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Address EU's concerns on CAA: U.K. envoy

NEW DELHI
India should address the concerns regarding the new citizenship law, the envoy of the United Kingdom said here on Thursday. High Commissioner Sir Dominique Asquith's comment came even as the Ministry of External Affairs maintained that the Citizenship Amendment Act is an internal matter of the country.

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SC rejects curative plea in Nirbhaya case

NEW DELHI
A curative petition filed by Akshay Kumar Singh, sentenced to death in the Nirbhaya gang-rape-murder case, was on Thursday rejected by a five-judge Bench led by Justice N.V. Ramana. The Bench dismissed the petition after circulating it in their chambers, observing that they found no merit in his plea to be spared the gallows.

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Country's first coronavirus infection confirmed in Kerala

Student from Thrissur district was studying in Wuhan; her condition is stable

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

India, on Thursday, reported its first positive case of the novel coronavirus (nCoV) from Kerala with a girl student, who was studying in Wuhan University and had travelled to India, testing positive for the virus.

A Union Health Ministry statement said the "student is in isolation at the hospital. The student is stable and is being closely monitored."

Following the first case, the government has announced that all persons who have come from China after January 15, will be tested for the virus as it has an incubation period of 14 days. It has also prescribed a 14-day home isolation regimen and advised that trips to China should be avoided.

"India till date has screened 234 flights and 43,346 passengers. Worldwide we have a total of 7,711 confirmed cases and 170 deaths," a senior Health Ministry official said.

Director of the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology, Pune, Dr. Priya Abraham, said: "Forty-nine samples have been tested till now and one sample has tested positive. Now a next test known as "next gen sequencing test" will be done on the sample and the final result will be declared by Friday evening."



Alarm bells: People outside a hospital in Thrissur where an nCoV patient has been kept in isolation. ■ K.K. NAJEEB

quencing test" will be done on the sample and the final result will be declared by Friday evening."

Evacuation from Hubei
Meanwhile, stating that India is still awaiting necessary approval from the Chinese side to bring back Indians in Hubei province of China, External Affairs Ministry's spokesperson Raveesh Kumar, on Thursday, said: "We have established contact with over 600 Indians across the province and are individually ascertaining their willingness to be repatriated. We are working round-the-clock on the ground to work out

the necessary logistics. Arrangements are being put in place for people to travel to the airport."

"We have made a formal request to the government of China for bringing back Indian nationals from the Hubei province in two flights. We are conducting regular review on the situation in China," Mr. Kumar added.

In the national capital, the three persons under observation at an isolation ward of the RML Hospital for possible exposure to nCoV have tested negative, a Health Ministry official said. The World Health Organi-

China sees 38 deaths in a day

China on Thursday reported 38 new deaths in the preceding 24 hours – the highest one-day total since the novel coronavirus was detected late last year – taking the total death toll in the country to 170. The World Health Organization, which initially downplayed the disease, will soon decide whether to declare it a global emergency. At least 15 countries have confirmed nCoV cases. ▶ PAGE 14

zation's International Health Regulations Emergency Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday to decide whether the current coronavirus outbreak constitutes a 'public health emergency of international concern'.

Director-General of WHO Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus also apologised for the Organisation's communication on the global risk assessment from the nCoV-2019. On January 27, the WHO updated the global risk assessment from moderate to high retroactively from January 23.

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Out of control: The shooter outside Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi on Thursday. ■ REUTERS

Slogan-shouting shooter injures Jamia student

Anti-CAA protest comes under attack

SAURABH TRIVEDI
NEW DELHI

A Jamia Millia Islamia student was shot at and injured on Thursday by a young man, who shouted "*kisko chahiye aazadi, mai doonga aazadi*" (whoever wants freedom, I shall give freedom) before firing his handgun at an anti-CAA protest.

The victim, who received a bullet injury in the arm and has been admitted to the AIIMS trauma centre for treatment, was identified as Shadab Farooq, a mass communication student.

The shooter, whose identity and pictures brandishing a country-made handgun went viral on social media during the day, claimed he was a juvenile, the police said.

"He has told us he is a juvenile; we are verifying the claim," Special Commission-

er of Police Praveer Ranjan, said. A case under the Arms Act and attempt to murder had been registered, police officials added.

Earlier, before firing his weapon at Mr. Farooq, the assailant had posted on his Facebook page: "*Shaheen Bagh khel khatam* (Shaheen Bagh game over).

