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NEARBY



Kejriwal inaugurates 100 mohalla clinics

NEW DELHI
Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday inaugurated 100 mohalla clinics in Delhi. There are now over 300 such clinics in the city, the government said. At an event in Timarpur, the CM said that 100 more mohalla clinics would be opened in November.

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Dalit youth tortured over tractor loan

GHAZIABAD
After Pilkhuwa, one more case of alleged custodial torture has come to light from western Uttar Pradesh. A 27-year-old Dalit man was allegedly tortured by policemen when his father failed to pay the instalments of a loan on a tractor in Pahasu area of Bulandshahr.

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Centre is creating fear psychosis: NSCN(IM)

GUWAHATI
The Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland has accused the Centre of creating a fear psychosis in Naga-inhabited areas by deploying "thousands of armed forces personnel."

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U.K. Parliament votes to force Brexit delay

I will not negotiate a delay with EU, neither does the law compel me to do so, says PM Johnson



PM under pressure: Figures depicting Boris Johnson and his special adviser Dominic Cummings are displayed during a demonstration in London on Saturday. • REUTERS

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LONDON

A defiant Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would not negotiate a further delay to Britain's departure from the European Union (EU) after Parliament voted on Saturday to postpone a vote on his Brexit deal.

Parliament voted 322 to 306 in favour of an amendment put forward by Oliver Letwin, a former Conservative Cabinet Minister.

According to legislation passed earlier, the vote means Mr. Johnson is obliged to write to the EU seeking a

delay beyond Britain's scheduled departure date of October 31.

But Mr. Johnson has repeatedly vowed he will not do this, and on Saturday, he stuck to that line. "I will not negotiate a delay with the EU, and neither does the law compel me to do so," he told Parliament. "I will tell our friends and colleagues in the EU exactly what I have told everyone else in the last 88 days: further delay would be bad for this country, bad for the European Union and bad for democracy."

The vote, however, means

the government would not hold a vote on its Brexit deal on Saturday as planned. Mr. Johnson said he would put it to vote on Tuesday.

Mr. Letwin's amendment proposed that a decision on backing a Brexit deal be deferred until all the legislation needed to implement it had been passed through Parliament.

Three years after Britain voted 52-48% to leave the EU, Mr. Johnson struck a deal with the bloc in Brussels on Thursday.

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Campaigning ends in Haryana, Maharashtra

Polling will be held on October 21



Hectic day: Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at a rally in Sirsa district of Haryana on Saturday. • PTI

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NEW DELHI

Campaigning ended on Saturday for the October 21 Assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, as well as the byelections to 51 Assembly seats and two Lok Sabha constituencies spread across 18 States. Counting of votes will be on October 24.

While the BJP's high-voltage campaign focused on the dilution of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir and national security, the Opposition focused on the economy and unemployment, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi highlighting the economic slowdown, unemployment, the "failure" of demonetisation and the GST rollout.

Focus on Article 370

Campaigning for the Haryana election ended with Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing two rallies in Rewari and Ellenabad. He attacked the Congress over Article 370 and the Kartarpur Corridor, accusing it of

"destroying the country" with wrong policies and strategies.

The State has 90 Assembly seats, with 1,169 candidates, including 105 women, in the fray.

The main contest is seen between the BJP, the Congress and the Jannayak Janata Party. The BSP, the AAP, the INLD-SAD combine, Swaraj India and the Loktantra Suraksha Party have also thrown their hats into the ring, though none of them is contesting in all 90 seats.

The campaign in Maharashtra was again dominated by the aggressive narrative on Article 370 by the BJP for a second straight term under Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis. From the Opposition's perspective, it was lacklustre canvassing, except a few rallies addressed by Mr. Gandhi and NCP leader Sharad Pawar.

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India decides to put off PM Modi's visit to Turkey

Govt. upset at Erdogan's Kashmir stand; uncertainty over tender to Anadolu Shipyard

SUHASINI HAIDAR

NEW DELHI

The government has decided to put off a proposed visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Ankara as part of a number of measures showing its displeasure over Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) last month, in which he criticised its move on Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir.

Sources said the visit, which had been discussed when Mr. Modi met Mr. Erdogan in Osaka in June last, is unlikely to take place by the year-end, as planned earlier.

Official sources said India's sharp criticism of Ankara's military operations in Syria this week, as well as an "expected" decision to can-

cel the selection of Turkey's Anadolu Shipyard for building naval support ships, followed its "unhappiness" over Turkey's stand on Kashmir.

When asked, officials of the Ministry of External Affairs said no such visit by Mr. Modi was under discussion.

'Visit was expected'

However, Turkey's Ambassador to India Sakir Ozkan Torunlar told *The Hindu* that Mr. Modi's visit was expected by his government.

"It is not just an expectation [PM's visit to Turkey]. It has been discussed recently, and we are now awaiting alternative date proposals according to PM Modi's schedule in the next couple of months. The Government of

India has to decide but it certainly is being discussed, and we are awaiting dates from South Block," he said.

Official sources also confirmed to *The Hindu* that the \$2.3 billion tender granted to Turkey's Anadolu Shipyard earlier this year to help build five 45,000-tonne fleet support ships for the Hindustan Shipyard Limited is likely to be cancelled.

While the sources noted that rules for local procurement and security concerns over Anadolu's work for the Pakistan navy were reasons for the likely cancellation, diplomatic sources said Turkey's recent statements and its support for Pakistan at the Financial Action Task Force on terror financing were also considered.

When asked, the Turkish Ambassador said he hoped the tender is retained.

"It is a commercial issue; so I don't know what will happen. Whenever Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to President Erdogan, he has spoken of his 'Make in India' concept and his desire to build 'Smart Cities'. So we would like to go ahead with the shipyard project and not put it aside," Mr. Torunlar said.

