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J&K Internet links partially restored

NEW DELHI
The Jammu and Kashmir administration issued an order late on Tuesday to partially restore broadband Internet facilities in Kashmir Valley and 2G mobile connectivity in five districts in Jammu region. The order said there will be complete restriction on social media applications that may facilitate "peer to peer communication".

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JNU violence: court orders seizure of phones

NEW DELHI
The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed the police to summon and seize the phones of the members of the WhatsApp groups "United Against Left" and "Friends of RSS" in connection with the January 5 violence on JNU campus.

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After Modi's call, Trump likely to visit Delhi in late February

President keen on trip but impeachment process could influence the dates

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NEW DELHI

Security and logistics teams from Washington are expected in Delhi this week to prepare for a possible visit by U.S. President Donald Trump, multiple sources have confirmed to *The Hindu*.

The visit, which has not yet been announced, would bring Mr. Trump to India a year after he declined an invitation to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations, and will go ahead at the end of February as long as dates don't need to be changed to accommodate the impeachment process in the Senate.

The sources said the decision to visit India, at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation, was discussed during a telephone call between the leaders on January 7. Ac-



Strong ties: U.S. President Donald Trump with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New York City, in this file photo. • REUTERS

cording to the sources, Mr. Trump is "keen" to visit early in the year, ahead of elections in November, and both sides are working towards a visit in the last week of February. India's Ambassador to Washington, who is now the Foreign Secretary-designate, Harsh Shringla met Mr. Trump before returning to Delhi, and will begin preparations for the visit.

With just weeks to go to the proposed visit, New Delhi is understood to have intimated its choice of Mr. Shringla's replacement and

Washington is expected to expedite its 'agreement' for his appointment.

Trade deal

Among the agreements the leaders hope to wrap up is a trade deal that has been pending since November 2018, when talks went into a standstill.

In June 2019, the U.S. cancelled India's preferential export 'GSP' status, and the government hopes Mr. Trump will announce a revocation of that decision during the visit.

India is also expected to announce further investments in the U.S., and a substantial increase in American oil imports. In particular, a major deal on civil aviation is being discussed, officials said.

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Who says you cannot protest, asks judge

She was hearing bail plea of Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad

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Additional sessions judge Kamini Lau, while hearing the bail plea of Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad in connection with the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act in Daryaganj last month, observed on Tuesday that the prosecution was behaving as if Jama Masjid was Pakistan.

When the prosecutor, representing the Delhi police, read out some social media posts of Mr. Azad to allege that he had incited violence, Dr. Lau said: "Where is the violence? What is wrong with any of these posts? Who says you cannot protest? Have



Chandrashekhar Azad

you read the Constitution?"

The judge said: "You are behaving as if Jama Masjid is Pakistan. Even if it was Pakistan, you can go there and protest. Pakistan was a part of undivided India."

The police pointed out that no prior permission had been taken for the protests, to which the court said: "What permission? SC [Supreme Court] has said re-

peated use of [Section] 144 is abuse [referring to the recent decision in a case related to Kashmir]."

When the prosecution said it had only drone images of the gathering in which Mr. Azad allegedly gave inflammatory speeches, the court said: "Do you think our Delhi police is so backward that they have no recorded evidence? In small matters, Delhi police have recorded evidence, why not in this incident?"

Mr. Azad's lawyer, Mehmood Pracha, said he [Mr. Azad] had only been reading the Constitution and speaking against the CAA-NRC.

(With PTI inputs)

AAP releases full list of 70 candidates for Delhi

24 new faces in the party list while 15 sitting legislators have been denied tickets

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NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday released its full list of 70 candidates for the Delhi Assembly elections due on February 8.

All seven AAP Ministers got party tickets and three of its 2019 Delhi Lok Sabha election candidates – Atishi, Dilip Pandey, and Raghav Chadha – made it to the list. Also, leaders who joined the party in the last one week – Ram Singh Netaji, Vinay Mishra and Shoaib Iqbal – got tickets.

The party has announced 24 new faces while 15 sitting MLAs have been dropped.



Arvind Kejriwal

The other two parties – the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party – have not yet announced their candidates for the elections.

"Best wishes to all. Don't

be complacent. Work v hard. People have lot of faith in AAP and u. God bless [sic]," AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal said in a tweet.

46 MLAs retained

Of the existing 61 MLAs, 46 have made it to the list and the party has fielded eight women candidates, compared with six in 2015, said senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia.

In the 2015 Assembly elections, AAP had swept 67 of the 70 seats in Delhi. Later, the BJP won the Rajouri Garden bypoll after AAP legislator Jarnail Singh vacat-

ed the seat to contest the Punjab Assembly elections in 2017.

In 2019, after the Lok Sabha election, five AAP MLAs were disqualified by Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel under the anti-defection law.

AAP is also expected to come out with its election manifesto later this week.

The last date for filing of nominations is January 21 while January 24 is the last date for withdrawal of candidature.

The elections results will be out on February 11.

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Kerala govt. challenges CAA in Supreme Court

Suit has been filed under Article 131

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NEW DELHI

Kerala became the first State to join citizens across the country to challenge in the Supreme Court the constitutionality of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019, which fast-tracks grant of citizenship on the basis of religion.

The State has approached the Supreme Court nearly 15 days after the Assembly unanimously requested the Centre to abrogate the law on December 31, 2019.

And it comes just three days after the CAA came into effect on January 10.

'Original' jurisdiction

The original suit has been filed under Article 131 of the Constitution. The SC has "original" jurisdiction in disputes between States or the Centre and State(s). The Article allows it to directly take cognisance of such a dispute.

Kerala said in its suit that it would be compelled under Article 256 to comply with the CAA, which was "manifestly arbitrary, unreasonable, irrational and violative of fundamental rights".

The suit, represented by senior advocate Jaideep Gupta and G. Prakash, submitted, "Thus, there exists a dispute, involving questions of law and fact, between the State of Kerala and the Union of India, re-



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan

garding the enforcement of legal rights as a State and as well for the enforcement of the fundamental, statutory constitutional and other legal rights of the inhabitants of the State of Kerala."

However, there have been two conflicting judgments from the SC by coordinate Benches on whether a State can file an original suit under Article 131 to challenge the constitutionality of a central law.

The first judgment reported in 2012 – *State of Madhya Pradesh vs Union of India* – held that States cannot challenge a Central law under Article 131.

The second judgment – *State of Jharkhand vs State of Bihar* – took the opposite view in 2015 and referred the question of law to a larger Bench of the Supreme Court for final determination.

The Centre may object to the maintainability of the Kerala suit when it comes up for hearing.

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Hallmarking made must for gold jewellery

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

No jeweller will be allowed to sell gold jewellery or artefacts without hallmark from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) from January 15, 2021,

onwards, Consumer Affairs Minister Ramvilas Paswan announced on Tuesday.

If jewellery or artefacts made of 14, 18 and 22 carat gold are sold without a BIS hallmark, then the jeweller

could be charged penalty five times the cost of the object or even given imprisonment up to one year. Gold hallmarking is a purity certification and is voluntary in nature now.

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