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CRPF constable on poll duty kills 2 officers in Jharkhand

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, DECEMBER 10

IN THE second incident of fratricide in the state in less than 24 hours, a CRPF constable allegedly shot dead two of his officers in Bokaro on Monday night.

According to reports, Constable Deependra Yadav of the 226th battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force — which has been deployed for the Jharkhand Assembly elections — shot dead Assistant Commandant Sahul Harshan and Assistant Sub-Inspector Poorna Nand Bhuiya around 9.30 pm on Monday. Yadav and another constable sustained injuries.

Police sources said Yadav was
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Govt agencies get wide powers to call for personal data in privacy Bill

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

THE PERSONAL Data Protection Bill listed to be introduced in Lok Sabha on Wednesday has allowed transfer of certain types of personal data overseas, but has given broad powers to government agencies to collect personal and sensitive data of citizens.

An earlier draft Bill prepared by the Justice BN Srikrishna committee had provided exemptions to the government for collecting

CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

CAB in RS today: Govt sure of numbers despite Sena U-turn, dissent in JD(U)

Won't back if no answers, says Uddhav; JD(U) leader asks Nitish to reconsider

ABANTIKA GHOSH, VISHWAS WAGHMODE & SANTOSH SINGH
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, PATNA, DECEMBER 10

DESPITE A U-turn by its former ally Shiv Sena, and murmurs of dissent within its alliance partner JD(U), the government is all set to get the numbers required to pass the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, in the Rajya Sabha Wednesday.

The Bill, which was cleared by the Lok Sabha with a 311-80 margin at 12.02 am Tuesday, seeks to provide Indian citizenship to non-Muslims who entered the country from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan until December 31, 2014.

Setting the stage for the next round, Sena chief and Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said his party would not back the Bill in the Rajya Sabha if its queries are not addressed by the government. The Sena has three MPs in the Upper House, which has a

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Numbers favour govt in RS

THE SHIV Sena's U-turn reflects the new political alignment in Maharashtra and the JD(U) is trying to strike a balance with Bihar going to polls next year. But the government is eyeing at least 128 votes in the 240-member RS to push the CAB through.

current strength of 240.

Meanwhile, senior JD(U) leader Pavan K Varma echoed reservations expressed by his
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Undermines basic democratic tenet, says influential bipartisan US panel

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

HOURS AFTER the Lok Sabha passed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which is an influential bipartisan body of the US Congress, said Tuesday that "religious pluralism" is central to the foundations of India and the US, and that a "religious test" for citizenship "undermines" this democratic tenet.

The European Union's new envoy to India, meanwhile,

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The European Union's new envoy to India, meanwhile,

expressed confidence that the outcome of discussions in Parliament on the Bill will be "in line with the high standards" laid down in the Indian Constitution, which guarantees equality.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry, however, condemned the proposed law and described it as a "glaring attempt... to interfere in neighbouring countries with malafide intent".
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Why West Bengal is in crosshairs of CAB, NRC

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

ASSAM AND the rest of north-east India is on the boil over the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, but it is in West Bengal that the proposed legislation will play a critical part if the BJP-led central government goes ahead

with a nation-wide National Register of Citizens (NRC) to identify illegal immigrants.

With West Bengal going to polls in 2021, the BJP fielded as many as five MPs from the state to speak on the Bill in the Lok Sabha Monday — state chief Dilip Ghosh, Mahila Morcha chief Locket Chatterjee,
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BUSINESS AS USUAL



Hounded out, Sanskrit professor changes BHU post, students celebrate

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 10

OVER A month after protests broke out in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) over his appointment, Firoze Khan on Monday resigned from the Faculty of Sanskrit following his appointment to the university's Arts Faculty. The students, who had been agitating against the appointment of a Muslim to BHU's Faculty of Sanskrit Vidya



Firoze Khan
has joined
Faculty of
Arts: BHU

Dharma Vigyan (SVDV), celebrated the resignation by distributing sweets among the students and the staff.

In a letter dated December 10, Professor Kaushalendra Pandey,
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Unnao rape accused claims he was in hospital, doctor says his records fake

AVANEESH MISHRA
UNNAO, DECEMBER 10

ONE OF the two accused in the gangrape of the 23-year-old Unnao woman — who died last week, a day after she was set on fire by five men, including the accused — had, around a month ago, filed a document in court, claiming that he was admitted to the local Primary Health Centre (PHC) on the date of the alleged rape.

Officials at the Sumerpur PHC, however, confirmed to *The Indian Express* that the purported "medical registration slip" in the



The Primary Health Centre in Sumerpur. Avaneesh Mishra

name of Shubham Trivedi is "fake" and that no patient by that name was admitted to the hospital on those dates.

The "registration slip" shows that Shubham was admitted to

the PHC on December 10 last year and discharged five days later. The woman has told police that she was gangraped, allegedly by Shubham and his friend Shivam, on December 12 last year. The FIR was registered on March 5 this year.

Shubham's father Hari Shankar, who is among the five under arrest for setting the woman on fire, had presented the "registration slip" to the High Court, along with a writ petition seeking the removal of Shubham's name from the FIR on the gangrape.

The "medical slip" mentions
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TALKING POINT

N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group, and Sunil Jain, Managing Editor, *Financial Express*, at the Express Adda in Mumbai on Tuesday.
Amit Chakravarty



73% of Class X students in Delhi govt schools opt for basic maths

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SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

ALMOST 73% of Delhi government school students have decided to make their lives easier during the 2020 Class X board examinations by opting for the basic mathematics paper, a new option introduced by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) which will be a simpler test than the standard mathematics paper.

In contrast, just about 33% of the approximately 18 lakh students who have registered for the examination across India and abroad have chosen basic mathematics.
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41,386 students pick standard maths; 1,11,001 basic maths. File

However, these numbers cannot be seen in isolation. While all the 1,030 schools run by the Delhi government are affiliated to the central board, most state government schools in other states are affiliated to their respective state boards. In these states, most schools affiliated to

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