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Congress ex-MP V. Hanumantha Rao says KCR needs to announce that he will not implement CAA in the state



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## Owaisi appeals to students

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Hyderabad MP MIM president Asaduddin Owaisi, in a video message, appealed to students to take out rallies only at those places where police permission has been given. He made the appeal after parents of students who were arrested by the police at Charminar made calls to him. The students were arrested for protesting against the CAA and NRC. Mr Owaisi who will address a rally on December 21 at Darussalam asked the people to gather peacefully.

## 3 flights from Delhi cancelled

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Three flights from Delhi to Hyderabad were cancelled by Indigo Airlines as the pilots could not reach the airport due to the protests and also shutdown of internet in the capital. The flights were from Delhi via Hyderabad to Bangalore and Mumbai. The airlines cited weather conditions and operational issues for the cancellation. With the holiday season beginning the flights are fully booked and these cancellations are affecting the travel of passengers.

## Stone laid for Christian Bhavan

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL  
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Minority welfare minister Koppula Eashwar, laid the foundation stone for the Christian Bhavan at Kokapet, Ranga Reddy District. Minister for education Sabitha Indra Reddy presided over the event. Apart from land, the Telangana government allocated Rs 10 crore for the construction of the bhavan. Speaking at the event, the welfare minister said, "Before the formation of Telangana, christian minorities were insecure in this state but not anymore. Our Chief Minister never hesitated to give prime land for this bhavan." Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Rao will be hosting a dinner for the Christian minorities at the L B Stadium. The Telangana government recently allotted 40.21 acres of land for Christian burial ground.

## STRATEGIES MUST TO SECURE COASTAL INFRA

RAJESWARI PARASA  
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There is a need to adopt various strategies to reduce the effect on coastal infrastructure during cyclones, experts suggested at HYDRO 2019 held in the city on Thursday. A study in this regard has been taken up by scholars from IIT Madras, including senior professors Mr B.S. Murthy and Mr S.A. Sannasi Raj since 2018. The research was started to study the implications of climate change driven extreme changes in coastal regions. Experts are evaluating the vulnerability of coastline infrastructure like ports fishing harbors etc and are aiming to propose Suitable adaptation measures for coastal infrastructure. Effective water resource management techniques should be adopted, experts felt. The experts underlined the need to gear up for future eventualities arising out of climate and adopt short and long-term measures for coastal monitoring. Ecological and infrastructural strategies should be adopted to counter the effects of climate change, the experts suggested at the HYDRO 2019 event.



PEOPLE'S PLAZA

People's Plaza turned into a sea of protest. On a day that witnessed the imposition of Section 144 by the police in different cities, hundreds of people gathered at the People's Plaza in Necklace Road in the city to stage a protest against the new Citizenship Amendment Act. Anti-CAA protesters raised slogans against CAA Prime Minister Narendra Modi

— S. SURENDER REDDY

# Big metros disconnected

Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Pune face shutdowns

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC  
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Many residents of New Delhi, the nation's capital, realised on Thursday that they could no longer access the internet through their phones. Network providers such as Airtel and Idea-Vodafone later told media outlets that they were ordered to suspend internet services in some parts of the city. This was Delhi's first tryst with an internet shutdown.

In the past week, due to country-wide protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Registry of Citizens (NRC), internet services have been suspended in many parts of the country. Assam, for instance, has not had internet for over a week. The country's metros — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Pune — have largely been unaffected by them. However, this is no longer true. In the past week, Delhi and Kolkata have seen shutdowns. In parts of Kolkata Metropolitan Area, Services have been down in the parts of Kolkata Metropolitan Area since December 15.

Mr Prashanth Sugathan, volunteer legal director with the Software Freedom Law Centre (SFLC), said the imposition of internet shutdowns in metropolitan cities is unprecedented.

"This is the first time we have gotten reports of shutdowns in Delhi. It is concerning. The internet is vital for the survival of cities like Delhi," he said. During the Maratha agitation in August 2018, a shutdown was imposed in Pune, but only in rural pockets. In Navi Mumbai, in the same month, internet services were suspended for a few hours.

Mr Srinivas Kodali, a city-based cybersecurity researcher, said, "Internet shutdowns are supposed to be for public emergencies. They are being misused, only to stifle dissent. That shutdowns are being imposed in metros is alarming."

Mr Kodali said cities like Hyderabad and Bengaluru, which have a bustling IT sector, would be brought to their knees if they face internet shutdowns. Most of the shutdowns have targeted

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mobile services, while allowing normal operation of fixed broadband lines. Between January 2012 and April 2018, 124 of the 174 shutdowns targeted only mobile internet services.

"A vast majority of this country's population uses only mobile internet. Many of their livelihoods — delivery persons, small business and so on — depend on it," said Mr Kodali. Telangana has a comparatively good record with internet shutdowns. The state has had only one instance in December 2017, when services were suspended during the Lambada-Adivasi dispute. The SFLC's report, Living in Darkness, takes the example of a cotton bales trader in Adilabad to illustrate the economic impact of a shutdown.

The farmer, Dipak Birolla, was reported to have struggled to run his business. He had to travel 40 km to access the internet in Maharashtra to generate e-way bills to ensure transportation of goods.

## India is now global capital of internet shutdowns

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India has had over 350 cases of internet shutdown since 2014, the most in the world. This number peaked at 134 last year. This year, until the evening of December 19, there have been 95, most notably in Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir has the dubious distinction of having two of the three longest shutdowns in the country's history. The first, 136 days and counting, has been in place since August 4, when Article 370 was abrogated for the state.

The total communication blockade saw the restrictions in overall internet and phone communication. Though the ban on landlines has been lifted, the blockade of mobile internet is still in place. The second-longest shutdown was in Kashmir from July 2016 after the killing of Burhan Wani. Mobile internet services were suspended for 133 days. While postpaid internet users could start accessing the internet on November 2016, prepaid users were allowed only in January 2017. The third-

longest was in Darjeeling, for 100 days from June 18, 2017. It was imposed due to the Gorkhaland agitation. Alarming, according to representatives of the Software Freedom Law Centre (SFLC), India, the way the shutdowns are imposed in most cases is not transparent. The public orders issued for shutdowns are rarely made public.

Until 2017, there was no dedicated legal procedure for the imposition of a shutdown. During this period, shutdowns would be imposed under Section 144 of the CrPC which is used to prevent the assembly of more than four persons. The power to declare a shutdown lay with the district magistrate. In August 2017, the Centre brought

in the Temporary Suspension Rules, which gave the authority to declare shutdowns to the home secretary at the Centre and secretaries of the home department in the states. Mr Prashanth Sugathan, volunteer legal director at SFLC, said that governments rarely made the orders public. "These orders are supposed to be published by government authorities. Instead, they are imposed in an opaque way," he said. Mr Sugathan said SFLC has tried to the RTI way, by asking various governments to furnish order copies. "So far, we had some success only in Rajasthan. We are struggling with other states," he said. The Temporary Suspension Rules, 2017 also require the Centre or the state government to constitute review committees with senior officials including the Cabinet Secretary at the Centre and Chief Secretary at the state. This committee is supposed to meet five days after the order of suspension of services is issued to examine whether the order was passed in accordance to the Rules.



CHARMINAR

Police take students into the custody for protesting against CAA and NRC at Charminar on Thursday.