This reporter, who was present during the incident, saw the assailant emerge from the crowd, brandish his weapon, open fire and then stand and hand over his weapon to a policeman who accosted him.

Several policemen posted at the protest venue, who were standing about 50 metres from the assailant, appeared to have been caught off guard by the shooter's actions.

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Include Muslims in CAA: Akalis

SOBHANA K NAIR
NEW DELHI

Key National Democratic Alliance member Shiromani Akali Dal on Thursday slammed the Modi government at an all-party meeting called ahead of the budget session, saying the law drafted on religious lines was not acceptable and reasserted its line that the CAA should not exclude Muslims. Akali Dal Rajya Sabha member Balwinder Singh Bhunder raised the issue during the meeting.

'FEDERAL VALUES HAVE BEEN UNDERMINED' ▶ PAGE 12

BJP leaders barred from campaign

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday barred BJP leaders Union Minister of State Anurag Thakur and West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh from campaigning for the Delhi Assembly elections for three and four days respectively, finding statements made by them to be in violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

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Three get death penalty in Telangana rape case

S. HARPAL SINGH
ADILABAD

The three accused in the November 2019 Yellapatar gang-rape and murder of a Dalit woman were awarded the death penalty on Thursday by the designated Special Court for speedy trial. Adilabad District Judge M.G. Priyadarshini, also the in-charge Judge of the Special

Court, termed the crime the 'rarest of rare' kind before delivering the verdict.

"The accused, Shaik Babu, Shaik Shabuddin and Shaik Maqdoom, of Yellapatar village were found guilty of all charges," said Additional Public Prosecutor M. Ramana Reddy.

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Kalakshetra revokes permission for event

'T.M. Krishna's book had a lot of political overtones'

S. POORVAJA
CHENNAI

Kalakshetra Foundation withdrew the permission it had given to hold the book release function for T.M. Krishna's *Sebastian & Sons: A Brief History of Mrdangam Makers* at its premises.

In a statement to the pu-



T.M. Krishna

blishers of the book, the Foundation's Director, Revathi Ramachandran, said that the institution was an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, Govern-

ment of India. "Being a government organisation, it cannot allow any program that may instigate political, cultural and social disharmony," the statement read.

Her statement further said that "a book review" that had appeared on Wednesday contained certain statements related to the book that touched on controversial issues and had "a lot of political overtones". "We were unaware of the controversies

surrounding the subject matter of the book at the time of renting our auditorium for the book release," the statement added.

"An exceptional and unverifiable incident has been projected as some kind of universal rule. This is likely to create avoidable issues, including disaffection among communities," Ms. Ramachandran's statement said.

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In 'leaked email', pilot 'questions' IndiGo ban

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The commander of the IndiGo flight on which stand-up comic Kunal Kamra allegedly confronted journalist Arnab Goswami has reportedly written to the management questioning the rationale for the airline's ban on Mr. Kamra, who, he says, had not indulged in ac-

tions that would qualify him as a "Level 1 unruly passenger".

"As Captain of 6E5317 BOM-LKO on 28.01.2020, I do not find the aforementioned events reportable in any way," Captain Rohit Mateti is said to have written in an internal email.

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CM asks people to decide if he is a son or a terrorist

EC notice to Parvesh over statement

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said the people of Delhi should decide whether he is their son, their brother, or a terrorist as alleged by West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh while speaking to a television channel on Wednesday. The Election Commission has issued a notice to Mr. Singh on a complaint filed by AAP against his controversial statement.

"Today I am leaving this decision to the people of Delhi, whether they consider me a son, consider me their brother or consider me a terrorist," Mr. Kejriwal said at a press conference.

"When you go to vote on February 8, when you press the button, if you consider me your son then give the vote for *jhadu* [AAP symbol], if you consider me a terrorist, then vote for *kamal* [BJP symbol]," Mr. Kejriwal said while addressing a public meeting in Babarpur later in the evening.

The poll panel said it was prima facie of the view that



Arvind Kejriwal

Mr. Singh had violated the model code of conduct, in place for the Delhi Assembly elections, by making the "distorted statement" in question.

According to the model code, criticism of parties or workers on the basis of "unverified allegations or distortions" are to be avoided. The BJP MP has been given time till 5 p.m. on Friday to give an explanation.

In a separate complaint to the Chief Election Commissioner on Thursday, AAP said that Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari has also supported Mr. Singh's statement and thus "committed the same offence". The party sought a ban on Mr. Singh and Mr. Tiwari from campaigning for the election and also an FIR against the two leaders.

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