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From the time when rugby was a white man's game to a black man captaining the Springboks to a World Cup win, South Africa has come a long way. How does an Indian-origin woman's life intersect with this moment in history?

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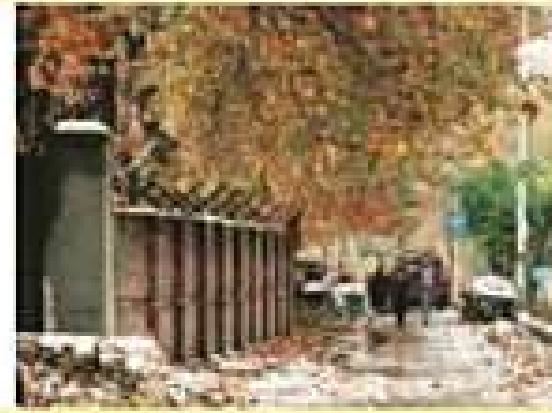
'PM SAID THINGS AGAINST NITISH... I WAS CALLED MONKEY. THESE ARE POLITICAL STATEMENTS...'

DUSHYANT CHAUTALA, Deputy CM, Haryana

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Winter is coming

Kashmir's unusually early winter, with snow flattening trees and power lines, has added to the problems of the region



Sena to skip meeting of NDA allies today, Pawar and Sonia to meet soon

Have not been invited, RS seating arrangement changed: Sena MP



Two days after Supreme Court review order, priests open the sanctum sanctorum of Sabarimala Temple on Saturday. ANI

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THE SHIV Sena said on Saturday that it would not attend a meeting of NDA allies in New Delhi on Sunday, on the eve of the Winter Session of Parliament, as it had not been invited. Meanwhile, the talks on government formation in Maharashtra are set to move to Delhi, with NCP chief Sharad Pawar likely to meet Congress president Sonia Gandhi in the coming week.

The NCP leadership is expected to meet in Pune on Sunday to discuss the recommendations made in the Common Minimum Programme (CMP), discussed at its first joint meeting with the Congress and Sena on Thursday.

"It is not a question of boycotting the (NDA) meeting. We have not been invited for the meeting and hence we are not going. As to whether we are still a constituent of the NDA, that is for the BJP to decide. Our party chief, Uddhav Thackeray, has not made any statement saying that we are not part of the NDA," said Vinayak

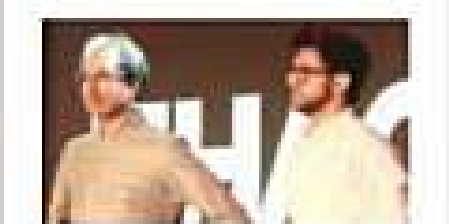
Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chairs an all-party meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. Amit Mehra

EXPLAINED
Action moves to Delhi

WITH THE Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena having decided on the first draft of the CMP, the action has moved to Delhi from Mumbai, where Sharad Pawar and Sonia Gandhi will meet in the coming week. Given the differences between the Congress-NCP and Sena, the parties would like to take all precautions that they can anticipate.

Raut, Sena MP in the Lok Sabha. "I have come to know that the seating arrangement of our Rajya Sabha MPs in the House has been altered. The BJP has

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Waiting in the wings

conspired to keep the Sena away from the NDA," he said. The Shiv Sena's lone minister in the Union Cabinet, Arvind Sawant, quit the Narendra Modi Cabinet on November 11. Shiv Sena MP and executive editor of party mouthpiece *Saamana*, Sanjay Raut, said the

As Sabarimala temple opens, Kerala police stop 10 women

SHAJU PHILIP
 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 16

AS THE Sabarimala temple opened for the two-month-long annual pilgrimage season amid tight security on Saturday, police stopped at least 10 young women from trekking to the hill shrine.

Police sources said the 10 women of menstruating age were part of a group of about 50 people from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. "They were on a tour of temples in the region, and their itinerary included Sabarimala. Our personnel deployed at the Pamba base station politely dissuaded them from going to

the shrine. They agreed to stay back at Pamba, while the others in the group went up to the temple," said a senior police officer.

To stop young women from going to the shrine, police have decided to check all vehicles at Nilakkal — the first base station from where pilgrims are allowed to proceed to Pamba. Women police constables have been deployed in the area.

The latest stand is in stark contrast to the CPM-led government's position last year when the Supreme Court had lifted the traditional bar on women of menstruating age from entering the temple. This is the second pilgrim season after the Supreme Court's ruling in September 2018.

Last year, the government had pushed firmly to implement the court order, while equating the entry of young women to the Left's commitment to ensuring gender justice and protecting the renaissance traditions of the state. However, this move led to largescale protests that contributed to the Left alliance ending up with just one seat out of 20 in the Lok Sabha polls.

