



Leaving the World Behind

Vinod Kumar Shukla, the pathbreaking Hindi writer and poet who is now being discovered by English readers and award juries, on failing Hindi tests, and writing to become a better human

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'DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT POLICY GOOD, INDIA SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT'

HARINDER SIDHU, Outgoing Australian High Commissioner

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'Will they take me away?'

Govt says children out of Assam NRC, whose parents are on the list, won't be taken to detention centres. But that hasn't lessened their dread



J&K: Shah Faesal booked under PSA for 'soft separatism'

Dossier quotes from his social media posts

NAVEED IQBAL SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 15

AFTER SIX months of "preventive detention", former bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesal was on Friday booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA). The J&K Police dossier indicting Faesal accuses him of advocating "soft separatism" through his articles, tweets and social media posts which, on several occasions, it says, have attracted response amounting to "a potential threat to public order". This makes Faesal the eighth mainstream political leader to be booked under the stringent law that allows for detention without a formal charge and without trial for up to two years. Besides

After Valley visit, French envoy says lift curbs soon

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

FRENCH AMBASSADOR to India Emmanuel Lenain, who was among the 25 foreign envoys who were taken to Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) earlier this week, said on Saturday that while the authorities were making "significant efforts" to "normalise the situation", the remaining restrictions should be removed "as soon as possible". His comments came a day after similar remarks by EU spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Virginie Battu-Henriksson, who said that "while we recognise the serious



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At the Ramlila Ground in New Delhi on Saturday, on the eve of the AAP government's swearing-in ceremony. Praveen Khanna PAGE 6

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PLENARY MEET BEGINS TODAY

Pak likely to remain on FATF grey list

SUSHANT SINGH NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

PAKISTAN IS likely to remain on the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) at its plenary meeting in Paris, as it is still not fully compliant on 13 of the 27 actions. While these 13 actions mostly pertain to terror funding, Pakistan has been deemed to be compliant on most of the other points which are related to money laundering. Sources told The Sunday Express that "there is no doubt that Pakistan will continue on the grey list. But yes, it is unlikely that it could be moved to the black list at Paris this week." Pakistan's case will come up for review at the FATF plenary in Paris from February 16 to 21. Of the 27 actions it was supposed to undertake by October 2018, when it was put on the grey list in June 2018, Pakistan was found fully compliant only on five points at the last plenary meeting.

EXPLAINED Pressure to act on terror

WITH ITS economy already in a slump, the FATF grey-listing forced Pakistan to take action. By leveraging its geopolitical role in Afghanistan, Islamabad has managed some breathing space, and stopped the western countries from placing it on the black list.

"The problem with India-Pakistan is that everything is seen as either a win or a loss for one side. FATF is a process and Pakistan is engaged with it — progress on certain aspects can vary but there is an agreed action plan and a political commitment. No one expects Pakistan to be punished at Paris," said a

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Day after Scindia threatened to take to streets, Kamal Nath says 'let him'

MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15

A DAY after senior Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia threatened to take to the streets if his party's government in Madhya Pradesh failed to meet the demands of protesting guest teachers, Chief Minister Kamal Nath virtually dared him to do so, deepening the tug of war between the two senior leaders.



Nath, Scindia

On Saturday, after a coordination committee meeting of the Madhya Pradesh Congress held

at the CM's Delhi residence to iron out differences in the state party unit, when reporters asked Nath about Scindia's statement, he simply said, "Toh woh utar jaaye (let him take to the streets)." The CM, who was in his car, did not take any further questions.

In fact, Scindia left early from the coordination committee meeting, which went on even after he left. The meeting, called by AICC general secretary

'Labelling dissent as anti-national strikes at heart of democracy'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 15

CALLING DISSENT the "safety valve of democracy", Supreme Court judge Justice D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said "blanket labelling of such dissent as anti-national or anti-democratic strikes at the heart of our commitment to the protection of constitutional values and promotion of a deliberative democracy".



Justice D Y Chandrachud in Ahmedabad, Saturday, Express

Speaking on "The hues that make India: From plurality to pluralism" at the 15th Justice PD

Desai Memorial Lecture here, Justice Chandrachud said "employment of state machinery to curb dissent instils fear and creates a chilling atmosphere on free speech which violates the rule of law and detracts from the constitutional vision of a pluralist society."

His comments come at a time when the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) has triggered protests in many parts of the country.

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In TN, Dalit youth stops to defecate, is lynched



A video grab of the incident on social media

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 15

A 24-YEAR-OLD Dalit youth, who worked at a petrol pump near Villupuram, a town to the south of Chennai, was lynched when he squatted by the road to defecate.

While the incident happened on Wednesday, after videos of the torture began circulating in the area, police on Friday arrested seven people and said they were investigating the role of others.

According to a senior officer probing the case, the village where R Sakthivel was attacked is dominated by Vanniyars, a socially powerful OBC community in northern Tamil Nadu whose

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CAA protest: Poet gets Rs 1 cr notice for cost of police deployment in UP

AMIL BHATNAGAR & MANISH SAHU NOIDA, LUCKNOW, FEB 15

THE DISTRICT administration in Moradabad has issued a show-cause notice to poet-turned-politician Imran Pratapgarhi, saying that it "can recover Rs 1.04 crore" from him in connection with the anti-CAA protests taking place in the city since January 29. According to the notice, the amount was calculated based on the daily cost of deploying security personnel



Imran Pratapgarhi

during the protests. "It has been noted that a large group of a particular section has been gathering for protests at

Eidgah on your call even when Section 144 is in place. Keeping in mind the law and order situation, one extra platoon of RAF and another company-and-a-half section of PAC has been deployed, which costs Rs 13.42 lakh per day. Therefore, the administration can recover 1.04 crore from you," says the notice issued by Additional City Magistrate Rajesh Kumar.

The notice was issued on February 6, a day before Pratapgarhi visited the region to address protesters. Pratapgarhi,

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In Punjab district, signs of green shoots: Organic vegetable gardens in schools

DIVYA GOYAL LUDDHIANA, FEBRUARY 15

FOR YEARS, water-guzzling paddy and wheat have dominated the fields of Punjab, pushing groundwater levels down and spreading worry lines across farms. But now, one district is witnessing the first shoots of hope. Guided by experts from the state horticulture department, children in Mansa district are learning to grow their own organic, chemical-free vegetables in kitchen gardens at government schools.

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Students grow everything from mushrooms to onions. Express

The students are part of the 'Edible Gardens' programme started by the government in Budhlada block last August to help them stay connected with their roots. And these days, their mid-day meals include fresh

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