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### CONG. SEEKS NHRC ACTION ON 'U.P. POLICE ATROCITIES'

**NEW DELHI**  
The Congress on Monday approached the National Human Rights Commission to demand action against Uttar Pradesh police officers who allegedly committed atrocities on people protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

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### SC TO HEAR NIRBHAYA CONVICT'S PLEA TODAY

**NEW DELHI**  
A three-judge Bench led by Justice R. Banumathi is scheduled to hear on Tuesday a plea by Nirbhaya case convict Mukesh Singh challenging the President's rejection of his mercy petition on January 17. Chief Justice of India Sharad A. Bobde on Monday asked Mukesh's counsel to approach the apex court registry for urgent listing of the condemned man's plea.

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## West Bengal passes anti-CAA resolution

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The West Bengal Assembly on Monday passed a resolution urging the Union government to repeal the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), making the State the fourth, after Kerala, Punjab and Rajasthan, to confront the Centre on the issue.

The resolution said since the Act was passed, there

was violence in “almost every State.”

It said that in the CAA, “religion has been used as a yardstick to measure eligibility to apply for citizenship” and “the ruling party in the Centre has been driving a wedge among the people using religion [thus] damaging human rights”.

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NLFB chairman Amarjit Paul, in white, with cadres after giving up their arms.

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Bengali militancy has not been as intense or violent as that of other ethnic groups in Assam.

“What can we do if a few choose to ignore or belittle us? It is true that most of us are into petty trade, farming, carpentry, masonry and other activities. But we underwent training for these under a rehabilitation package in 2018, four years after initiating talks with former Director General of Police Khagen Sarma and even meeting former Home Minister Rajnath Singh in Delhi. Isn't it better to work for a living honourably than resorting to extortion and burglary?” Amarjit Paul, chairman of the now-disbanded NLFB told *The Hindu* in Chirang district.

However, Assam police officials claimed that there was nothing fishy about these organisations and questions regarding their existence could be attributed to the general tendency of downplaying militancy associated with certain communities.

Officials admitted that

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## Govt. sweetens Air India offer, puts 100% stake on the table

Reprieve of ₹40,000 crore in liabilities to buyer; second attempt in as many years

**JAGRITI CHANDRA NEW DELHI**

The Union government on Monday invited bids for a 100% stake sale of Air India (AI) and transfer of management control along with its complete share in two subsidiaries – low-cost international carrier Air India Express and ground-handling arm AISATS.

The government has offered to hve off liabilities worth nearly ₹40,000 crore to sweeten the deal.

This is the second attempt in two years by the Narendra Modi-led government at privatising the national carrier. On May 31, 2018, when the deadline for bids closed, not even a single private player had shown interest.

On the table is a 100% stake in AI, 100% stake in AI Express Limited (AIXL) and all of the government's 50% stake in AISATS, which is a joint venture with the Singapore-based ground handling company SATS Limited.

### Up for grabs

The buyer will get a total of 146 aircraft, 56% of which are owned by the airline group, while the remaining are on lease. It will also be-

**New deal**


In its new announcement, the government has eased the conditions for prospective buyers compared to its proposal in 2018. A look at what the national carrier has to offer:

- It holds 50% of the market share of international operations served by Indian carriers
- There are 4,400 airport slots in India and 3,300 in 42 foreign countries for at least 6 months
- Air India's fleet consists of 146 aircraft, 56% of which are owned by it while the others are leased

2018	2020
<b>76%</b> stake sale in Air India	<b>100%</b> stake sale in Air India
Waiver of debt of <b>₹15,000 cr.</b>	Waiver of debt of <b>₹40,000 crore</b>
Lack of clarity on employee entitlements	Employee perks like free travel and medical facilities specified, along with annual estimate of the expenses incurred on them
Data room to be opened during financial bids	Data room and draft share purchase agreement can be accessed in the first round itself

**Air India has 9,617 permanent employees**

**Waiver of liabilities of ₹40,000 crore**



nefit from as much as 50% of the international market share held by Indian airlines as well as the airline's 4,400 slots at airports in the country and 3,300 slots in 42 countries, which will be available at least for six months after the sale is complete.

As many as 9,617 permanent employees, including pilots and cabin crew with deep technical and operational expertise, will be up for grabs along with the airline's brand as well as the famous “Maharaja” and “Fly-

ing swan” logos.

Any private or public limited company, a corporate body and a fund with a net value of ₹3,500 crore will be eligible to bid.

The last date for submitting interest to the transaction adviser is March 17 and the outcome of this round will be known by March 31, following which qualified bidders will be given two months to submit financial bids.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation Hardeep Puri said at a press conference, “There is

a lot of interest [in Air India's sale]. Today's attempt is qualitatively different from the previous attempt. Air India and Air India Express are a great asset.”

But the private player keen to buy Air India will also have to take on liabilities of ₹32,474 crore, which includes the airline's debt of ₹23,286 crore.

The government will absorb ₹56,334 crore in liabilities, including ₹36,670 crore of debt.

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## Centre, Assam govt. sign accord with Bodo groups to redraw, rename territory

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI**

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Assam government and Bodo groups on Monday signed an agreement to redraw and rename the Bodoland Territorial Area District (BTAD) in Assam,

currently spread over the four districts of Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa and Udalguri.

As per the agreement, villages dominated by Bodos that were presently outside the BTAD would be included and those with non-Bodo population would be exclud-

ed, Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Bodos living in the hills would be granted Scheduled Hill Tribe status.

Mr. Sarma said as of now, the agreement had not addressed the issue of “citizenship or work permit” for non-

domiciles in the BTAD, to be renamed as the Bodoland Territorial Region.

Several Bodo groups, led by the All Bodo Students Union (ABSU), have been demanding a separate land for the ethnic community since 1972, a movement that has

claimed nearly 4,000 lives.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who presided over the event, said the signing of the agreement would “end the 50-year-old Bodo crisis”.

“Today, Assam is united. Around 1,500 cadres of NDFB (P), NDFB (RD) and

NDFB (S) will be rehabilitated by Centre and Assam Government. They will be assimilated in the mainstream and will surrender on January 30 on Bapu's death anniversary,” he said.

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