On Friday, a day after the Supreme Court referred review petitions on the entry of women of all ages in Sabarimala to a larger bench, the Kerala government pointed to "grey areas" in the judgment and indicated that it is "not going to take young women to the temple".

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'NON-BAILABLE OFFENCE'
Ganga pollution: Govt plans 5-yr jail, Rs 50 cr fine

National Ganga Bill to be introduced in Winter Session of Parliament

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 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16



Maximum fine for obstructing the flow of the river. Express Archive

POLLUTING OR "obstructing the flow" of Ganga may attract a penalty of up to five years imprisonment and a fine as high as Rs 50 crore under the proposed "The National River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Bill, 2019", which the government plans to introduce and pass during the Winter Session of Parliament beginning Monday.

"Offences under this Act to be cognizable and non-bailable for causing pollution in river Ganga," states the draft Bill circulated by the Ministry of Jal Shakti for Cabinet approval.

According to sources, the draft Bill, which comprises 13 chapters and three schedules, lists graded penalties, depending on the severity of the offence, under a dozen sections. These include activities like illegal construction of ports or jetties; storage or diversion of water by any means causing obstruction to the flow of water; mining, stone quarrying or extracting

ground water; and spoiling or defacing the ghats of the Ganga and its tributaries.

A maximum fine of Rs 50 crore has been proposed for causing obstruction to the flow of the Ganga without prior permission, said sources. Similarly, the maximum imprisonment of up to five years has been proposed for construction of permanent residential or commercial structures in the active floodplains of Ganga and its tributaries, said sources.

According to sources, a provision has been made for regulating activities like mining, stone quarrying or extracting ground water, which may attract

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Dalit labourer who was beaten up, 'forced to drink urine' dies

RAAKHI JAGGA & SAURABH PRASHAR
 LU DHIANA, CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 16

NINE DAYS after he was allegedly beaten up and forced to drink urine, Jagmale Singh (37), a Dalit labourer of Changali Wala village in Sangrur district of Punjab, succumbed to his injuries on Saturday.

All the four accused — Amarjeet Singh, his son Rinku, and the latter's friends, Lucky and Binder — have been arrested. The four, all residents of the same village, had reportedly targeted Jagmale following an altercation on October 21. All of them belong to the Jat Sikh community.

"We arrested Amarjeet, Rinku and Lucky on November 14, while Binder was arrested on November 15. On questioning, they claimed that the victim had abused them," said Sangrur SSP Sandeep Garg. The four accused have been booked for murder and under the SC/ST Act.

According to Jagmale's statement to the police, as quoted in the FIR, he was taken to Rinku's house and beaten up on November 7. "I was tied to a pole for two-three hours. Beeta alias



Jagmale (left) was attacked on November 7; (above) his wife Manjeet. Kamleshwar Singh



Binder had a stick in his hand, Rinku was holding my arms, while his father Amarjeet was carrying a small rod. They beat me up mercilessly... When I asked Rinku to give me water, he went to the bathroom, urinated, and made me drink his urine," Jagmale said in his statement.

According to the FIR, the medical report noted that the injuries were caused by a blunt weapon.

"On October 21, my husband

had an altercation with Rinku, Binder and his friends. However, the matter was resolved. But on November 7, Rinku, Binder and Lucky took my husband to Amarjeet's house and beat him up," Jagmale's wife, Manjeet Kaur (32), told *The Sunday Express*. The couple have three children — a 15-year-old son and two daughters aged 9 and 6 years.

"He was tied to a pole and beaten up. His legs were broken after being hit with rods and sticks, and injuries were inflicted with a screwdriver. Acid was

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Yogi summons minister after she 'threatens' police officer for Ansal FIR

AVANEESH MISHRA
 LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 16

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath summoned minister Swati Singh on Saturday, a day after the recording of a purported phone call emerged in which Singh allegedly threatens a police officer for registering an FIR against real estate giant Ansal.

Adityanath has also asked DGP Om Prakash Singh to submit a detailed report on the matter within 24 hours.

In the recording, Swati Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Women's Welfare, Child Development & Nutrition, purportedly questions DSP Beenu Singh, posted as circle officer (CO) of Lucknow's Cantonment area, for lodging an FIR against Ansal Developers, and allegedly says that there are orders "from above" that no FIR be registered against them, and that this was in "the CM's knowledge".

