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Telangana to try out facial recognition in civic polls

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JANUARY 19

THE TELANGANA government will be testing voter identification through a face recognition application on a pilot basis in the municipal elections of January 23. This will be the first time that face recognition software will be used to ascertain the identity of voters.

The pilot will be implemented in Kompally Municipality in Medchal Malkajgiri district for 10 polling stations (Nos. 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 31 and 32). An Additional Polling Officer will click pictures of the voter and the identity card submitted by her on a mobile phone with the facial recognition app, and send it to the Telangana State Technology Services (TSTS). After matching, the result will be sent back to the mobile phone.

Even if the result is negative, however, the person will be allowed to vote based on the prescribed process of identification using their ID card. "The normal duties of polling personnel will be intact, and there will be no deviation because of implementation

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REMARKS IN UAE; MODI LIKELY TO VISIT BANGLADESH IN MARCH

Hasina speaks: Don't know why India got CAA... not necessary

'No reverse migration from India, but people facing problems within India'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

MORE THAN a month after the Citizenship (Amendment) Act was passed, leading to Bangladesh cancelling at least two ministerial visits to India, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said that while the Act and the proposed nationwide NRC are "internal matters" of India, the CAA move was "not necessary".

Hasina's comments, during an interview to Dubai-based Gulf News, come two months before

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Bangladesh for the birth centenary celebrations of Hasina's father and Bangladesh's "Father of the Nation", Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The event is expected to be held on March 17, and is likely to be attended by Modi, former President Pranab Mukherjee, and Congress chief Sonia Gandhi among others.

During the interview in UAE's capital Abu Dhabi, where Hasina had gone on a bilateral visit last week, she said that she did not understand the purpose of the CAA passed in India, which aims



Bangladesh PM, however, said CAA and NRC are India's 'internal matters'. Archive

to offer citizenship to non-Muslim minorities that have faced persecution in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"We don't understand why [the Indian government] did it. It was not necessary," she said.

Bangladesh, where 10.7 per cent of the 161 million-strong population is Hindu and 0.6 per cent Buddhist, has denied any migration to India because of religious persecution.

The Bangladesh PM also said there has been no recorded reverse migration from India. "No, there is no reverse migration

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EXPLAINED

Growing strain in relations

HASINA'S POLITICAL leadership since 2008 has led to stronger ties between New Delhi and Dhaka. But her latest remarks indicate a growing strain after the new citizenship law came into force. There is also concern in Dhaka over the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC) across India.

Custody death of a 20-yr-old is part of cloud over Davinder

MUZAMIL JALEEL
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

AMONG THE several red flags that have resurfaced against J&K Deputy Superintendent of Police Davinder Singh, currently in custody, one goes back to June 2000: it is related to the alleged custodial killing of 20-year-old Aijaz Ahmad Bazaz in a camp under Singh's supervision.

Bazaz, his father Mohammad Shafi recalled, had gone to his aunt's house in Bemina near their home in the Mandarbagh locality in Srinagar. Two days later, he was picked up by police.

"We came to know that a police party from Humhama Task Force Camp (of the Special Operations Group) has taken him... A week later, a policeman came to our house and asked us to go to the Police Control Room (PCR). My son's body was lying there. He was my only son; there



Davinder Singh was arrested on January 11

were torture wounds all over his body."

Davinder Singh was then in charge of the SOG camp at Humhama. The SOG is the counter-insurgent arm of Jammu & Kashmir Police.

The J&K State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) took cognizance of Bazaz's death. The SHRC was wound up after J&K was downgraded to two Union Territories last year. Justice (retired) Bilal Nazki, the last chairman of the SHRC, told *The Indian Express* that "the case had come up before the Commission much before (my) term and (I) was told that the Commission had

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Organisers said some 70,000 protested on Saturday, including 30,000 women. Abhishek Angad

From PhD scholar to homemaker, women lead big protest in Ranchi

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JANUARY 19

A HOMEMAKER left her ailing in-laws behind at home, a businesswoman locked up her stationery shop, and a doctoral student missed her class. All of them went to Ranchi's Doranda Urs Maidan — along with 70,000 others — to protest against the new citizenship law, the National

Population Register (NPR), and the proposed NRC.

Jharkhand has seen several anti-CAA protests — the 'Samvidhan Bachao, Desh Bachao' gathering at the Maidan on Saturday was the largest in the state so far. Professor Rizwan Ali, one of the coordinators of the event, said more than 30,000 of the protesters were women.

A woman who identified herself as Rani Parveen held up a sign

that said, "Humein chain se jeene do, kala kanoon wapas lo (Let us live in peace, take back the black law)". She said she had joined various protests against the CAA earlier, but had made extra effort to be present on Saturday.