NAMPALLY

Anti-CAA protesters get into a scuffle with the police at Exhibition Grounds, Nampally on Thursday



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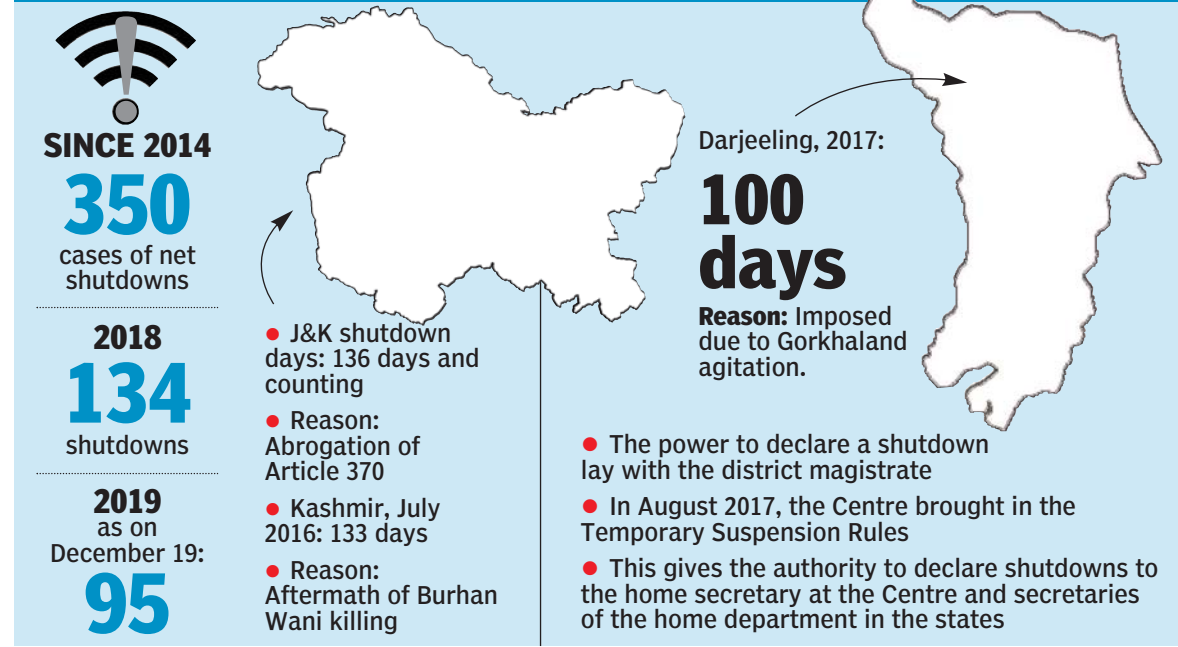
Moinabad police arrested around 100 students of the University of Hyderabad for anti-CAA protest at Exhibition Grounds on Thursday. Outside the police station, students held placards, shouted slogans ("CAA vaapas lo, 'Ye chattr virodhi sarkar, nahi chalegi nahi chalegi") and demanded that the CAA be withdrawn. At the Hyderabad Central University campus, students burnt police effigies

## Peaceful protest at People's Plaza

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Several Hyderabadis turned up at People's Plaza on Thursday to protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The city also witnessed several other protests against the legislations where writers, journalists and students participated. The protesters at People's Plaza held up placards slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Centre for passing the CAA. Participants shouted slogans such as "Inquilab zindabad" and "Hindu Muslim bhai bhai". The crowd was sparse, perhaps because of the change in timing which was communicated via social media platforms only hours before the protest. The event was planned at 4 pm but had to be advanced to 3 pm, when the police gave permission. A protester added that the police made things worse by tweeting since the morning that permissions could not be given for protests. Rumours spread on Twitter that Section 144 has been imposed. This wasn't true but a lot of people believed it. I think the people didn't turn because they didn't think we would get permission," said one of the volunteers. Murali, a protester said, "This Act is against the fabric of Indian society. We will not rest until this is withdrawn." Ahmed, another protester, was engaging others at the venue and preaching Hindu-Muslim unity. "We are all brothers. Together, we can win," he told a person present there. Representatives of political parties were conspicuous by their absence at the protest. Protestors criticised Congress and other opposition parties for not showing up at the protest. Telangana Jana Samiti chief Prof. M. Kodandaram was perhaps the most popular political leader there. Prof. Kodandaram told Deccan Chronicle, "The political system in Telangana, where there needs to be a healthy and active opposition, is on its deathbed. It is upsetting that most political parties are not taking a stand on this issue." Post the designated time, many stayed back to clean the venue. Afterwards, many from the Muslim community offered namaz. They reportedly prayed for "the strength to keep fighting till the NRC-CAB is withdrawn".

## INDIA'S DIARY OF GREAT DISCONNECT



## People find 'App't ways to communicate

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC  
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In light of the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) in Delhi and other parts of India and the internet shutdown in multiple states, people in the National Capital Region (NCR) have found a way to stay connected — via apps. These apps do not require internet connectivity.

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plaints from people about the internet shutdown," a representative from internetshutdowns.in, said. "Not everyone who leaves work is going to protest, some of us have had to go work. There has been no internet connection in the area for the last 24 hours. Even if there is connection, it is extremely slow," Mr T Rajat Kumar, a resi-

dent of Ghaziabad, told Deccan Chronicle from Delhi. He said some of his friends were using FireChat, a messaging app, which does not require internet or cellular data. The app provides an open wireless service functioning on Bluetooth and Wi-Fi hotspots. Briar is another app that is being extensively used. If the internet's down, Briar can sync via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, keeping the information flowing. Serval Mesh is available for Android mobile phones. Many of these apps do not rely on a central server and can sync messages between phone devices.

<p><b>BRIDGEFY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's a one-to-one app</li> <li>Users have to turn the Bluetooth on on their phones</li> <li>They can message each other within a 100-metre radius</li> <li>Users can send mass messages to other Bridgefy users in their vicinity</li> </ul>	<p><b>BRIAR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a peer-to-peer encrypted messaging forum</li> <li>Messages are stored securely on the device, not in the cloud</li> <li>It connects with nearby contacts</li> <li>It is a free and open source software</li> </ul>
<p><b>FIRECHAT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devices connect directly with one another within 200 feet</li> <li>Encrypted message get transferred to the intended receiver</li> </ul>	<p><b>BRIAR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>App creates a mesh network using Bluetooth and peer-to-peer Wi-Fi</li> </ul>





### State show

Arvind Kumar says TS tableau, highlighting Bathukamma, Medaram festival, 1,000-pillar temple, selected for Republic Day 2020 fete



Government will extend support to researchers of Telangana history

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## Alarm as 14-year-old suffers heart attack

### Doctors call it very very rare, blames it on lifestyle

SANJAY SAMUEL  
PAUL I DC  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 19



Dr J. Shivkumar

On Wednesday, a 14-year-old was brought to a hospital in Secunderabad with a complaint of chest pain. When doctors ran an ECG on her, they were surprised to find that she appeared to have had a heart attack.

Treatment was immediately begun and a coronary angiogram was done which showed an atherosclerotic plaque rupture with thrombus. It was managed accordingly.

Her parents were equally puzzled. The girl, belonging to a family of agriculturists, was described as an active teen and someone who had scored high marks in her Class 10 exams.

Her case alarmed doctors because 14 does not fall in the normal age group when such problems are encountered.

Dr J. Shivkumar, who treated the child at Apollo Hospital, said, "It is very, very rare in teenagers. To our very surprise, she was 14 years and nine months old and thin built."

Deccan Chronicle spoke with Dr Shivkumar and asked him why heart attacks on the rise among young people. Excerpts:

Q. In what age groups

are heart attacks generally recorded?

A. For the last several decades, ageing has been established as one of the biggest risk factors for heart attacks, typically affecting men above 50 and women over 65. Now, people in their 20s, 30s and 40s are falling victim to cardiovascular attacks. Twenty years ago, this wasn't the case and was rarely discussed in medical schools. There's been a shift in people's routine - too much Uber Eats and not enough cardio. Increased screen time has dramatically impacted how much we move. Even jobs are more sedentary and require less physical activity than in past decades. These bad habits are starting in early childhood now.

Q Why do you think this is happening?

One of the biggest risk factors is the increasing incidence of Type 2 diabetes. Dietary choices such as exposure and access to ultra-processed food, sedentary lifestyle and decreased physical activity are the causes.

Q How can this be handled?

Heart experts always thought about primary and secondary prevention when it comes to heart attacks. That is, trying to prevent the first heart attack and then trying to prevent the second heart attack.

Recently, there has been a shift to the idea of primordial prevention. This means trying to prevent the progression of the heart attack risk factors.

There are things we have control over such as exercising, eating nutritious food, not smoking, managing stress and blood pressure. Primordial prevention also includes education about what behaviours put you at risk for cardiovascular disease. These include obesity, poor diet and lack of exercise, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking and a family history of cardiovascular disease.

