 30 and final examinations for Class 9 will start from November 18. She said the Class 10 exam will be completed in 20 days while Class 9 and 12 exams will be completed

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Singh in Mumbai on Thursday. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

POLL CAMPAIGN

Singh signals a Cong shift on Article 370 and Veer Savarkar

Art. 370 was temporary, says Singh; softens party's criticism of Savarkar

SANDEEP ASHAR & MANOJ CG
MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

WITH MAHARASHTRA and Haryana voting for new assemblies in four days, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday nuanced the Congress position on the removal of J&K's special status, saying the party believes that Article 370 was a "temporary measure" under the Constitution. This is the first time a Congress leader of Singh's stature has articulated such a view.

Underlining that the "party had voted in favour of the dilution of Article 370 in Parliament", Singh told reporters in Mumbai that the Congress was "opposed to the high-handed manner" in which it was done.

He also balanced the aggressive Congress view on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar — days after his party had slammed the Maharashtra BJP for pledging in its manifesto a Bharat Ratna for Savarkar — saying it was not against him.

While he skirted the Bharat Ratna issue, saying it will be

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Push for a more pragmatic line

MANMOHAN SINGH'S remarks nudge the party's position away from the headline on two hot-button issues on which the BJP has pushed it against the wall. His view on Article 370 echoes that of a section within that argued for a more pragmatic stand. This is also meant to steal the thunder from the BJP which has dared the party to come clean on the issue.



POLL DUTY, NAGALAND IN MUMBAI

Women police personnel from Nagaland in Mumbai for election duty. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

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Shah has a history lesson: Don't blame others, rewriting it our responsibility

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 17

SAYING IT is time to "stop blaming" historians from the Left, British and Mughal eras for the "injustice done to our true history", Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday asked historians to "rewrite" India's history according to "our own viewpoint".

Addressing a seminar on the 5th-Century Gupta emperor Skandagupta, 'Guptavanshak-Veer: Skandagupta Vikramaditya', at the Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, Shah said historians need to include 200 important person-



At BHU for seminar on Skandagupta Thursday. *PTI*

alities and 25 dynasties. Recalling the achievements of the Maurya, Magadh, Gupta, Vijayanagar empires, the role of Maharana Pratap, Chhatrapati

Shivaji and the sacrifice of the Sikh gurus, he also said: "If it were not for Veer Savarkar, we would have failed to register the 1857

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Markets at policy table: New faces in PM council

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

IN A move that could bring its advisory council's ears closer to the ground and to market realities, the government Thursday announced the appointment of Nilesh Shah, MD of Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund, and Neelkanth Mishra, MD, India Strategist and co-head of equity strategy, Asia Pacific for Credit Suisse, for two years as part-time



Two year terms for Nilesh Shah and Neelkanth Mishra

members of the economic advisory council of the Prime Minister.

While V Anantha Nageswaran, dean of Institute of Financial Management and Research, was the third person to be inducted into EAC, the appointment comes almost three weeks after the two part-time members Rathin Roy and Shamika Ravi were dropped from the council and Sajjid Chinoy, chief India economist at JP Morgan, was inducted into it.

Speaking on his appointment, Shah said: "This is an honour to serve the country. I look

forward to add value to the committee from my learnings of last three decades as a student of the market."

Shah has been a star fund manager for over two decades — he has handled ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund and was CEO of Axis Capital, the investment banking arm of Axis Bank.

At a time when various indicators including bank credit growth, sales of passenger vehicles, two wheelers and retail

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At flag meeting, Bangla guards kill BSF jawan, injure another

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 17

A BSF jawan was killed and another injured after Bangladesh border guards opened fire at them Thursday during a flag meeting along the border. The flag meeting was called after Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel took three Indian fishermen into custody.

The incident set off alarm bells in the Indian security establishment with senior BSF officers rushing to the spot. While Indian officials called the BGB action "high handedness", BSF chief V K Johri spoke to his counterpart Major General Shafeenul Islam over the hotline.