"My in-laws are ailing, and

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ANTI-CAA PROTEST IN PATNA TOO PAGE 10

General Cariappa in 1971: Scrap Constitution, need military rule

Signed note by Army's first Indian chief found in archives: Military rule temporary measure, scrap political parties

SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

WEEKS AFTER Indira Gandhi won a landslide victory in the Lok Sabha elections of 1971, the first Indian to head the Indian Army, General K M Cariappa, who was later made Field Marshal, underlined in a clarificatory note that he was in favour of "a military rule, only as a temporary measure to put things right in the country".

Exhorting Indians to "wake up" and "SPEAK", he asserted that 90 per cent would "vote for a President's cum Military Rule to save Democracy".

The signed note of April 7, 1971 was recently discovered in

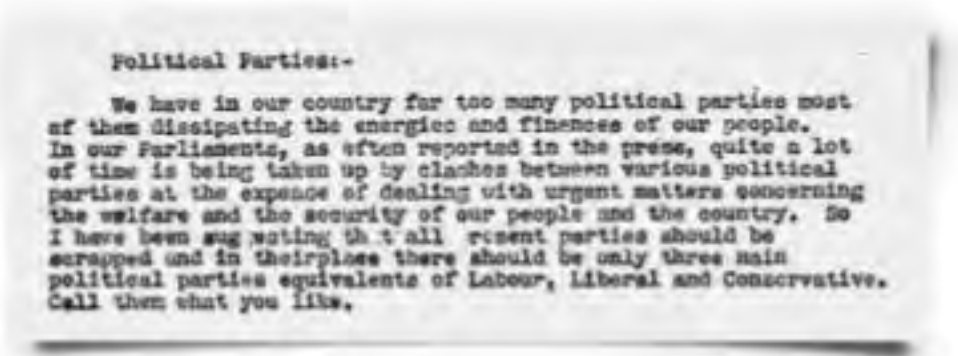


Image grab of the note (above); He didn't want linguistic states

Karnataka's state archives. It was written as a clarification for the public after Cariappa had met

the then Prime Minister, Home Minister and the Speaker of Lok Sabha following a Parliamentary debate about his comments advocating these measures while informally speaking to the press in Dhanbad in March 1970.

Cariappa was heavily criticised for those remarks, including in Parliament. It was then reported that he had met these

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In Kolhapur, citizen groups battle price rise with own mutton shop, trigger shutdown by retailers

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SADAF MODAK
KOLHAPUR, JANUARY 19

THE SURGE in food inflation across the country has played out in a peculiar manner in Maharashtra's Kolhapur, where citizens' groups have opened a shop to sell mutton at lower prices as part of their agitation against the price rise.

In November, when the retail price rose to Rs 580 per kg, the

Kolhapur Mutton Darvadh Virodhi Kruti Samiti, an umbrella body, set up the Samyukta Rajarampuri Mutton Shop that sold the meat at Rs 480 — and continues to do so.

"The initial plan was to open 4-5 shops on our own, converting commercial spaces into mutton shops, as the sellers were on a strike for two weeks against the agitation. We did not want to cause inconvenience to the public," said Dilip Desai, a member of the Samiti, which set up the shop on November 24.

Shashikant Shetke, who manages the Rajarampuri shop,



Citizens' shop offers mutton at Rs 480 per kg. Express

says business has been brisk with sales of over 10 goats on weekends and 2-3 on weekdays. "We want to keep the shop open to provide residents access to mutton priced lower than other retailers," he said.

Shetke, who is also part of the Samiti, says he has managed to maintain lower prices by keeping leaner margins and buying goats at a time when the prices were cheaper.

Kolhapur is famous for mutton delicacies like *tambda rassa*, *pandhra rassa* (mutton broth), and mutton *thali*. And the tussle over prices began over two

months ago when residents of Kasba Bawda in Kolhapur put up hoardings that read: "Aamcha tharlay, mutton nadhi-cya pali kada (We have decided, we will buy mutton from across the river)".

The call was to buy mutton from across the city's Panchganga river, where mutton is sold in smaller villages at Rs 400 per kg. This line caught on, including with members of citizens' groups formed in 2013, which had earlier persuaded residents to not pay a toll levied by an infrastructure authority while

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President will present the Ramnath Goenka Awards for Excellence in Journalism today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

FROM STORIES told from jungles deep inside Bastar that often get lost in the State vs Maoists binary to those that tracked rising instances of sexual assault on minors; from some of the biggest news breaks of the year to investigations that highlighted gaps between claims and numbers.

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President Ram Nath Kovind



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No politics, PM told J&K-bound Ministers

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

A DAY before the first batch of Union ministers arrived in J&K as part of an outreach initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the Council of Ministers Friday that those visiting the UT should refrain from overt political messaging and focus on con-

necting with the people to "make up for lost time", sources told *The Indian Express*.

According to the sources, the Prime Minister also asked the Ministers to stay in the villages they visit at night rather than return to Jammu or Srinagar.

Friday's meeting was the latest in a series that Modi has held with Ministers and top

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