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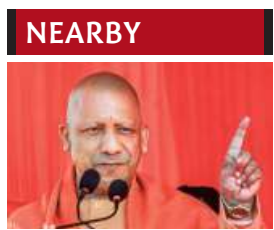
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Azadi slogans amount to sedition, says Adityanath

LUCKNOW
Raising slogans of 'azadi' (freedom) "in the name of protests" will amount to sedition and invite harsh action, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday while speaking in support of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. Addressing a rally in Kanpur, he said "people living on Indian soil will not be allowed to conspire" against the country.

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'Submit action-taken report on Jamia violence'

NEW DELHI
A Delhi court on Wednesday ordered the police to submit an action-taken report on Jamia Millia Islamia's plea seeking registration of an FIR against alleged police attack on students during protests against the CAA last month. The petition filed by the JMI Registrar claimed that despite repeated complaints, no action has been taken till date.

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SC refuses to stay citizenship law without hearing the govt.

CJI indicates the issue may be eventually referred to Constitution Bench

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Wednesday said the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019, is "uppermost in everybody's minds", but refused to stay the law without hearing the government first.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sharad A. Bobde did not heed pleas to even postpone the process of collecting population data to identify illegal migrants or "doubtful citizens" on the basis of their religion.

The CJI indicated that the CAA challenge may eventually be referred to a Constitution Bench for a decision on merits.

The Bench issued notice on at least 80 more fresh petitions filed for and against the CAA. It gave the government four weeks to file its response. The government urged the court to "freeze" the number of petitions filed in the case.

144 petitions

A total of 144 petitions were listed before the Bench that also comprised Justices S. Abdul Nazeer and Sanjiv Khanna.

The court said it would list the case in February to pass

Legal challenge grows

The CAA has attracted 144 petitions, the largest number concerning a law, and the figure is only growing

Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam: CAA-NRC is a ploy to "demonise and marginalise" Muslims and distract public attention from government's "extreme administrative incompetence"

IUML: Immediately stay CAA process. Clarify whether pan-India NRC would be implemented or not

Israrul Hoque Mondal: To declare a MHA notification of July 31, 2019 to update National Population

Register as unconstitutional and violative of fundamental rights of dignity and equality
Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind: CAA classifies immigrants without any "intelligible differential" and ignores persecuted minorities like Ahmadiyyas, Zikris, Baha'i, Kalasha and Shia sects of Pakistan
Makkal Needhi Maiam: Benefits of naturalisation to illegal migrants is being extended to a certain class of illegal migrants



interim orders. It asked the senior lawyers involved in the case to categorise the petitions and work out a schedule for hearing them.

"I don't think anything [any law like the CAA] is irreversible. There will have to be a date for hearing this interim prayer [for a stay of the CAA]... This case is uppermost in everybody's minds," the CJI said, reacting to the concerns.

Lawyers argued that the National Population Register (NPR) exercise is commencing in April. Data collected

through it would be used for preparing a nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC).

The NPR-NRC is considered a harbinger of facilitator for the operation of the CAA, which fast-tracks the citizenship-by-naturalisation process for "illegal migrants" from six religious communities, other than Muslims, who have fled persecution from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

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Students shun classes in NE

Students across universities and colleges in the northeast, specifically those in Assam, boycotted classes on Wednesday to protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. "The student fraternity expressed their united opposition to the CAA on the day of hearing of the petitions against the law in the top court," said Moon Talukdar, a student leader. ► PAGE 13

CAA is a just law: Javadekar

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said the Citizenship (Amendment Act) was a "just" law to benefit communities that had fled to India facing religious persecution in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. "This is a law for justice. Those who oppose it may have a different thinking but the Supreme Court has taken a decision not to give it an interim stay." ► PAGE 12

Centre seeks guidelines on execution of convicts

MHA moves court appealing for a deadline of seven days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court to frame guidelines to execute death penalty of condemned prisoners within seven days of rejection of their mercy petitions.

The move comes amid various pleas filed by convicts in the 2012 Nirbhaya gang-rape case that have delayed their hanging.

The four convicts are on death row since 2013 after a trial court ruled against them. Multiple curative petitions and mercy pleas filed before the President of India have been rejected.

The MHA filed an application in the court to seek "appropriate clarification/modification and directions" in the 2014 *Shatrughan Singh Chauhan and another vs Union of India* judgment that defined the procedure to be adopted in cases of prisoners on death row.

'Accused-centric rules'
The existing guidelines, the Ministry said, are "accused-centric".

"These guidelines, however, do not take into account an irreparable mental trauma, agony, upheaval and derangement of the vic-

For time-bound action

▪ Asserting that "rape is not only an offence against an individual and society but is an offence against humanity," the MHA moved the SC to modify the guidelines for time-bound disposal of death warrants in rape cases

▪ One convict in the 2012 Nirbhaya gang-rape recently filed a mercy petition with the President after a trial court fixed the date of hanging

▪ The convicts are on death row since 2013, and the SC rejected curative petitions in 2018

▪ The government stressed that the "need of the hour" was to lay down guidelines in "the interest of the victims" rather than keeping the rights of the convicts in mind

▪ The MHA sought a direction "to mandate all competent courts, State governments, prison authorities in the country to issue death warrant of a convict within seven days of rejection of his mercy petition and to execute death sentence within 7 days thereafter, irrespective of the stage of review petition/curative petition/mercy petition of his co-convicts"



The Nirbhaya case convicts:
Akshay Thakur, Pawan Gupta, Vinay Sharma and Mukesh Singh

times and their family members, the collective conscience of the nation and the deterrent effect which the capital punishment intends to make. It is found several years before and after the judgment in the *Shatrughan* case that convicts of even such heinous crimes under the garb of Article 21 take the judicial process for a ride,"

the Ministry said.
It sought a direction that "if the convict of death sentence wants to file mercy petition, it would be mandatory to do so only within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of death warrant issued by the competent court".