Q Who is at risk?

Heart attacks can happen to anyone but the risk is especially high when genetics come into play. Primordial and primary prevention is crucial for those with a family history of heart disease.

The hereditary risk of heart disease is defined by having a first-degree male relative (like a father, brother or son) under the age of 55 or a first-degree female relative (like the mother, sister or daughter) under the age of 65 with a heart attack or stroke history.

Q What guidelines would you prescribe?

Guidelines recommend that people from the ages 20 to 39 without hereditary risk have their cardiovascular health assessed every four to six years. The biggest thing is prevention. At the end of the day, it's important to understand what your risk factors are - high blood pressure, waist circumference, unhealthy BMI - and work to correct them early.

Not enough young people take their risk factors seriously. But we need to be aggressive about risk factor modification or the heart attack rate in young people is going to keep climbing.

## 4 Friday releases get dearer

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

Movie ticket rates for the four movies realising on Friday have been increased without any intimation to the public or permission from the cinematography department. The four films are Dabbang 3, Ruler, Prati Roju Pandaage and Donga.

Among these, Salman Khan's Dabbang 3 and Balakrishna's Ruler are big budget movies. Tickets online are being charged ₹200 though the actual pricing has to be ₹138.

The cinematography department has the authority to give permission to theatre owners to increase ticket rates with prior noti-

fication. A senior member of cinema fraternity said, "This is loot from the general public. The enforcement agencies have to come into action when such wrong practices are happening. We see the tickets are sold openly with the hiked prices but we fail to see any action from the government."

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## Girl, 12, suffers stroke after fever

KANIZA GARARI | DC  
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Stroke among young children is rarely heard of but does happen. The city recently recorded the case of a 12-year-old girl from the city who suffered loss of sensation in her hands and twitching of mouth for two days.

The third day, she could not walk. Scared, parents

took her to a paediatrician who realised that the child was suffering from a stroke. A paediatrician neurologist was consulted and it was found that the child had already suffered mild strokes and required immediate intervention.

Her right hand lost sensation and jaw and face twitched to one side from time to time. The doctors

undertook a battery of tests to check on her heart, brain and the nervous system. All tests were negative. Everything was normal. Medical history showed that child had suffered from viral fever a few days ago. The child had undergone treatment and recovered. Dr K. Suman, treating paediatrician and neurologist,

explained, "The stroke could be due to the inflammation of blood vessels due to post-viral fatigue. It could be that antibodies have resulted in inflammation in the body due to which there is contraction of the blood vessels. There was a contrast visible in the artery in the neck region. This was the visible evidence of stroke."

### IN BRIEF

#### SCB reserves 3 wards for women

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

Three of the eight wards in the Secunderabad Cantonment have been reserved for women candidates for the forthcoming elections to the board. Wards 2, 5 and 6 were reserved for women by draw of lots and Ward 8 for candidates from the Scheduled Caste communities. Wards 1, 3, 4, 7 are in the general category.

This year, there are 2,53, 073 voters in the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly constituency, among them 1,27,689 men and 1,25,381 women and three from the third gender. Parties announced the names of candidates and have started their social media campaign.

#### Vaccination on wheels

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

Vaccination on wheels was launched by Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad's fellow Mr Jignesh Patel in Pune in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The concept of vaccine on wheels was envisioned by Mr Patel at IIT during his one-year residential program. He found gaps in the system. This has helped him model his vaccination service for the low-income group, provide vaccines which are not available in the government program and also maintain a mobile cold chain.

Awareness camps are conducted in community areas through this 'Vaccine Clinic' with the help of videos designed in Marathi and Hindi. The clinic motivates mothers to avail free vaccines from the government and others from the service provided by him.

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### Water problem

Prof. M. Kodandaram opposes AP's decision to enhance capacity of Pothireddypadu head regulator



## Justice Ramulu is Lokayukta

### Justice Chandraiah appointed as chairman of State Human Rights Commission

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

Governor Tamilisai Sundararajan on Thursday appointed Justice C.V. Ramulu and Justice G. Chandraiah, former judges of the then Hyderabad High Court, as the Lokayukta and the chairman of the State Human Rights Commission respectively.

Former law secretary V. Niranjan Rao will be the Upa Lokayukta, while N. Anand Rao and Mohammed Irfan Moinuddin will be members of the SHRC. This is the first time that the government has constituted the Lokayukta and Human Rights Commission since the state was formed in 2014. In fact, the two institutions came about as the Telangana High Court had set a deadline for making these appointments.

Chief Minister K.



Lokayukta Justice C.V. Ramulu



Upa Lokayukta V. Niranjan Rao



SHRC chairman G. Chandraiah

Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday held a meeting with Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Legislative Council chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, home minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali, and MIM senior MLA and MLC Ahmad Pasha Quadri and Syed Ameen Hasan Jaffri, before taking the decision to appoint the former judges to head the two institutions.

According to the Chief Minister's Office, post

this meeting, the state government forwarded the file relating to appointment of Justices Ramulu and Chandraiah to the Governor.

Significantly, the state government was expected to invite leaders of the opposition in the Assembly and Council before finalising the appointments of Lokayukta and Human Rights Commission. But, as the Congress lost the Leader of the Opposition status in both the houses, the state gov-

ernment invited members of the MIM, which has seven MLAs in the Assembly.

It may be recalled that the state government on December 13 issued the ordinance amending the Telangana Lokayukta Act 1983 and Protection of HR Act 1993 to deal with non-availability of retired chief justices and appointing retired judges of the High Court to head both the institutions.

Justice Ramulu, native of Achanapalli village of

Bodhan Town in Nizamabad district, passed LLB in 1978 with distinction from the Marathwada University, Aurangabad. He was sworn in as Additional Judge of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh on December 2, 2002.

Justice Chandraiah retired as judge of High Court on April 29, 2016. He was elevated to the post of judge from the bar and continued to be a judge for more than 12 years. Born in an agriculture family in Timmapur village of Adilabad district on May 10, 1954, he completed LLB, MA (Political Science) and LLM from Osmania University. He enrolled as an advocate of AP on November 6, 1980. He was elevated as Additional Judge of the AP High Court on May 26, 2005, and became a permanent judge on February 20, 2006.

## TSRTC to launch its cargo service

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation has decided to launch its own cargo service shortly.

Transport minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar who reviewed a cargo model of the bus on Thursday told TSRTC officials that it will be red in colour and will be exhibited on Monday.

The minister said that he had also written a letter to

all public representatives, MLAs and MLCs, requesting them to patronise the corporation, travel by its buses and sort out issues if any.

He said the colour of the uniform for employees is almost ready and advised officers to motivate the employees to run the services efficiently, adding that the expected revenue and occupancy ratio have not yet reached the expected levels.

TD leaders differ with Naidu, they are supporting the three capitals idea

— Kodali Nani Civil supplies minister

### SHORT TAKES

## ELIGIBLE TOLD TO GET ENROLLED AS VOTERS

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has asked political parties to motivate eligible voters into enrolling themselves on the electoral rolls.

Addressing a meeting he held with representatives of political parties on Thursday, GHMC commissioner Lokesh Kumar said, "To prepare detailed electoral rolls, we request political representatives to ensure that all eligible voters list themselves on the voters' list." He instructed officials to organise a meeting with political parties on December 20, and give them details of Draft Electoral Rolls and maps.

The commissioner said a special campaign will be conducting from December 16 to January 15 next year at polling booths, where voters can file their claims and objections for preparation of error-free final photo electoral rolls. People can also verify their names in the draft electoral rolls available in ERO's Offices or ECI/CEO online websites [www.ceotelangana.nic.in](http://www.ceotelangana.nic.in) and file their claims and objections.

During the year, around 54,000 persons enrolled as new voters, he added.

## MEDARAM FEST FAILS TO GET NATIONAL TAG

DC CORRESPONDENT WARANGAL, DEC. 19

The Central government is not inclined towards granting national festival status to the Medaram Jatara which is known as the largest tribal fair in Asia, said minister for tribal welfare and women development Satyavathi Rathod on Thursday.

She said that even though the state wrote two letters to the Central government, there has been no response on the issue.

