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FB report: Spike in 'emergency' requests from govt on user info

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THERE HAS been a sharp spike in "emergency" requests for user information from Indian government agencies to Facebook, according to the company's latest transparency report.

The report, released on Wednesday, said there were 1,615 such requests in the first half of 2019, up from 861 in the second half of 2018. In all, there were 1,478 "emergency" requests last year, more than a three-fold jump from 460 in 2017.

Normally, data requests to a US-based company, as per the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT), have to be routed through the US Department of Justice. But the "emergency" requests are sent directly to Facebook, through its "law enforcement online request system".

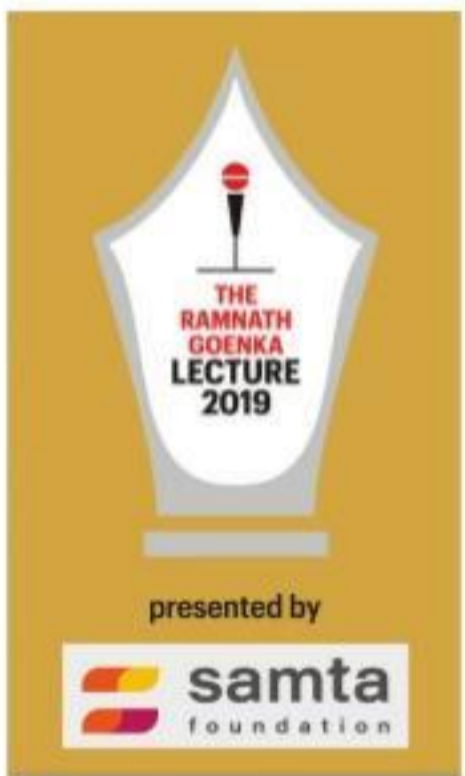
"In emergencies, law
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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the fourth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture in New Delhi, Thursday. Neeraj Priyadarshi

FOURTH RAMNATH GOENKA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Real obstacle to India's rise not barriers of world but dogmas of Delhi: Jaishankar



SHUBHAJIT ROY & KRISHN KAUSHIK
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AN APPROACH that takes risks as well as hedges, injects greater realism in policy, reads the global tea leaves right — and is willing to look beyond dogma and enter the real world of convergences. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spelt out the government's approach to foreign

policy in his first major speech in New Delhi Thursday.

Delivering the fourth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture, on the topic "Beyond the Delhi Dogma: Indian Foreign Policy in a Changing World", Jaishankar provided an assessment of the last 70 years of India's foreign policy choices and challenged past positions — from dealing with China on boundary issues and handling Pakistan to managing ties with the US.

"The purposeful pursuit of national interest in shifting global dynamics may not be easy; but it must be done. And the real obstacle to the rise of

India is not anymore the barriers of the world, but the dogmas of Delhi," he said.

"The balance sheet for India's foreign policy after seven decades presents a mixed picture. National development is at the heart of any assessment, and it is difficult to quarrel with the view that there has been significant progress, but not enough. The comparison with what China achieved in the same period is sobering," Jaishankar said.

"Reading the global tea leaves right and then leveraging the international situation could have gone better. Indeed the
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SABARIMALA REVIEW PLEAS KEPT PENDING

Let big bench decide larger issues, essential religious practices: SC

In 3-2 verdict, Constitution Bench says its 2018 ruling may impinge affairs of other religions too, needs examination

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CONCLUDING THAT its September 28, 2018 judgment lifting age restrictions on the entry of women into the Sabarimala hill shrine may impinge on the affairs of other religions too and will require a more detailed examination, the Supreme Court, in a 3-2 decision Thursday, decided that petitions seeking review of the verdict will be kept pending till a larger bench of seven judges takes a call on the matter.

In turning to a larger Bench, three of the five judges on the Constitution Bench — Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justices A M Khanwilkar and Indu Malhotra — sought clarity on issues ranging from the essential religious practice test, including the "apparent conflict"



From top left: CJI Gogoi, Justices Khanwilkar, Malhotra

between rulings in the Shirur Mutt case and Durgah Committee, Ajmer; entry into a mosque/durgah by Muslim women and into an agyari by Parsi women married to non-Parsis; the interplay between freedom of religion under Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution and other provi-

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sions in Part III, particularly Article 14; and, the definition of constitutional morality.

While Justices Rohinton F Nariman and DY Chandrachud
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To review or not is only narrow question, rest later: The 2 in 3-2

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DISAGREEING WITH the majority view which sought to club the Sabarimala matter with issues of Muslim, Parsi and Dawoodi Bohra women, Justices R F Nariman and D Y Chandrachud said the only "narrow question" before the bench was whether the Sabarimala ruling should be reviewed, and not the other issues which, they said, will be dealt with whenever the occasion arises.

Writing for both, Justice Nariman took a stern view of the protests that followed the September 28, 2018 judgment



Justices R F Nariman, D Y Chandrachud

that lifted age restrictions on the entry of women into the hill shrine, saying compliance with its orders was not an option. The two judges told the Kerala government that "organised acts of resistance to thwart the implementation of this judgment must be put down firmly".

While clarifying that they were not interfering with the freedom to criticise judgments, they said "bonafide criticism of a judgment, albeit of the highest court of the land, is certainly permissible, but thwarting, or encouraging persons to thwart, the directions or orders of the highest court cannot be countenanced in our Constitutional scheme of things. After all, in India's tryst with destiny, we have chosen to be wedded to the rule of law as laid down by the Constitution of India. Let every person remember that the 'holy book' is the Constitution of India, and it is with this book in hand that the citizens of India march together
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From left: Cong's Vijay Waddetiwar, Prithviraj Chavan, Sena's Eknath Shinde, NCP's Jayant Patil, Sena's Subhash Desai, Cong's Manikrao Thakre, NCP's Nawab Malik and Chhagan Bhujbal at the meeting in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

Sena sits at table with Cong and NCP for a common agenda

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

EXPLAINED
Bumpy road for Sena

THE CONGRESS, Shiv Sena and NCP have taken the first big step together to evolve a common agenda. But the road ahead is bumpy, especially for the Sena and its Hindutva core. The NCP and Congress have already sought assurances on the welfare of minorities — and the Sena's response will be key.