"Aapne Ansal ka koi FIR likha hai? Kyun likha aapne? Aapko

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STATUS OF RELEASE OF IOE GRANT (IN RS CRORE)

	Released FY18-19	Budget allocation FY19-20	Released FY19-20	Unspent balance*	Yet to be released FY19-20
IIT Delhi	42.96	400	50	73.54	85.04
IISc Bengaluru	42.97	—	35	56.53	100.03
IIT Bombay	42.97	—	—	42.97	135.03

*As of Sept 30, 2019

3 institutes of eminence flag slow funding, govt points to unspent funds

RITIKA CHOPRA
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE INDIAN Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Mumbai and Delhi and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru have flagged concerns over the pace of funding by the HRD Ministry under the 'Institution of Eminence' (IoE) scheme.

Raising this issue in their presentation to the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) on September 26, the three government institutes, which were awarded the 'eminence' tag in July last year, flagged challenges in implementing their IoE plans on the grounds of inadequate and delayed funding by the government.

The HRD Ministry is supposed to give Rs 1,000 crore, over

five years, to each of the public educational institutes declared as 'eminent'.

Since July 2018, IIT-Delhi has received about Rs 93 crore, against its demand for roughly Rs 200 crore; IISc has received about Rs 78 crore against its projected requirement of Rs 167 crore in the first year; and IIT-Bombay has got Rs 43 crore — although it submitted its request for more funds in May this year, it hasn't received any.

When contacted, N Gopalaswami, former Chief Election Commissioner who now heads the EEC, said, "Whatever you have been told is not the complete truth. Please ask them if they have been able to spend the money already given to them."

The EEC is tasked with recommending names for the IoE

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SUBODH GUPTA CASE
Outing details of account will violate privacy, FB tells HC

PRITAM PAL SINGH
 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

FACEBOOK INC. has moved an application in Delhi High Court to say that revealing details of the person behind the anonymous '@herdsceneand' Instagram account, which had posted allegations of sexual harassment against artist Subodh Gupta, "would risk violating the right to privacy", and adversely impact "potential victims of sexual harassment who share their experiences" through the account.

"Indeed, nations throughout the world have recognized that the right to communicate anonymously is an integral facet of a person's fundamental rights," Facebook said in its application filed with the High Court registry on November 13.

"Such a direction", it said, "would chill lawful speech and expression, dissuading not only sexual harassment victims from sharing their experiences in the future, but also whistleblowers from reporting such unlawful acts".

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Drones and an MLA's expertise in 10-day quest to capture 'killer' elephant

ABHISHEK SAHA
 GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 16

IT WAS around 4 pm on November 1. A group of forest officials and wildlife experts were huddled around a screen, looking intently at feed from a camera mounted on a drone hovering above the Satabari reserve forest in Assam's Goalpara district. The camera was searching for a lone rogue elephant that had killed five people in the area three days previously.

A speck of grey appeared amid the lush green of the forest. And Sunny Deo Singh, divisional forest officer of Cachar forest division who was operating the drone, zoomed in on it.

"As the drone dropped to a height of 30 metres from the ground, the grey spot turned out to be the elephant — a 9-foot, 8-inch-tall male weighing around 4 tonnes that had gone on the rampage in the area," Akash Deep Baruah, chief conservator of forests, Lower Assam Zone, told *The Sunday Express*. "By corroborating the accounts by eyewitnesses and our

field staff, and mapping the location of the elephant, it was found close to where it had killed the fifth person — we confirmed that this was indeed the elephant in question."

Baruah had arrived in the area on October 30 to head an eight-member team of forest officials, elephant experts, and veterinarians that was put together to track down the elephant. Two days of search operations on the ground using domesticated and trained elephants that are locally known as *kumkis*, had not produced results.



Forest officials operating the drone, (right) what camera caught. Assam Forest Department



Time was running out — the elephant needed to be tracked quickly to avoid potential further damage to life and property.

Villagers in the area were panicking — the memory of another lone elephant that had killed scores of people and caused sig-

nificant damage to crops in the area last year fresh in their minds. That earlier elephant, called "Laden" by terror-struck local

people, had died of natural causes last year, forest officials said.

On October 29 evening, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had held a meeting with the deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Goalpara, and directed the Forest Department to rush a special team to "capture the rogue elephant if required".

However, to capture the elephant, it needed to be first identified and tracked. This was difficult — the elephant tended to remain deep inside the forest during the day, and come out to

open patches only after dark. "It was the first time in the state that drones were used in such a situation. After having identified and tracked the elephant, the next step was to tranquillise and translocate it," Parimal Suklabaidya, the state environment and forest minister, told *The Sunday Express*.

So, later on November 4, at an urgent meeting chaired by Suklabaidya and attended by top government officials and members of the committee headed by Baruah, a decision was taken to

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