Reviewing the progress of the arrangements for the biennial Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara to be held from February 5 to 8, 2020 at Medaram in Mulugu district, she said the President of India, the Vice-President, Union ministers and Adivasi leaders have been invited to promote the importance of the jatara.

"We are expecting no less than 1.5 crore devotees this year. We are also working towards providing round the clock drinking water to the devotees. As many as 700 taps will be made available to cater to the drinking water needs of devotees. This apart, 8,400 toilets will be made available for the pilgrims," the minister said.

Mulugu district collector C. Narayana Reddy said that efforts are on to complete all the civil works and the parking arrangements.

TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy addresses the extended core committee meeting of the AICC along with AICC observer Sreenivasan and party senior leaders at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday.

— P. ANIL KUMAR

## Bharat Bachao marches by Cong from tomorrow

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

The Telangana Pradesh Congress core committee, which met here on Thursday, decided to hold protest meetings and flag marches in all municipalities of the state from Saturday to December 27 as part of the AICC's Bharat Bachao programme.

Placards of Telangana Bachao will also be part of this week-long pro-

gramme. The core committee, chaired by TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, was attended by AICC observers, Congress legislative party leader Bhatti Vikramarka and senior party members. It chalked out a programme to protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the NRC.

The committee decided to organise flag marches on December 28 from

Gandhi Bhavan and all DCC offices in districts under the slogan 'Save India, Save Constitution' to expose the anti-people policies of the BJP.

At the same time, the party would expose the failures of TRS government, such as not initiating farm loan waivers, grant of unemployment allowance, non-implementation of Rythu Bandhu scheme, hike in RTC tariff, and so on.

## Fast-track courts in all dists

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

The Telangana High Court on Thursday transferred 11 judges to fast-track courts, thereby ensuring that such courts in all the districts have judges. The fast-track courts are meant to try cases of atrocities on women and children.

The appointments were made to the fast-track courts at Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Adilabad, Warangal, Mahbubnagar, Nalgonda, Karimnagar, Medak and Nizamabad districts. These had been vacant due to the non-availability of judges.

However, in the wake of recent incidents of attacks on women including the Samatha and the Disha cases, the judges were transferred to the fast-track courts from other courts.

It may be noted, however, that the judiciary has not established district courts in the new districts created after the state bifurcation. Therefore, the district court are working as per the earlier districts.

Elsewhere, the government established 36 fast-track special courts for expeditious trial and disposal of cases lodged regarding rape and the POC SO Act in all the dis-

tricts. Law secretary A. Santosh Reddy issued an order on the proposal to establish fast-track special courts. In the 34 judicial districts, 36 courts were established. Khammam and Karimnagar will have two courts each.

Meanwhile, the government created 183 supernumerary posts in the High Court, ranging from record assistant to joint registrar. These posts were created to accommodate the Telangana High Court employees who were deputed to the AP High Court when it was established on January 1, 2019.

## TRS objects to BJP calling it 'Pak agent'

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

Taking serious exception to BJP president K. Laxman calling the Telangana Rashtra Samiti a "Pakistani agent", government whip K. Prabhakar wondered why Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Pakistan to meet his counterpart Nawaz Sharif if the BJP considers Pakistan as an enemy.

Addressing a press conference at the TRS Legislature Party office, Mr Prabhakar said the BJP was bringing up extraneous issues to divert people's attention from the economic slow-

down facing the country, whether it was the controversial CAA, NRC or calling the TRS a "Pakistani agent".

Mr Prabhakar maintained that the TRS government goes by humanity while the BJP ruled using religion as its basis. He asserted his party does not need any certificate from the BJP with regard to its rule.

Mr Prabhakar said the BJP won four MP seats in the state with false promises.

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### GROWING RESENTMENT

## Organisations form JAC for protests

## Citizens to fight, boycott CAA, NRC

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 19

Social and community organisations have decided to adopt an approach of educating, agitating and boycotting of the National Register of Citizens.

A discussion was held against the backdrop of the anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the anti-National Register of Citizen (NRC) protest at Masab Tank, organised by Tehreek Muslim Shabban (TMS) on Thursday. It was decided to stage a mega protest in Hyderabad either on Saturday or Sunday.

A joint action committee consisting of representatives from various organi-

sations and individuals was constituted.

Participating in the discussion, former High Court judge Justice Chandra Kumar said the government was playing the Hindu-Muslim game. Whenever the people start realising the failures of the government, the ruling class tries to play with the sentiments of the people. For the first time in history, Indian society has been divided vertically, which was not the case even after the partition of the country, the Sikh riots and the Gujarat riots.

Former minister Mohammed Ali Shabbir demanded that Chief Minister, K. Chandrasekhar Rao, convene a special session of

the legislative Assembly to pass a resolution rejecting the CAA and the NRC.

He said the CAA is unconstitutional and it would be proved in the Supreme Court. He said that the BJP has tried to kill the very spirit of the Constitution by linking citizenship with religion. The CAA was inspired by the ideology of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar who wrote a book Hindutva in 1917 and published it in 1923.

Mr Mushtaq Malik, president, TMS, said that CAA and NRC are interlinked. "The purpose of bringing amendments into the Citizenship Act will appear if we link it to the NRC," he said.

Dr Asma Zehra, convener, women's wing, All India Muslim Personal Law Board, said the people had gathered on a common platform to save the Constitution, which is under severe threat. "We have to chalk out a long-term strategy to combat the evil designs of the government," she said.

Dr Kumar of the All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation said the BJP government wanted to grab power by projecting Muslims as enemies and enslaving them. "SCs, STs, BCs and the majority of Muslims are the original inhabitants of India, while the Brahmins are the intruders who have a Zionist mentality," he said.

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**PRIYANKA CHOPRA, Actor**

**All I am saying is maintain the peace.. this should stop it's not doing good for anyone. I am sure there is other way to solve this issue rather than being violent.. it's a request to you all students and police and authorities**

**HARBHAJAN SINGH, Cricketer**

**I appeal to the minority Muslim brothers, this law will in no way affect you, protecting your interest is our responsibility. Kindly cooperate, maintain peace and order**

**B.S. YEDIYURAPPA, Karnataka Chief Minister**

**I would like to know how and where the Hindus from other countries are going to be settled. I do not think you (Centre) have a plan for it**

**— UDDHAV THACKERAY, Maharashtra CM**

**I applaud with glee at the stupidity of the government for stoking the fire of Satyagraha by arresting the thinking and questioning minds of India like @Ram\_Guha & @YogendraYadav. Yet I am concerned for their safety. India stands with you**

**KAMAL HAASAN, Makkal Needhi Maiam chief**

**@Mamata Official. Now that the Supreme Court is seized of challenge to validity of Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 and has granted no stay, I appeal all to give up agitational path in the interest of peace so that normalcy returns and suffering of people is contained**

**JAGDEEP DHANKHAR, West Bengal Governor**

**Still we Rise. India is standing up. This government stands exposed and discredited. This is a day when love and solidarity face down bigotry and fascism. Everybody has joined in to protest against the unconstitutional CAB and NRC. .... This time you will not stop us**

**ARUNDHATI ROY, writer**

# Didi wants referendum on CAA

## NCP compares Amit Shah to General Dyer; Left warns of more nation-wide protests

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, DEC. 19

As the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) raged across the country, the Opposition parties on Thursday hit out at the government accusing it for taking 'draconian' measures to muzzle the voice of the people.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi warned that "the more the government tries to suppress the voice of people, the louder it will become".

She said that the government has shut metro stations and internet services in Delhi and have imposed CrPC Section 144, which prohibits assembly of four or more people.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "This government has no right to shut down colleges, telephones and the Internet, to halt metro trains and to impose Section 144 to suppress India's voice and prevent peaceful protests. To do so is an insult to India's soul."

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressing a rally challenged the Central government to have a UN-monitored referendum she said, "Just because the BJP has got the majority doesn't mean that they can do whatever they want. If the BJP has guts, it should go for a United Nation-monitored referendum on the issue of Citizenship Amendment Act and the NRC. Let there be an impartial organisation like the UN or the Human Rights Commission conduct it."