A DAY after Union Home Minister and BJP national president Amit Shah blamed Shiv Sena for the collapse of their pre-poll alliance, the Sena Thursday took another step towards forming a government with the Congress and NCP by attending the first joint meeting of the three parties to evolve a common minimum programme (CMP).

The Sena's legislative party leader Eknath Shinde, who attended the meeting, said that "a draft of the CMP had been readied, which will be shared with the leadership of the three parties".

Sources said the Congress and NCP obtained an assurance from the Sena that it was not opposed in principle to 5 per cent reservation for Muslims in education. The scheme was ini-

tiated by the Congress-NCP during its previous government but was not implemented by the BJP-Sena regime that came later.
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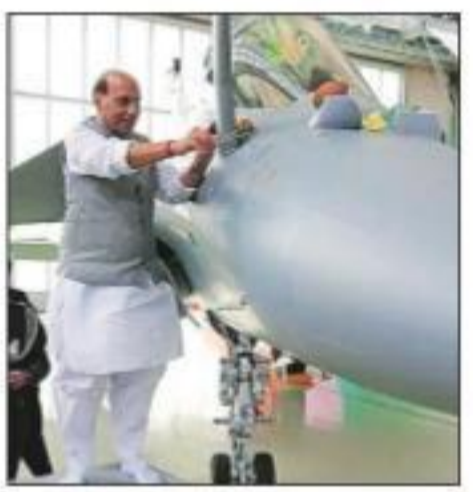
SC rejects Rafale review pleas: No roving and fishing enquiry needed

Justice Joseph: Verdict doesn't stop CBI from taking action

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THE SUPREME COURT Thursday dismissed petitions seeking review of its December 14, 2018 decision to reject a plea for a court-monitored probe into India's purchase of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft from France.

The bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi rejected attempts by petitioners, former Union Ministers Yashwant Sinha, Arun Shourie and advocate Prashant Bhushan, to rely on additional documents related to the deal which were published by *The Hindu* and subsequently carried by news agency ANI.



The first batch of Rafale will arrive in May next year. File

Justice K M Joseph, who along with the CJI and Justice S K Kaul made the bench, in a separate concurring judgment said though the review had been

dismissed, it will "not stand in the way" of the CBI from taking action on the document after obtaining previous approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

He pointed out that "petitioners have filed the complaint fully knowing that Section 17A constituted a bar to any inquiry or enquiry or investigation unless there was previous approval. In fact, a request is made to at least take the first step of seeking permission under Section 17A of the 2018 Act. Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 298 of 2018 was
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Modi, Xi meet at BRICS, third informal summit in China next year: 'New direction, new energy'

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi, who met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Brasilia on Wednesday, said there has been a "new direction and new energy" in bilateral ties after their second informal summit in Mahabalipuram. Xi has invited Modi for their third informal summit next year.

The two leaders agreed that the new 'high-level mechanism on trade and economy', decided



Narendra Modi with Cyril Ramaphosa, Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin and Jair Bolsonaro in Brasilia on Thursday. Reuters

at the Mahabalipuram summit, should meet at an early date. This was one of the key outcomes of the second informal summit last month.

They also noted that the special representatives will hold another meeting on issues related to the boundary question and reiterated the importance of maintaining peace and security in the
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NO MALLS, no walks, no stepping out at night.

On its arrival in Hong Kong, where a fresh bout of violent pro-democracy protests have entered the fourth day, the Indian badminton contingent was handed a list of guidelines to follow while taking part in the World Tour Super 500 tournament at the Coliseum stadium in Kowloon.

For the shuttlers, it's turning out to be a "different experience".

"The moment we landed, we were handed out sheets where they had given us some guidelines," says Chirag Shetty, one half of a talented doubles pair with Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.

"Basically, the instructions (from local organisers) are to stay indoors as much as possible. And to not go out because of the protests. There are places around our hotel that have witnessed protests. So they asked us not to visit those places. The hotel is right next to the stadium but even then, we were asked to take the bus because walking down is not safe," says the 22-year-old.

Tsim Sha Tsui, the main shopping hub with its eateries that is a regular haunt of Indian shuttlers on the world circuit, is also out of bound after dusk. "We've had to finish our dinner early or go to a nearby mall for food. They asked us to avoid going there (Tsim Sha Tsui) at night because usually that place has a lot of protests," says Shetty.

Some of the players had also hoped to visit a popular Apple store near the team hotel, but could not as "it has been shut for the last three days".

Shetty and Rankireddy reached Hong Kong Monday from Fuzhou where they made



Protesters in Hong Kong on Thursday. Reuters REPORT, PAGE 15



EXPRESS IN COLOMBO
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SEVEN MONTHS after the Easter Sunday blasts, Sri Lanka goes to polls Saturday to elect a new President — with one big difference from 2015.

Maithripala Sirisena, who rode a surge of public anger against the Rajapaksa family to win by a massive margin four years ago, is not in the fray. And, one of the main contenders this



Posters of UNP's Sajith Premadasa, Colombo. Reuters

time is Gotabaya Rajapaksa, ex-defence secretary and younger brother of former president Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Gotabaya, the Opposition candidate, appears to have
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