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A look at how India has engaged with its founding principles over the decades

After Trump, feeler by Nepal to mediate between India, Pak; says revive SAARC

SHUBHAJIT ROY
KATHMANDU, JANUARY 25

DAYS AFTER US President Donald Trump reiterated his offer to “help” on Kashmir, a top Nepal government source on Saturday said that “if necessary”, it “can play the role of a mediator” between India and Pakistan since the country is “impartial, neutral, friendly, independent and peace-loving”. However, the source added for good measure that it would be “better” if the two countries talked directly.

This is the first time that Nepal has offered to mediate between India and Pakistan, as the SAARC summit — due to be held

in Pakistan — has been postponed since 2016. At the last SAARC summit in Kathmandu in November 2014, former PM Sushil Koirala had played a role in getting the two leaders to talk to each other at a retreat in Dhulikhel.

The top Nepalese government source also asserted that there is “no relation between SAARC and terrorism”. New Delhi has always maintained that Pakistan’s support to terrorist activities in the region has led to a situation, which is not conducive to holding the SAARC summit.

In response to a question by *The Sunday Express* on whether

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Brazilian President Bolsonaro with PM Modi and President Kovind in New Delhi Saturday. *Praveen Khanna*

India, Brazil sign 15 pacts, plan to boost bonds

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

FROM POLITICAL and strategic coordination to trade and commerce, agriculture and energy to consular and legal issues — India and Brazil on Saturday signed a multi-pillar action plan to strengthen their strategic partnership.

After the bilateral talks with visiting Brazil President Jair

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‘OPPN WITH PROTESTERS, HAS NO SHAME’ Vote us to rid Delhi of Shaheen Bagh: Shah

Tells BJP workers: Want a Delhi that is without pollution, slums, traffic jams

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah Saturday said there should be “no Shaheen Bagh” in Delhi and appealed to people to choose the lotus symbol on voting day so that protesters have to leave the place by the evening of February 11, when results are declared.

Addressing a gathering of the BJP’s social media volunteers at an event called ‘Jeet Ki Goonj’ at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Shah said, “Hum aisa Dilli chahte hain jo pradushan mukt ho, har ghar mein jahan par swachh peene ka paani mile, 24-hour bijli uplabdh ho, bachon ki achchi shiksha ki su-



Amit Shah at a BJP meeting in Delhi Saturday. *Amit Mehra*

vidha ho, jhuggi jhopri se mukt ho, anudhikrit colony ka naam-o-nishaan na rahe, rapid transport system ho, cycle track ho, word-class road ho, traffic

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Rajasthan now rejects CAA, Telangana says will do so too

REENIVAS JANYALA & HAMZA KHAN
HYDERABAD, JAIPUR, JANUARY 25

AS RAJASTHAN became the third state on Saturday, after Kerala and Punjab, to pass an Assembly resolution against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the Telangana government announced that it would not implement the legislation that has seen protests across the country.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, whose Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) had voted against the CAA in Parliament but has since kept quiet on it, told reporters in Hyderabad, “We are against the Act. The Centre has to withdraw it. What will they achieve by dividing people? We will not implement it.” Calling the CAA “the first step towards an NRC (National Registry of Citizens)”, he added that he would “tie up” with other parties

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Her fight

Stories of wait as Delhi gang rape convicts head for gallows

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In black, white, grey

Ramnath Goenka Awards for Journalism

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Hold fast to constitutional methods: Kovind’s R-Day call for protesting youth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

PRESIDENT RAMNATH Kovind on Saturday urged “those fighting for a cause... particularly the youth” to be mindful of the Gandhian principles of truth and non-violence, and stressed on the need to “hold fast to constitutional methods” of achieving social and economic objectives.

The President’s remarks, part of his address to the nation on the eve of Republic Day, come in the backdrop of the ongoing protests in various parts of the country against the Citizenship

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OFFICER WHO KILLED BURHAN HONOURED

AWARD FOR FATHER OF BHU PROF DENIED POST

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Amendment Bill, many of them helmed by students and the youth.

“For our youth, nation always comes first. With them, we are

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FIRST TIME IN 5 MONTHS

This photo of former J&K CM Omar Abdullah, who has been in custody since August 5, surfaced on Twitter Saturday, triggering reactions from everyone from West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee to former J&K CM Mehbooba Mufti. [PAGE 17](#)



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