NCP leader Nawab Malik lashed out at Union home minister Amit Shah over the police action against those protesting against the CAA, comparing him to "General Dyer".

Attacking the high handedness of the Central government, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said, "Today's protests showed the determination of youngsters to not let democracy be butchered. This was not a one off protest, such protests will continue."

CPI general secretary D. Raja said citizenship cannot be based on religion. "The BJP is working against the legacy of Sardar Patel and citizenship cannot be based on religion. The CAA is an undeclared subversion of the Constitution," he claimed.



Smoke billows from a burning media OB van during a protest against the NRC and the Citizenship Amendment Act at Parivartan Chowk in Lucknow on Thursday. Defence minister Rajnath Singh later held a telephonic conversation with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the wake of incidents of violence in the state. — PTI

## Will auction vandals' property: Yogi

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to the district magistrate's office, and set on fire a police post in Satkhanda area. Another police post was damaged in old Lucknow's Madeyanj, where police fired tear-gas shells after protesters smashed vehicles parked outside a police post. About 20 people were taken into custody. When protesters in other parts of Lucknow hurled stones at police, they were lathicharged. In several areas, including Hasanganj, policemen had a tough time tackling the protesters, who adopted a hit-and-run tactic, officials said. A few policemen were injured in the violence. At Parivartan Chowk, which appeared to be the epicentre of the agitation, policemen faced brickbats and the van of a television crew was damaged. Smoke

was billowing out of the vehicle. The gates of the nearby KD Singh metro station were shut to keep protesters from gathering at Parivartan Chowk.

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## ASSAM BJP MLAs ARE NOW A WORRIED LOT

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, DEC. 19

Worried over frequent attacks by protesters, a groups of 20 BJP MLAs on Thursday called upon the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and pleaded him to take some bold steps to allay fear and doubts about the new Citizenship Act that is creating unrest among the indigenous people of the state.

Asserting that BJP legislators are facing protests and anger of people due to the new law, the BJP MLA from Sootea constituency Padma Hazarika, who led the delegation, told reporters, "There is mistrust in the BJP and their leaders due to the new law and it must be cleared at the earliest."

He said, "We urged the Chief Minister to take strong steps regarding the protection of language, culture and the people and also to ensure strong constitutional safeguards in these matters."

The legislators who had a closed door meeting at the residence of Hazarika, however, refused to reveal all the issues and subjects that they discussed with the Chief Minister and his deputy Sarma.

He said that the Chief Minister should urge the Centre to ensure that Clause 6 and 7 of the Assam Accord, securing constitutional safeguards for language and culture and all-round economic development of the state, are implemented at the earliest.

Hazarika regretted that BJP legislators are targeted and abused by a section of people who are certainly not involved in the ongoing protest of Aasu and Assam Jatiyatabadi Yuva Chhatra Parishad. "We can respond to them as in my constituency those who came to attack my house were the supporter of a local Congress leader," said Hazarika who accused that anger against the BJP MLAs has been aggravated due to certain statements made by some ministers, though he refused to name them.

## NET | RESULT Instagram settings allow protection against online harassment users suffer

# Instagram top choice of millennials to protest

New Delhi/Bengaluru, Dec. 19: As protests rage across universities against the new citizenship law, students have taken to social media to wage battle online and teach people how to organise demonstrations.

Instagram is popular with some because it can be used to share pictures and videos, while its settings allow protection against the online harassment that users can suffer on other platforms.

"I don't like Twitter because each time I open it I see so much hate," said Abdul Rehman, 22, an engineering student at New Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia University.

"There is no way to control who is viewing or sharing my pictures or videos on WhatsApp and most of my audience is not on Facebook."

Tens of thousands of Muslims. One protest on Sunday culminated in police storming the Jamia Millia Islamia University, leaving some 200 injured.

**@KhanDarab**  
#IndiaAgainstCAA, it hurt the secular structure of state because NRC through out all indian citizens (Poor,homeless,Nomaid) who will not able to produce documents but CAA gave citizenship to all indians except Muslims (sic)

**@deespeak**  
Due to ill health unable to attend protest in #MumbaiAgainstCAA today but I am with every single peaceful protester today who is standing in solidarity with his/her fellow Indians. May our #Democracy always bring us together as ONE. #IndiaAgainstCAA

**@geetv79**  
Modi's constituency Varanasi marches against him & evil #CAA\_NRC, disregarding Sec 144 imposed across UP and brutality of cops in league with Sanghi goons. Why has Modi failed to visit Varanasi & meet people on the streets? #IndiaAgainstCAA #CAAProtest

Instagram," said Islam Mirza, who completed a masters in business administration at Jamia earlier this year. "Whether it is to call off the protest, whether it is to organise the protests, whether it is to do or what not to do to help keep the protests peaceful, we use Instagram as a messenger." Many also use the

**@sanjukta**  
I can dig my old tweet and show you that I have been saying it again and again that you cannot enslave a young nation. 60% of this nation is below 25 years of age. This is hot blood. If they can prop you up they can also pull you down if you cross limits. #IndiaAgainstCAA

**@inquestioner**  
I have never felt more proud of my countrymen, like I have been feeling since the last few days. I have never felt more Indian, than I have been feeling since the last few days. I have never felt more alive, than I have been feeling since the last few days. #IndiaAgainstCAA

platform to educate others about what they see as potential concerns with the new legislation. While Facebook and its messenger WhatsApp are also being used to drive conversations about the CAA and protests, over half a dozen students from Jamia said Instagram was their preferred choice of social media. Privacy settings on

for all to see, unlike Facebook or WhatsApp where conversations are largely private or among a user's close social circle. It's not all one-way traffic though.

Many are using social media to support the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chinese firm ByteDance's TikTok, which allows users to create and share short videos with special effects, is also being used to voice opposition to the citizenship law.

A video posted by user @monqureshi142 shows two women, one dressed in a white jumper and blue jeans, the other in a burqa, shouting slogans to a cheering crowd of hundreds outside Jamia University's main gate.

The soundtrack is dubbed over by a male voice rapping in Hindi. "They malign us when we speak of our rights, the government and police feign ignorance from it all ... Unite, listen Muslims now all of you unite."

Though several state governments have on and off suspended internet for a few days, youths have overwhelmingly taken to the social media to air their views. — Reuters





## Allaying fears

Zainul Abedin Ali Khan, spiritual head of Ajmer Dargah, says the CAA is not against Muslims and they need not fear



There is a govt order on internet suspension and we are just following it

— Sunil Mittal, Bharti Airtel chairman

### SHORT TAKES

## TSUNAMI OF CREATIVE SLOGANS

New Delhi, Dec. 19: From *pani mere nainan me, jitna wator canon me* to section 144 tumhara, article 14 hamara, it was creative slogans galore at various anti-CAA protests in the national capital on Thursday.

“Keep dividing, we will keep multiplying”, “Asking questions is not anarchy, abusing power is”, *bol ke lab azad hain tere* (speak up you have the freedom to) and “Janta mange rozi roti, mitti unko lathi gali” (public want employment but they get batons and abuses) echoed the protest-sites at Jantar Mantar and areas near the Red Fort and Mandi House.

Mocking the use of water canons by police on protesters in recent weeks, the agitators shouted *pani mere nainan me, jitna wator canon me* (as much water in my eyes as much in your water canons).

“I wrote this slogan to convey that students and the youth are not scared of anything when struggling to preserve their ideals and raising their voice for what is right,” said Mayank Tondon, who works with a waste management company.

People protesting against the newly amended Citizenship Act also raised slogans appealing to policemen on duty to join their protest: *Lathi chodo, saath chalo* (leave the batons, come with us).

Hundreds of students, activists and opposition leaders were detained when they defied prohibitory orders to protest against the amended law. Permission for holding any demonstration in the two sites was not granted.

Many flag-waving students and activists converged near the historic Jantar Mantar in the afternoon to voice their anger against the contentious law after police forcefully evicted protesters from areas around the Red Fort and Mandi House.

The protesters also out-poured their creativity through posters. “When injustice becomes law, resistance become duty”, *kursi to tum jee gaye par hindustan maar diya* (you may have won the position but have ruined the country), “save constitution, save the country” and “no internet in digital India”, they wrote on multiple posters.