The BGB Director General assured Johri of a thorough probe into the incident, said officials. Security has also been stepped up all along the 4,096-km



Vijay Bhan Singh (top) was killed, Rajvir Yadav was injured in the firing. *PTI*

Indo-Bangla border, which for years has remained cordial between the two countries. Late Thursday, a *PTI* report from Dhaka quoted the BGB saying its personnel had fired in "self-defence" after the BSF men "intruded 500 yards" into Bangladesh.

The jawan killed in the shooting was identified as head constable Vijay Bhan Singh from Chamroli village in UP's Firozabad. The 51-year-old, who is survived by his wife and two sons, joined the BSF in 1990.

"Senior officers are at the spot and the matter has been raised with BGB. One of our jawans died and another injured in the firing. This is a rare incident when our jawans were fired upon unprovoked," said a senior BSF officer in West Bengal.

According to the BSF, three Indian fishermen were fishing in the Padma river in the border

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AMIL BHATNAGAR
BAREILLY, OCTOBER 17

AROUND 6.30 pm last Thursday, two workers were digging up a small portion of a mudding field at the Bareilly cremation ground to bury an infant who had died minutes after birth. The infant's parents, a trader and his wife, looked on. About three feet down, they came across a cloth bundle. What happened next made them freeze in fear.

As they threw the packet away, they heard a faint cry from inside. One worker fled from the spot, the other ran to call the

watchman. Gathering courage, the worker and the watchman opened the bag. Inside was an earthen pot, and inside the pot was a baby girl — she was alive.

A week later, no one knows who her parents are but doctors say she is on a slow path to recovery.

"Had she been found a few hours later, the dehydration could have been fatal," says Dr Ravi Khanna, a paediatrician who is treating the infant at New Born Child and Critical Care Centre, which he runs.

The infant weighed merely 1.2 kg when she was found and has gained 65 grams since then.

Her blood platelets count had dropped to 10,000, alarmingly less than the average prescribed number, which ranges between 1.5 lakh to 4 lakh. Due to exposure, she was also down with a bacterial infection and is being given antibiotics. Her milk consumption has gone up from 5 gm to 25 gm.

"Her breathing has regularised. We are making all efforts to assist her in recovery," says Khanna.

According to local officials, the infant was about 4-5 days old when she was buried alive. She was initially admitted in the women's wing of the District



The infant at a private hospital in Bareilly, UP. *Amit Mehra*

Hospital for 30 hours before being transferred to Khanna's hospital. Doctors say the newborn's brown fat regulated her body temperature and helped her survive in the pit.

"The motive of female infanticide has not been ruled out. We have several teams trying to find the parents. It is also possible that the child was abandoned by a single mother. But the fact that the infant was buried shows the accused wanted to kill her," says Abhinandan, SP City Bareilly. The police have registered an FIR against unknown accused under sections 307 (attempt to murder) and 317 (exposure of child

under the age of 12).

The dramatic discovery by workers and the couple Hitesh Sirohi and Vaishali, who had gone to bury their infant, has also got the town buzzing.

Residents say the area does not have a boundary wall, making it difficult to track people coming and leaving. The local MLA, who is footing the bill for the baby's treatment, compares her to Ramayan's Sita because "she emerged from the ground after her *agni-pariksha* (trial by fire)".

"This is nothing but chance that we went to bury our own child and another was saved," says Vaishali, who is a police SI.

"She is a divine child who survived this ordeal. She is a goddess herself. I am bearing her medical expenses and will make sure she is educated well," says Rajesh Mishra, the BJP MLA.

Back at the cremation ground, 55-year-old watchman Babu Ram remembers the moments when he held the baby in his arms, trying to calm her.

"I had completed an hour of my shift at the shamshan ghat when one of the workers ran to me for help. We found the baby inside the pot, wrinkled and frightened. She was wearing an oversized banyan and pyjama, and breathing softly," he says.