To a query if India-Turkey ties had suffered as a result of the recent developments, he said he didn't think "one vertical", where there are differences, should "define the fate" of bilateral relations.

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Let Hajela go only on accounting for NRC money: BJP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI

The BJP Assam unit has asked the Sarbananda Sonowal government to relieve Prateek Hajela from service in the State only after he provided an account of every rupee spent on the exercise to update the National Register of Citizens.

The Supreme Court on Friday ordered the inter-cadre transfer of Mr. Hajela, State NRC Coordinator, to his home State of Madhya Pradesh. The court gave no reason for the order, but it is believed the official was under pressure from the BJP and certain organisations for "failing" to provide an error-free NRC.

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Hindutva leader's murder: three held in Surat

Two clerics booked in U.P., one suspect is being questioned in Nagpur

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LUCKNOW

Three persons have been detained in Surat and two Muslim clerics booked in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, for the murder of Hindu Samaj Party leader Kamlesh Tiwari, the police said on Saturday.

The Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh police detained five persons in Surat but let off two after an inquiry.

The three detained were identified as Maulana Mohsin Sheikh Salim, 24, who worked in a sari shop; Faizan, 21, who was employed in a shoe store; and Rashid Ahmed Pathan alias Khurshid Ahmed, 23, a tailor who also has some knowledge of computers.

DGP O.P. Singh said in Lucknow that as per the preliminary probe, the three were found to be involved in the conspiracy. The clerics



The three suspects who were held in Surat. • PTI

detained were identified as Maulana Mohammad Mufti Naeem Kazmi and Imam Maulana Anwarul Haq.

Maharashtra ATS chief Devan Bharti confirmed that one suspect was being questioned in Nagpur.

The clerics had "announced" a bounty of ₹1.5 crore for "beheading" Tiwari for his alleged controversial

comments on Prophet Muhammad in 2015. They were booked for conspiracy, and being questioned, Mr. Singh said. They were named in the police complaint filed by the victim's wife, Kiran Tiwari. Mr. Singh said there was no terror angle in the case.

'Radical killing'

There were two other persons, including the main accused, about whom the police were trying to gather information. Pathan "made the initial plan", while Salim acted as a "propeller". Salim had given a statement saying it was fair to murder Tiwari for his controversial comments, the DGP said. Prima facie, it was a radical killing. Tiwari had been provided adequate security in the form of a policeman and a gunner and there was no laxity on the part of the police

administration, he added. Faizan is accused of purchasing the box of sweets recovered from the house of Tiwari after the murder in the Naka area of Lucknow.

The two let off in Surat by the police after questioning were Pathan's brother and Gaurav Tiwari who, a few days ago, called up Tiwari, offering to join his outfit, the Hindu Samaj Party.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the murder was a "mischief done to create terror". "Any elements spreading an atmosphere of fear and terror, [we] will crush their plans," he said.

Tiwari was cremated in his native Mahmudabad in Sitapur district. Lucknow Divisional Commissioner Mukesh Meshram said the administration would provide security and financial support to the family.

Tummy trouble — vets remove 52 kg of plastic from cow

Surgeons from TANUVAS worked over five hours to clear the waste, which included pins and needles

B. KOLAPPAN

CHENNAI

A stomach full of plastics led to a cow from Thirumullaivoyal, on the outskirts of Chennai, being brought to the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) at Vepery.

In a chilling example of the harm caused by the indiscriminate use and disposal of plastics, the animal was found to have ingested vast quantities of waste resulting in a life threatening condition, quite impossible to detect. The plastics caused

severe pain to the animal, and it was seen kicking its stomach frequently with its legs. Subsequently, milk yield dropped.

It took veterinarians at the university five-and-a-half hours to surgically remove 52 kg of plastic waste from the stomach of the cow.

Threat from plastics

"The incident exemplifies the threat to animals posed by plastics discarded indiscriminately. Though we have removed plastics from cows in the past, the quantity this time is unprecedented," said S.



Testing surgery: The cow, which underwent a surgery, and the plastic removed from its stomach. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Balasubramanian, Director, Clinics, TANUVAS.

"We could feel the presence of plastics even during a manual rectal examination. Plastics could

have accumulated in the rumen over two years," explained P. Selvaraj, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Medicine. "We found that plastics occupied

75% of the rumen, one of the four chambers of the cow's stomach."

The surgery started at 11 a.m. on Friday and ended at 4.30 p.m. "It was a long and complicated surgery. Since the wastes were attached to the walls of the rumen, we had to be very careful that we did not damage the wall," said Assistant Professor of Surgery A. Velavan, who performed the surgery with another surgeon R. Sivasankar. A team of postgraduate students also participated. A few pins and needles were found among the plastics.

JAGRITI CHANDRA

NEW DELHI

"I am now a free woman," says Nirmal Chandel, pointing towards her bright clothes, bangles and jewellery, which she was forbidden from wearing as a 25-year-old widow.

Lalli Dhakar was married at the age of 18 months, spurned by her husband for a second wife as a 12-year-old, a mother at 13 years and widowed by 15, after which she found herself thrown out of her marital home, and turned away by her parents. The two women now hold



Over 100 women from 11 States attended the event. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

leadership positions at the National Forum for Single Women's Rights, which is a collective of single women comprising widowed, divorced, separated and never married women with a membership of 1,50,000.

Women like them demand employment, pension for all single women below the poverty line, scholarship for educating their children, medical care, skills training and a right to their marital property so that they can avail themselves of government schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana for affordable housing.

As many as 100 women gathered in the national capital last week from 11 States to exchange their personal stories, share their struggle for their rights and provide inspiration to each other.