The office of the JDU, an ally of BJP, at Jantar Mantar also became a target of the protesters’ ire who defaced Nitish Kumar’s poster and pasted a slogan saying “Nitish on sale”.

## MADHYA PRADESH PUT ON ALERT

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 19

Prohibitory orders under section 144 CrPc were on Thursday clamped in several districts in Madhya Pradesh to stop anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) protests, being witnessed in other parts of the country, from spreading in the state.

Bhopal district collector Tarun Pithode ordered to launch a crackdown on the mischief-mongers who tried to circulate provocative messages, clips or videos on social media to disturb social harmony, while clamping Section 144 of the CrPc in the district.

Similar measures have also been undertaken by collectors of over 20 districts, identified as sensitive, a senior officer in the state home department told reporters here.

“All the 52 districts in the state have been put on high alert. The collectors and superintendents of police of these districts have been directed to keep strict vigil in sensitive areas in their districts in the wake of growing protests against CAA witnessed in some parts of the country,” the officer said.

## PROTESTERS RESORT TO ‘GANDHIGIRI’

New Delhi, Dec. 19: Anti-citizenship law protesters offered roses to security personnel at the Jantar Mantar on Thursday, saying police can baton charge them as much as they want, but their message is “love in return for hatred”.

Some lawyers participating in the demonstration also offered legal assistance to protesters in case they are detained by the Delhi Police.

A large number of protesters, including students and activists, gathered at the Jantar Mantar here on Thursday against the new legislation after they were not allowed to hold demonstrations near the Red Fort and Mandi House where prohibitory orders have been imposed.

Several posters have been put up at Jantar Mantar against the new citizenship law, with one reading — “Digital India with no internet.”

Sandeep Dhiman, a protester, said, “They can lathicharge us as much as they want, we will still offer them roses. Love in return for hatred. We are ready to face their tear gas and water canons.” — PTI



**1 pm** Protesters gather near centre of Mangaluru

**2 pm** Police ask mob not to protest

**2.15 pm** Police start lathicharge

**3 pm** With miscreants pelting stones, police fire tear gas

**5 pm** Police open fire near Kudroli injuring two persons

**5.45 pm** Curfew imposed in five police station limits

**8 pm** Police declare that the two injured have died



Police personnel pelt stones during their clash with the protesters participating in a rally against the amended Citizenship Act and the NRC in Mangaluru on Thursday. Two persons were killed in police firing as protests turned violent. — PTI

# It’s free for all as Karnataka erupts

### Ramachandra Guha detained while talking to media, male cops manhandle a girl student; Protesters dragged into buses

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The mob which had re-assembled at RR Circle, about 200 metres from the city bus stand, launched another attack on the police but was dispersed again with the help of additional forces. They retreated and gathered again at Kudroli, police said, and pelting the police with bottles and stones.

“They tried to block the roads and were preparing to attack the police station to set it ablaze and attack the police with lethal weapons. As a last resort police had to fire two rounds in the air. Despite this, the protesters continued to advance and the police had no other go but to use firepower,” the Commissioner said on the police resorting to firing on the protesters.

“We will strictly impose prohibitory orders under Section 144. You can call it curfew. I ask people to be at home in the five police station limits in the central sub division,” the Commissioner said.

Meanwhile hundreds of students, volunteers and Left party workers defied the prohibitory orders in force in the city and converged on the Puttanachety Townhall and the Mysore Bank Circle Thursday to protest against the controversial CAA.

Around 200 of the protesters, who were joined by historian, Ramachandra Guha in their “Naavu Bharatiyaru” and “Hum Bharath ke log” agitation were rounded up by the police and taken away in buses as they refused to disperse.

While Guha was detained as he was talking to the media outside the Town Hall, condemning the Union government for introducing a legislation like the CAA, a large number of volunteers, including teenagers and young women were dragged into buses by the police as they resisted arrest.

There were reports of three male cops manhandling a girl student and of another student suffering a dislocated shoulder in a scuffle with the police. But the policemen involved were reportedly reprimanded by a senior officer.

## Bihar bandh turns violent with vandalism, arson

NAYEAR AZAD | DC with agency inputs PATNA, DEC. 19

Bihar witnessed large-scale disruption of traffic, vandalism and arson on Thursday on account of a state-wide shutdown called by Left parties in protest against amended Citizenship Act and the proposed country-wide implementation of National Register of Citizens.

Angry protesters demanded scrapping of the new Act and vandalised private and commercial vehicles in and around Patna during the bandh. In some districts including Patna, Ara and Darbhanga protesters disrupted rail routes.

Amid nationwide protest over the CAA, the Left parties with support from around six Opposition parties in Bihar had called for a state-wide bandh on Thursday. However, the RJD which is the main Opposition party in Bihar didn’t participate in the

bandh and said that “the party has decided to organise a separate state-wide agitation against the issue on December 21”.

When asked about RJD’s absence, CPI(ML) leader Kumar Parvez told this newspaper that “people of Bihar came out in large numbers to support the bandh called by Left parties. The Opposition parties also supported our protest against the CAA and the NRC and as far as the RJD is concerned they have organised a similar bandh on December 21 and we have decided to support it”.

Supporters of Jan Adhikar Party floated by former MP Pappu Yadav used burnt tyres to stop traffic on the streets and also vandalised an ambulance while it was heading towards a residential area in Patna.

In the state capital, the JAP remained in the spotlight as it took the lead in vandalising buses and cars and later squatted on railway tracks to prevent trains from running on time.

JAP chief Pappu Yadav who had earlier claimed that he was placed under house arrest for extending support to the bandh said that “we have come out on the streets to oppose the Citizenship Act which is against the Constitution. It seems that the entire nation today has been held captive and needs to be released”.

The BJP reacted strongly against the agitation and termed it as “a complete failure”. While leading a march in favour of the Act Dalit leader and BJP MLC Sanjay Paswan said, “The Left and other Opposition parties are trying to mislead people about the Citizenship Act.”

## Facing flak, BJP digs out old MMS video

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 19

Amid widespread criticism against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the Opposition, including the Congress, using the Narendra Modi government’s move to attack it as being “anti-Muslim”, the BJP on Thursday reminded the Congress that former PM Manmohan Singh too had advocated citizenship for minorities from India’s neighbours.

The BJP’s Twitter handle posted a video clip of Dr Singh’s Parliament speech in 2003 when he was Leader of the

## NEW DELHI IN DAMAGE CONTROL MODE

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 19

India appears to be struggling to contain the possible fallout of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) controversy on ties with two extremely friendly countries — Afghanistan and Bangladesh and seems to be in a damage-control mode.

On Thursday, the ministry of external affairs praised the current Afghan government led by President Ashraf Ghani which it said had addressed the concerns of minorities in Afghanistan.

New Delhi said that it had always maintained that religious persecution of minorities had taken place in Afghanistan during the earlier Taliban and Mujahedin regimes in that country.

The statement on Thursday comes in the wake of a somewhat similar one last week when it had pointed out that in Bangladesh, the governments of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman (Bangabandhu) and (his daughter and current Prime Minister) Sheikh Hasina had protected minorities and that the persecution had taken place under spells of military rule in Bangladesh and under the “previous government”, a veiled reference to the earlier government led by Bangladesh Nationalist Party chief Begum Khaleda Zia which was seen to be pro-Pakistan and anti-India.

Observers point out that the current Afghan government led by Ghani is extremely friendly to India and there are fears that the Citizenship Amendment Act controversy may cause some misunderstanding in the ties since Afghanistan is one of the countries mentioned in the amended law.



KOCHI A protester being detained by cops during a rally against the CAA in Kochi on Thursday. — PTI



MUMBAI Protesters warned of the ill-effects of the CAA through



DHARMSALA A woman wears a helmet with the words “The World is Tired of Hate” as she participates in a gathering protesting the CAA in Dharmsala on Thursday. — AP



NEW DELHI Protesters offer roses to police personnel during a demonstration against the CAA at Mandi House in New Delhi on Thursday. — PTI



CHENNAI Protestors hold placards during a demonstration against the Citizenship Amendment Act in Chennai on Thursday. — PTI





## Policy impact

### Ashok Gehlot attributes the low impact of economic slowdown during UPA rule to the policies of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

## Choksi's 'probe me in Antigua' plea rejected

Mumbai, Dec. 19: A special court here on Thursday rejected a plea filed by diamondaire Mehul Choksi, a key accused in the multi-crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) scam, seeking its direction to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to question him in Antigua, where he is currently based.