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India drops 10 ranks in Democracy Index

SAIRA ASLAM

NEW DELHI

The latest edition of the Democracy Index spells gloom for India. The world's biggest democracy slipped 10 places in the 2019 global ranking to 51st place.

The survey published on Wednesday attributes the primary cause of "the democratic regression" to "an erosion of civil liberties in the country".

India's overall score fell from 7.23 to 6.9, on a scale of 0-10, within a year (2018-2019) — the country's lowest since 2006.

The report, "A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest", was done by The Economist Intelligence Unit — the research and analysis division of The Econo-

Liberty in jeopardy

Of all the five categories that make up the Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index, India's civil liberties index fell the most

Index	Value in 2019	Change from 2018
Democracy	6.90	-0.33
Electoral pluralism	8.67	-0.5
Government	6.79	0
Political participation	6.67	-0.55
Political culture	5.63	0
Civil liberties	6.76	-0.59

mist Group, which is the sister company to *The Economist* newspaper.

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Amarinder sends Sukhbir copy of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*

Learn from history and join fight against CAA: Punjab CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHANDIGARH

Amid their ongoing verbal spat over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Wednesday sent Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal a copy of *Mein Kampf*, advising him to read Adolf Hitler's autobiography to understand the "dangerous implications" of the CAA.

Capt. Amarinder said it was important for the Akali leaders to read the former German Chancellor's autobiography before giving irrational statements on the CAA. "The recent state-

ments of various Akali leaders, including Mr. Sukhbir, clearly exposed their ignorance on this sensitive issue with grave repercussions for the nation," he said.

"Supporting the Bill in Parliament and Vidhan Sabha and opposing it on other platforms is unbecoming of a political leader," the Chief Minister said in a letter sent to Mr. Sukhbir.

"Read the book, as one always learns from history... The talk of camps and a national register to eliminate the Muslim and Jewish communities is ominous," Capt. Amarinder wrote, adding that while some of the polit-

ical parties, including the Congress, were protesting every day, along with the universities across the country, "it is time now that others too join this movement."

He said that Mr. Sukhbir should clarify his party's stand on the CAA.

SAD resolution

The Akali Dal on Wednesday passed a resolution at a meeting of the party's core committee, chaired by Mr. Sukhbir, saying it supports the CAA to the extent that it protects the interests of the Sikh community, but wants it amended to widen its ambit and include Muslims in it.

MBS may be linked to Bezos phone hack: UN experts

They demand immediate investigation by relevant authorities; Riyadh terms the allegations 'absurd'

REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO/CAIRO

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman may have been involved in a plot to hack the phone of Amazon's billionaire boss Jeff Bezos, UN experts said on Wednesday.

The UN special rapporteurs, Agnes Callamard and David Kaye, said they had information pointing to the "possible involvement" of the Prince in the alleged 2018 cyberattack. Saudi officials have dismissed the allegations as absurd.

Cybersecurity experts hired by Mr. Bezos, the world's richest man, concluded his phone was probably infiltrated by a video file sent from a WhatsApp account purportedly be-



In happier times: A file photo of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman with Amazon chief Jeff Bezos. • AFP

longing to Prince Mohammed, known as MBS, in 2018, according to a person familiar with the matter.

They said the device began leaking massive amounts of data about a month afterwards, the source said.

Ms. Callamard, the special rapporteur for extra-judicial killings, and Mr.

Kaye, special rapporteur for free expression, said the allegation of Saudi involvement "demands immediate investigation by U.S. and other relevant authorities".

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud dismissed the allegations. "I think 'absurd' is exactly the right word," he told Reuters in an interview

in Davos. "The idea that the Crown Prince would hack Jeff Bezos' phone is absolutely silly."

The allegations could nonetheless further damage relations between tech tycoon Mr. Bezos and Riyadh, and risk harming the kingdom's reputation with foreign powers and investors.

Khashoggi killing

The alleged cyberattack is said to have taken place months before the 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a fierce critic of the Saudi government and a columnist for the Bezos-owned *Washington Post*.

Prince Mohammed said last year that the killing was carried out by rogue opera-

tives and that he did not order it.

In another previous flash-point, Mr. Bezos' security chief said last year that the Saudi government had gained access to the Amazon CEO's phone and leaked to U.S. tabloid the *National Enquirer* messages exchanged between Mr. Bezos and Lauren Sanchez, a former TV anchor who the newspaper said he was dating. A month before, Mr. Bezos had accused the newspaper's owner of trying to blackmail him with the threat of publishing "intimate photos" he allegedly sent to Ms. Sanchez. The Saudi government has denied having anything to do with the *National Enquirer* reports.

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