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NEARBY
Plea in SC seeks safety of Shaheen Bagh protesters

NEW DELHI
 The Supreme Court agreed to hear on Wednesday an application for a direction to the Delhi police to ensure the safety of Shaheen Bagh protesters, who are mostly women, in light of the clashes in the Capital. A Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and K.M. Joseph was approached for urgent orders.

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SC defers hearing in Nirbhaya case to March 5

NEW DELHI
 The Supreme Court on Tuesday deferred to March 5 the hearing of an appeal filed by the Centre for permission to separately execute the death sentence of the four Nirbhaya case convicts. The trial court had fixed the execution of the four convicts at 6 a.m. on March 3.

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New excise policy more strict: Haryana Dy. CM

CHANDIGARH
 Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday said that stricter provisions have been incorporated in the new excise policy, and now anyone involved in liquor smuggling will not get bail before six months. Earlier, the time period for the same was only 15 days.

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Free for all: A mob gathers on a street during clashes in northeast Delhi on Tuesday. •PTI

Violence continues in Delhi for third day, toll climbs to 13

Curfew imposed in some parts, shoot-at-sight orders issued

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NEW DELHI

Clashes triggered on Sunday by pro- and anti-CAA protesters continued for the third day on Tuesday in northeast Delhi as the death toll mounted to 13. Most of the deaths were due to gunshot wounds, the families of the victims have told *The Hindu*.

Mobs carrying lathis roamed the streets of northeast Delhi, attacking shops and burning vehicles even as Delhi police PRO M.S. Randhawa claimed that the "situation was under control". Rioters also opened fire and threw stones at each other.

Late in the evening, cur-

few was imposed at Maujpur, Jaffrabad, Chandbagh and Karawal Nagar. Shoot-at-sight orders in parts of northeast Delhi were also issued. Also, police sources said the anti-CAA protest site in the troubled area had been "cleared".

Dr. Sunil Kumar, medical director of Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital, said 57 persons had been admitted on Tuesday, taking the total brought there to 150. "About 20 of the injured are in a serious condition. Many have sustained firearm injuries."

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met the victims at GTB Hospital and MAX Hospital and said the "madness must

end immediately".

Earlier, Mr. Kejriwal met with Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss restoration of peace in the capital. "The meeting with HM Amit Shah was positive and it was decided that all parties will rise above party politics and take steps to restore peace," he told reporters after the meeting. "The police are doing their bit and the HM has assured that whatever force is needed will be provided when we told him about some MLAs saying the police deployment was less than adequate."

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Trump renews offer to mediate on Kashmir, but skirts CAA

India, U.S. now 'Comprehensive Global Strategic Partners'; ink deals on energy

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NEW DELHI

India and the United States on Tuesday strengthened their partnership with agreements on healthcare and energy, and issued a joint statement that designated the two countries as "Comprehensive Global Strategic partners".

The statement followed bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump, during which the latter renewed his offer to mediate between India and Pakistan on Kashmir and discussed the issue of "religious freedom".

The discussions took



Warm welcome: U.S. President Donald Trump inspecting the guard of honour at Rashtrapati Bhavan. •SANDEEP SAXENA

place at Hyderabad House even as communally-charged mob violence in several parts of the city left homes and shops burning. Addressing a press conference later in the evening,

Mr. Trump, however, said he had not discussed the specifics of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, that sparked the violence as he raised issues of "religious liberty" of "Muslims and

Christians in India" with Mr. Modi.

"We did talk about religious freedom, and Prime Minister Modi told me very strongly that he wants religious freedom in India, and that they have worked very hard for it here," he said.

Mr. Trump also said he had discussed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir with Mr. Modi. Renewing his offer of mediating between India and Pakistan, which India has consistently rejected, he said the issue of Kashmir had "two sides".

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NDA-ruled Bihar passes resolution against NRC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

The Bihar Assembly on Tuesday unanimously passed a resolution not to implement the National Register of Citizens. It also said the National Population Register will be implemented in the 2010 format.

"With this, Bihar has become the first NDA-ruled State to pass a resolution against NRC," said Leader of the Opposition and Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi

Yadav. Mr. Yadav had moved an adjournment motion against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the NRC and the NPR in the very first session of the Assembly earlier in the day.

Opposition demand

The RJD, Congress and Communist Party of India (Marxists-Leninist) MLAs have led protests over these issues both inside and outside the House. The CPI-ML leaders led a massive rally to the

State Assembly protesting against the CAA, NPR and proposed NRC.

Moving the motion and terming the CAA a *kaala kaanon* (black law), Mr. Yadav said, "When the government has already issued a gazette notification to begin the process of NPR in the State from May 15 to June 28 as Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi had tweeted, the Chief Minister [Nitish Kumar] should now clarify how he has been saying NPR should be imple-

mented in its 2010 format."

Replying to Mr. Yadav, Mr. Kumar said there should be "no confusion" regarding how the NPR exercise would be carried out in the State and asserted that nobody would be asked to furnish information like their parents' birthplace. He said the State government has sent a letter to the Centre seeking omission of contentious clauses from the NPR forms.

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