Choksi had last month filed the plea before the special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court, seeking its direction to the central agency to probe him in the Caribbean nation, saying he was not fit to travel to India.

In the petition, Choksi had also pleaded that he be allowed to appear before the court through video conferencing till he is medically fit to travel to India.

He also said in the plea that he left India for a medical treatment abroad and not to avoid prosecution in the case.

Due to the medical condition, it will be 'unbearable,' 'intolerable,' 'unmanageable' and difficult for him to travel, he had said in the

petition, which also said that doctors had cautioned him against such travel. However, his plea was rejected by special PMLA court judge V.C. Barde.

Appearing on behalf of Choksi, his lawyers Vijay Aggarwal and Ashul Aggarwal on Thursday filed two applications before the court.

In one of the applications, Choksi raised the objection that the documents submitted by the ED to the court do not comply the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act.

It also said that most of the documents being relied upon by the ED are mere photocopies, which cannot be read against Choksi.

The court is presently hearing the ED's plea to declare Choksi a fugitive economic offender (FEO) under the newly-promulgated FEO Act.

— PTI

## Cold grips north India

<b>Drass</b> - 14.4°C	<b>Srinagar</b> - 2.3°C	<b>Jammu</b> 8.6°C	<b>Jaipur</b> 5.8 °C	<b>Delhi</b> 5.2°C	<b>Manali</b> 1°C	<b>Shimla</b> 6.5°C	<b>Chandigarh</b> 9.9°C
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A man walks his son to the school, as another checks his mobile surrounded by morning fog in New Delhi on Thursday. Dense fog disrupted air and road traffic in and around the country's capital. Cold wave tightened its grip on northern states on Thursday as the mercury continued its downward spiral.



### Uddhav is a 'dummy CM.' He needs nod from Sonia, Pawar for any decision

— Sudhir Mungantiwar  
BJP leader

## SHORT TAKES

### PINAKA MISSILE TEST SUCCESSFUL

PAWAN BALI | DC  
NEW DELHI, DEC. 19

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Thursday successfully flight-tested the Pinaka Missile System from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the Odisha coast.

Pinaka is an artillery missile system capable of striking into enemy territory up to a range of 75 km with high precision. The Pinaka MK-II rocket has been modified into a missile by integrating it with the Navigation, Control and Guidance System to improve the end accuracy and enhance the range. The navigation system of the missile is aided by the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS). The mission achieved all the objectives including enhancing the range, accuracy and sub-system functionality. The missile was fired from Pinaka launcher system in deployment configuration.

### ODIYA ACTOR BABUSHAAN GETS CHALLAN

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC  
BHUBANESWAR, DEC. 19

Ollywood superstar Tanmay Mohanty, popularly known as Babushaan, was on Wednesday night slapped a penalty through e-challan for flouting traffic norms.

Mohanty was reportedly riding a motorcycle near Kalinga Nagar area of the capital city without wearing a helmet, a video of which has been shot by a commuter and made viral on social media platforms.

Taking suo motu cognisance of the incident, the commissioner of police issued a challan of ₹1,000 against Babushaan under the amended Motor Vehicles Act and later took to Twitter to mention, "We adore our actors. But, when Tanmay, better known as Babushaan, was found to be riding a bike without a helmet, a challan was issued. That's our duty. Do follow traffic safety norms always."

Responding to reports of being penalised for violating traffic norms, Babushaan said, "I was riding outside our compound gate and did not go near any traffic junction or National Highway. I will be more careful in future."

### MAN GETS LIFER FOR RAPING MINOR

DC CORRESPONDENT  
BHUBANESWAR, DEC. 19

The court of additional district and sessions judge, Keonjhar, on Thursday awarded death sentence to a man for raping and killing a 3-year-old girl two years ago.

The incident had taken place on January 13, 2017 in Champua area of the district.

Sunil Kumar Nayak, the convict and a relative of the deceased, had come to the girl's house when her parents were not present.

He took her to a playground near a school in the area and raped and killed her.

The body was found at the abandoned kitchen of the school next day.

Acting on a complaint lodged by the parents of the girl, Champua Police had registered a case under relevant sections of IPC and the Pocco Act.

Adjudicating the case, the court pronounced the quantum of the punishment. Statements of as many as 28 witnesses were examined during the trial.

## Protesters wave the Tricolour

### Anti-CAA protesters defy restrictions to hold rallies

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Mobile and Internet services, including voice calls, were also suspended for varying periods in several cities, including the national capital.

In Chennai, three universities were shut down, while in Uttar Pradesh the entire state was locked down through prohibitory orders.

Defying the imposition of Section 144 CrPc and despite the large police presence, protesters across several states marched peacefully waving the Tricolour and holding up placards against CAA and the National Register of Citizens.

In several cities they gathered at maidans to express their commitment to a secular India, in solidarity with Muslims who are being targeted by the CAA and NRC.

The protests led to massive traffic jams that paralysed parts of various cities. While central Delhi was badly affected, there was an 8 km long jam along the roads from Gurugram to Delhi as every car was being checked by the police. Several people missed their flights and airlines had to either cancel flights or reschedule them.

In other cities, including Delhi, scores of peaceful protesters were stuffed in buses and moved from protest venues by the police, only to find that more people came out on roads to oppose the CAA, NRC and police brutality in Jamia Millia Islamia, AMU and Assam.

Unfazed by the nation-wide outrage, the BJP continued to flex its muscle with the party chief, J.P. Nadda, asserting that not only will the "CAA be implemented, but the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will also be brought in."

In Delhi, various Metro stations were shut and top leaders of the Left parties, including D. Raja (CPI), Brinda Karat, Sitaram Yechury, Ajay Maken and Sandeep Dikshit, and Yogendra Yadav (Swaraj Abhiyan) were picked up from Mandi House and Lal Quila. They were later released.

"It was a peaceful protest and suddenly we were surrounded by police. How many peo-

ple can you detain," said CPM leader Brinda Karat. Chanting slogans and carrying placards, the protesters later gathered at Delhi's Jantar Mantar where they continued to hold fort till late Thursday evening amid huge police presence. Water cannons and riot police were kept in readiness for crowd control but no incident was reported except touching gestures of Gandhigiri with young protesters offering roses to police officials in riot gear.

"My dad thinks I'm studying history. He doesn't know I am busy making history," read the placard of a young girl student.

"Kapdon se pechano ino, bhasha se pechano unko, nare se pechano unko, gender se pechano inko. Fail ho gaye Modiji? To tevar se pechano inko," said one of the writer protester while responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent statement at a rally — "You can make out from the clothes who these (anti-CAA) trouble makers are."

"What Delhi Police did at Jamia and UP police did at AMU was very shameful. You too may have children going to universities. How will you feel when they are beaten up brutally," several protesters told police personnel at Jantar Mantar.

"What can we do, we had to follow orders, we have a job to do," said most of the policemen with many conceding that police action on Sunday in Jamia was "wrong."

At Jamia, students formed a human chain around Muslims as they performed Namaz in the afternoon. The protests on Thursday were interesting in other ways too. "Contingency Plans" were circulated among protesters, alerting them of the possibility of "miscreants" and "anti-social elements" mingling with the crowd to spoil the protest and give it a violent turn.

### BELGAVI IS K'TAKA OCCUPIED MAHA: UDDHAV

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NAGPUR, DEC. 19

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday called the Belgavi region, 'Karnataka-occupied Maharashtra' and criticised the BJP-led government in the neighbouring state for alleged atrocities on Marathi-speaking people.

While replying to the discussion on the Governor's speech in the state Assembly, Uddhav Thackeray also asked the BJP to explain how it planned to rehabilitate Hindus migrating from neighbouring countries owing to persecution.

