

HC reads Delhi Police the riot act

Plays video clips in court room

Orders rehab, shelters for affected

Justice Muralidhar transferred

Won't allow another 1984 under our watch, file FIRs over hate speeches: Bench

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 26

COMING DOWN on hate speeches made by BJP leaders and expressing "anguish" over the communal violence in northeast Delhi that has left at least 27 people dead, the Delhi High Court Wednesday questioned the conduct of Delhi Police and directed it to register FIRs against those who made the speeches, saying "this city has seen enough violence" and "let it not repeat 1984" when anti-Sikh riots claimed over 2,700 lives in Delhi alone.

At a hearing marked by testy exchanges after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said this was not the time to lodge FIRs over the speeches and that it would done at a more "appropriate" or "conducive" stage, the bench of Justices S Muralidhar and Talwanti Singh directed Special



Justice S Muralidhar, Justice Talwanti Singh

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And the Court wants you, CM Saab, to be a little less muffled.



'I GIVE YOU MY WORD OF HONOUR'

NSA Ajit Doval in Maujpur, in northeast Delhi, on Wednesday. Abhinav Saha REPORT, PAGE 7

IB staffer's body found in drain, toll now 27; day calm, incidents at night

ABHISHEK ANGAD
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 26

THE BODY of a 25-year-old Intelligence Bureau security assistant, who had been missing since Tuesday evening, was on Wednesday found inside a drain



Ankit Sharma, his family (right)

in northeast Delhi's Chand Bagh area.

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Abhishek Angad

Police fumbling, NSA Doval steps in, signals PM message

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 26

BARELY HOURS after National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, accompanied by senior Delhi Police officers, walked the streets of riot-hit areas of northeast Delhi going door to door and assuring residents of safety, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that he "had an extensive review on the situation prevailing in various parts of Delhi." The signal couldn't have been more loud and clear: South Block had swung into action to restore normalcy in the national capital wracked by violence that had claimed 27 lives by Wednesday.

Indeed, this was foreshadowed the previous night after the Delhi Police machinery, reporting to Union Home Ministry

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IN CONVERSATION



CEA KV Subramanian with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express Group, and P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor-National Affairs, The Indian Express, at the Express Adda in Mumbai on Wednesday. Amit Chakravarty

Tax holiday: I-T firms cite slowdown to ask for delay in sunset clause

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 26

EVEN AS Indian IT companies are being lured by countries including Vietnam with zero or significantly lower tax rate (than in India) if they set up campus in their country, which some companies are seriously considering, the Indian government is not looking to extend the sunset clause that will come to an end on March 31, 2020.

This would bring an end to the tax benefits for Special Economic Zones that become operational beyond March 31 this year.

As per the sunset clause, all SEZs that are operational after March 31, 2020 will not be given income tax exemptions.

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EXPLAINED
Affects 65% of SEZs

AS OF December 2019, about 419 SEZs had been cleared, of which IT and related sectors account for over 65%. Of these, 351 have been notified, 234 are operational and over 5,100 units have been approved. Section 10AA of the IT Act provided for a phased tax-holiday for SEZ units for a period of 15 years to units commencing activity before March 31, 2020.

Cong says deliberate inaction, set to meet President today

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 26

ALLEGING A "well planned conspiracy" behind the violence in Delhi, the Congress on Wednesday demanded the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah, holding him responsible for "a colossal failure of duty". It

While party leaders admitted that the Delhi violence was communal, they said the seeds of the unrest were sown by the BJP's decision to push the

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As riots hit hospital, a court order became healing touch

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 26

A DAZED 16-year-old Sahil walked into Al Hind Hospital in Old Mustafabad Wednesday afternoon with a bloody scar across his head. He had been hit by a stone late Tuesday, caught in the violence in his neighbour-

hood. A team of doctors rushed to deftly stitch and bandage the wound. "Thank you, Doctor Saheb," the boy said softly.

Over the last four hours, Sahil was the seventh patient to walk into this hospital that became a lifeline for residents in the riot-hit Mustafabad area of northeast Delhi.

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