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CAA violates basic structure: Kerala is first state to move SC against new law

It's a colourable legislation... in violation of the secular nature of Constitution: Plea

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CHALLENGING THE Citizenship (Amendment) Act and calling it “discriminatory” and a “colourable legislation”, the Kerala government became the first state to move the Supreme Court Tuesday, urging it to declare the law enacted by Parliament violative of the Constitution, its basic structure rule and secular principles.

The petition was filed two weeks after the Kerala Assembly passed a resolution demanding that the new citizenship law be scrapped.

Citing the original and exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, the plea filed under Article 131 of the Constitution said that “in accordance with the mandate of Article 256 of the Constitution, the Plaintiff State will be compelled to ensure compliance of Impugned Amendment Act and the Rules and Orders, which are manifestly arbitrary, unreasonable,

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Importance of Article 131

ART 32 on enforcement of rights has been cited in other CAA petitions. Only Art 131 gives SC original and exclusive jurisdiction to resolve disputes between the Centre and one or more States; between Centre and any State or States on one side and one or more other States on the other; between two or more States.

You behaving as if Jama Masjid is Pak: Court slams Delhi Police on Azad plea

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COMING DOWN heavily on the prosecution during the bail hearing of Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad, arrested last month for his protest against the new citizenship law, a Delhi court Tuesday said “it is one's Constitutional right to protest” and Delhi Police is “behaving as if Jama Masjid is Pakistan”.

Azad was arrested in the early hours of December 21 after he emerged from the Jama Masjid



Arrested on Dec 21, Bhim Army chief has sought bail

and surrendered to police. When his bail plea came up at the Tis Hazari courts,

Cases start falling in Muzaffarnagar: 19 of 107 freed after police say no evidence

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LESS THAN a month after police in UP's Muzaffarnagar accused 107 people of rioting and attempt to murder in connection with the anti-CAA protests, they are struggling to make the charges stick.

So far, 19 people have been released on bail, either by police



Muzaffarnagar witnessed violence last month. File

Additional Sessions Judge Kamini Lau told the prosecutor: “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.”

“Things that should have been said in Parliament have not been said, which is why people are out on the streets,” ASJ Lau told Additional Public Prosecutor Pankaj Bhatia.

The bail hearing was adjourned after the court ordered Delhi Police to supply copies of

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Will be lenient if students join proctor inquiry: JNU V-C

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REJECTING THE demands for his resignation, Vice-Chancellor M Jagadesh Kumar, at the centre of the unrest at JNU, indicated that he was ready to take a “lenient” view on disciplinary proceedings against students if they participated in the pending proctorial inquiries.

In an interview to *The Indian Express*, Kumar said: “The V-C has the discretionary power to waive any punishment or reduce the punishment... We will be flexible, if you come and explain

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IF YOUR PROTEST IS GENUINE, WHY HIDE FACES?

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VICE-CHANCELLOR, JNU

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Six sets of dates, Feb to Sept, on table for Trump's visit to India

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NEW DELHI and Washington are looking at six blocks of dates for US President Donald Trump's likely visit to India this year, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The dates on the table are February 18-26, March 16-20, April 6-17, May 26-29, July 5-17 and August 10-September 7, sources said. The government is “extremely keen” to host the President before the US elections in November, and is waiting for the White House to revert on the dates, they said.

However, unlike last time, when India had invited the President to attend the Republic Day celebrations as the chief



Govt hopes to host Trump before US elections this year

guest, Delhi has not taken the risk of tying the visit to an event. “We would like the US President to visit India this year... but we have kept it open-ended and flexible as per the schedule of the two leaders,” sources said.

Some officials suggested that the dates in February are under

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Broadband back in J&K institutions, call on lifting curbs for public after Jan 26

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THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration Tuesday decided to restore broadband services in all government offices, institutions offering essential services such as hospitals and banks, and tourism-linked establishments, amid indications that the facility may be extended to the “general

public” after the Republic Day celebrations on January 26.

“Broadband facility is being restored to get essential services functioning properly and tourism restarted. There will be a total ban on social media, though. A call on extending the facility to the general public will be taken after January 26, depending on the security situation,” top government sources said.

An order signed by J&K

Principal Secretary (Home) Shaleen Kabra states that the administration is taking this decision despite Intelligence inputs of terrorist activities and threats of attacks in Kashmir, since it believes that the services have become essential.

It acknowledges the Supreme Court ruling last week asking the administration to review all decisions related to

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Dec 16 Delhi gangrape: Curative pleas rejected, one convict files mercy plea

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WITH BARELY a week left for January 22, the date stipulated by a Delhi court to hang four convicts in the December 16, 2012 Delhi gangrape case, the Supreme Court Tuesday dismissed curative petitions filed by two of the four on death row. A five-judge bench headed

by Justice N V Ramana, which took up in-chamber the review petitions of Vinay Kumar Sharma and Mukesh Kumar, said it had “gone through the curative petitions, and the relevant documents” and concluded that “no case is made out”. “Hence, the curative petitions are dismissed,” the bench said.

The bench, also comprising Justices Arun Mishra, R F Nariman, R Banumathi and

Ashok Bhushan, rejected the plea to stay the death sentence and hear the petitions in open court.

Mukesh Kumar, meanwhile, filed a mercy petition Tuesday and also approached the Delhi High Court seeking to set aside the death warrant. The appeal is listed for hearing Wednesday before a bench of Justices Manmohan and Sangita Dhingra Sehgal.

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President Kovind will present RNG Awards on Jan 20

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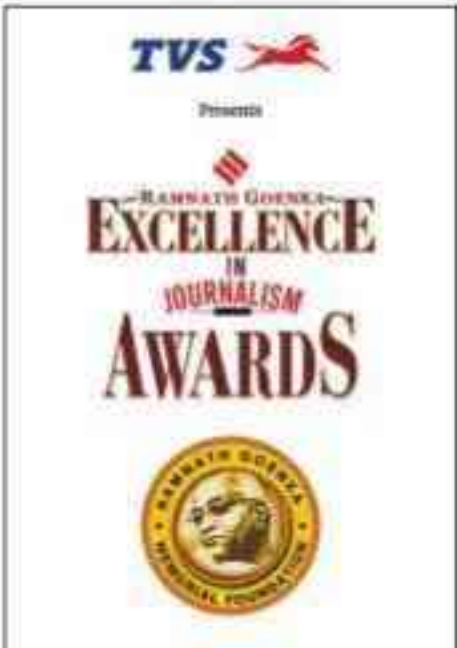
FROM CONFLICT zones to corporate boardrooms, spanning print, broadcast and digital, journalists who have upheld the highest standards of their profession in 2018 will receive the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards from President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi Monday.

Administered by the Ramnath Goenka Memorial Foundation, and instituted as part of the centenary year celebrations of the founder of *The Indian Express* to celebrate outstanding contributions to Indian journalism, the awards are now in their fourteenth year.

This time, the awards have 11 categories covering critical areas in print, digital and electronic media, including business and economics, political reportage, civic journalism, environment, science and technology, journalism in conflict areas, and re-



President Ram Nath Kovind



gional-language reporting.

The winners were chosen by an eminent jury that included Tom Goldstein, Professor and Dean, Jindal School of Journalism & Communication, O P Jindal Global University; S Y Quraishi, former Chief Election

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