Like PoK, there was a Karnataka-occupied Maharashtra and people in Belgaum are not only Hindus but also Marathi-speaking people and wanted to be part of Maharashtra. However, they are facing oppression from the BJP-led government in Karnataka. Even for speaking the truth, the Belgaum mayor was booked for treason, Uddhav Thackeray said.

The Maharashtra Chief Minister made the Karnataka comment while referring to the Citizenship Amendment Act.

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-Tender Notice  
SPECIMEN COPY OF e-TENDER NOTICE FOR DIFFERENT ELECTRICAL WORKS OPEN TENDER FOR ELECTRICAL(GENERAL)  
DRM (Electrical)/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for execution of the following works. e-Tender No : EL/26/OPEN/2019-20 Sl. No. 1 Name of work with location and completion of work : Electrical work in connection with illumination of approach road across L.C. Gate No. 19/B/T at Dhanbad involving modification of HT/LT overhead lines. (Completion period : Twelve Months) 2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 5817246.87(cost of tender form Rs. 5000/-) 3. Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 116400/- e-Tender No: EL/27/ OPEN/2019-20 Sl. No. 1 Name of work with location and completion of work : Provision of Facade Lighting for station buildings at Dhanbad (Completion period : Twelve Months) 2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 9706596.32 (cost of tender form Rs. 5000/-) 3. Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 194100/- e-Tender No: EL/28/ OPEN/2019-20 Sl. No. 1 Name of work with location and completion of work : Augmentation of lighting at Goods Sheds, having round the clock working in Patratu, Chopan & Singrauli area of Dhanbad division. (Completion period : Twelve Months) 2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 19208522.04 (cost of tender form Rs. 5000/-) 3. Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 246100/- e-Tender No : EL/29/ OPEN/2019-20 Sl. No. 1 Name of work with location and completion of work : Augmentation of lighting at Goods Sheds, having round the clock working in Dhanbad, Kodarma & Barkakana area of Dhanbad division (Completion period : Twelve Months) 2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 21438212.07 (cost of tender form Rs. 10000/-) 3. Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 257200/- 4. Date & Time for submission of closing and opening of e-Tender : Closing of e-Tender : On 23.01.2020 at 11:00 Hrs. Opening of e-Tender : On 23.01.2020 after 11:00Hrs. 5. Website : WEBSITE : www.ireps.gov.in Manual offers are not allowed against e-Tender  
Divl. Railway Manager (Elect)  
East Central Railway,Dhanbad  
PR/011881/DHN/ELEC/ T/19-20/68

## BJP MLA gets jail for cheque bounce

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC  
BHOPAL, DEC. 19

■ THE BJP MLA had issued cheques to an Indore-based couple.

A local court sentenced a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator to six months in jail in a cheque bounce case.

A special court set up here to dispose of various cases pending against MLAs and MPs on Thursday sentenced BJP MLA Surendra Singh Patwa to six months imprisonment, besides slapping a fine of ₹30 lakh on him over bouncing of cheques issued by him to an Indore-based couple in 2017. The couple had earlier moved the district

court here alleging that the lawmaker had issued two cheques worth ₹12 lakh and ₹8 lakh to them towards repayment of the loans he has taken.

However, both the cheques had bounced, forcing the couple to issue a legal notice to him.

He was later granted bail by the court. A nationalised bank in 2018 had declared him wilful defaulter when a company promoted by his family failed to repay a debt of ₹36 crore.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
TENDER NOTICE  
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system  
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty	Closing Date
01	05191502C	KIT OF FILTER FOR KTA 50 L	654 SET	15.01.20
02	08191303	NYLON INSULATED RAIL JOINT COMPLETE SET	4504 NOS	21.01.20

Note:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained. Tender Notice No. 22/2019-2020  
Dated : 18.12.2019 4038/19  
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking**  
(Of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

**TENDER NOTICE**  
e-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.  
(1) 45887 - 1.1KV, 4C x 300 sq.mm Aluminium XLPE Cable, (2) Biennial Rate Contract for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of UPS System, (3) Appointment of Manpower Service Provider Agency for 400 Nos. of Bus-Conductors,  
Re-invited e-tenders  
(4) 44795, (5) 45287, (6) 45485, (7) 45596 (Corrigendum), (8) 44293, (9) 44381, (10) 52036 (Corrigendum).  
Note : For more details, at (Sr. Nos. 1, 3 to 7 & 10) log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in & (Sr. Nos. 2, 8 & 9) www.besttender.com.  
PRO/AM(M)/122/2019. GENERAL MANAGER

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इंदिरा गांधी परमाणु अनुसंधान केंद्र  
/ Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research  
कल्पाक्कम / Kalpakkam - 603 102.

**AMENDMENT No.2 for Tender No.CEG/IGC/1577/2019**  
Name of work : Construction of SASTRA building and SED storage shed at IGCAR, Kalpakkam.  
Following amendment/correction shall be carried out in the Notice Inviting Tender & Amendment No.1 for the above mentioned work.

NIT Page No	Description	As per NIT	As per Amendment No.1	As per Amendment No.2 (Shall be read as)
2	Last date for submission of Original DD/BC/PO etc. towards EMD.	On or before 11-12-2019 (15:00 Hours) either at Liaison office (TCPAS) at Shastri Bhavan, Chennai whose address is Head, TCPAS, TC & QCD, 6th Floor, Shastri Bhavan, No:26, H a d d o w s r o a d , N u n g a m b a k k a m , C h e n n a i - 600 006. (OR) at Office of Chief Engineer, Civil Engineering Group, IGCAR, Kalpakkam - 603102. The tenderer shall be required to submit the Earnest Money in a sealed envelope marked 'Earnest Money.'	On or before 18-12-2019 (15:00 Hours) either at Liaison office (TCPAS) at Shastri Bhavan, Chennai whose address is Head, TCPAS, TC & QCD, 6th Floor, Shastri Bhavan, No:26, H a d d o w s r o a d , N u n g a m b a k k a m , C h e n n a i - 600 006. (OR) at Office of Chief Engineer, Civil Engineering Group, IGCAR, Kalpakkam - 603102. The tenderer shall be required to submit the Earnest Money in a sealed envelope marked 'Earnest Money.'	On or before 02-01-2020 (15:00 Hours) either at Liaison office (TCPAS) at Shastri Bhavan, Chennai whose address is Head, TCPAS, TC & QCD, 6th Floor, Shastri Bhavan, No:26, H a d d o w s r o a d , N u n g a m b a k k a m , C h e n n a i - 600 006. (OR) at Office of Chief Engineer, Civil Engineering Group, IGCAR, Kalpakkam - 603102. The tenderer shall be required to submit the Earnest Money in a sealed envelope marked 'Earnest Money.'
2	Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders:	11-12-2019 (14:30 Hours)	18-12-2019 (14:30 Hours)	02-01-2020 (14:30 Hours)
2	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bid	17-12-2019 (15:00 Hours) at Office of Chief Engineer, CEG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam Only.	24-12-2019 (15:00 Hours) at Office of Chief Engineer, CEG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam Only.	07-01-2020 (15:00 Hours) at Office of Chief Engineer, CEG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam Only.
2	Date of verification of credentials for e-Tendering mode	18-12-2019 to 24-12-2019 (Except 21.12.2019 & 22.12.2019). Note: Original documents substantiating the eligibility criteria all mentioned should be produced for verification during evaluation process. If the tenderers fail to submit original credential for verification, within the prescribed period as mentioned above those tenders will be summarily rejected.	26-12-2019 to 03-01-2020 (Except 28.12.2019 & 29.12.2019). Note: Original documents substantiating the eligibility criteria all mentioned should be produced for verification during evaluation process. If the tenderers fail to submit original credential for verification, within the prescribed period as mentioned above those tenders will be summarily rejected.	08-01-2020 to 14-01-2020 (Except 11.01.2020 & 12.01.2020). Note: Original documents substantiating the eligibility criteria all mentioned should be produced for verification during evaluation process. If the tenderers fail to submit original credential for verification, within the prescribed period as mentioned above those tenders will be summarily rejected.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. Director, ESG, IGCAR