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Cong. pledges allowance for jobless, power perks

NEW DELHI
 The Congress on Sunday released two manifestos for the Delhi Assembly elections — the first one focussing on creating jobs, new pension scheme and cashback for water and electricity and the second one on ways to curb air pollution in the city.

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Ex-IPS officer stopped from addressing students

GHAZIABAD
 The Aligarh police on Sunday stopped former IPS officer Abdur Rahman from addressing students protesting against CAA. Mr. Rahman told reporters that he was detained for an hour at the Lodha police station.

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Second case of coronavirus infection confirmed in Kerala

India suspends e-visas for travellers from China

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI/ALAPPUZHA

India's second case of the novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection was confirmed in Alappuzha, Kerala, after a student, admitted to the isolation ward of the Government Medical College, tested positive on Sunday.

Officials in Kerala said a total of eight suspected cases had been admitted to isolation wards at the Government Medical College Hospital and General Hospital in Alappuzha.

Health Minister K.K. Shylla said, "One more confirmed case of nCoV has been reported in the State. The patient is stable. At present, there are four people, including the affected person, in the isolated ward at the Government Medical College Hospital. Of them, three have been returned recently from Wuhan. The other suspected case is a relative of one of them. We are awaiting the test reports of other suspected cases. A majority of those in observation



Stringent checks: Indian nationals being screened at the Delhi airport on Sunday on their arrival from Wuhan. •PTI

in the district are in house quarantine."

Travel curbs
 Following the Alappuzha case, the Union government temporarily suspended the e-visa facility for Chinese and foreigners residing in China. Indian citizens have been asked to refrain from travel to China and warned that in case of travel on return from China, they could be quarantined.

A statement issued by the

Union Health Ministry said: "Anyone with travel history in China since January 15, 2020, and from now on could be quarantined."

The Indian Embassy in Beijing tweeted that owing to the current developments, travel to India on e-visas stood temporarily suspended.

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Money earned in India by NRIs will be taxed, says Nirmala

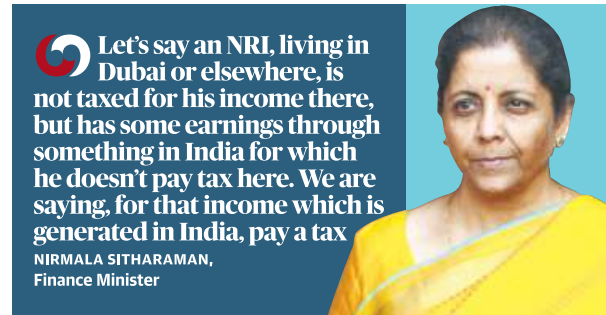
Clarification follows letter from Kerala CM over impact on workers in West Asia

PRISCILLA JEBARAJ
VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday scotched fears that provisions introduced in the Budget would bring Indian workers' income in zero tax jurisdictions, like the UAE, into the Indian tax net.

The Finance Bill has proposed three major changes to prevent tax abuse by citizens who don't pay taxes anywhere in the world — reducing the number of days that an Indian citizen can be granted non-resident status for tax purposes from 182 to 120; citizens who don't pay taxes anywhere will be deemed to be a resident; and the definition of 'not ordinarily resident' has been tightened.

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'It will hurt Indians'
 Alarmed by the possible implications of the new provisions, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, recording the State's strong disagreement over the provision as it will hurt Indians working in the Middle East, "who toil and bring foreign exchange to the country" through remittances.

"The new provision is being interpreted to create an impression that those In-

dians who are *bonafide* workers in other countries, including in the Middle East, and who are not liable to tax in these countries, will be taxed in India on the income that they have earned there. This interpretation is not correct," the Finance Minister said in a statement.

The Ministry will incorporate a clarification, if required, into the law so that only income derived from an Indian business or profession will be taxable for such citizens, the Minister said.

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No call yet on quantum of LIC stake sale

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
PRISCILLA JEBARAJ
NEW DELHI

The government is yet to take a call on the quantum of its stake to be offloaded from the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), whose stock market listing was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget.

Financial sector disinvestment is expected to yield around ₹90,000 crore as part of the government's ambitious target to raise ₹2.1 lakh crore from PSU privatisation and stake sale, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey told *The Hindu* on Sunday.

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Nirbhaya case: Centre seeks nod for executions

It says credibility of judiciary is at stake

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Sunday sought to remove the stay on the execution of the four convicts in the December 16, 2012, Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case, asserting that the credibility of the judiciary and its ability to execute death sentences were at stake.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Home Ministry, argued that the convicts were moving the court one after another with one of them, Pawan Kumar Gupta, yet to file his

curative petition.

'Deliberate design'
 Mr. Mehta argued there was "a deliberate, calculated, well-thought-out design to frustrate the mandate of the law". Senior advocate Rebecca John, appearing for convict Mukesh Kumar Singh, however, objected to the plea. "As of today, there is no definitive law which permits what the Centre is seeking... singling out execution," she said.

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EC removes South-East Delhi DCP after two firing incidents

Kumar Gyanesh, a 1997-batch DANIPS officer, put in charge

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Sunday removed Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-East Delhi) Chinmoy Biswal after two incidents of firing took place at the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act protest sites in the district within three days.

With the Delhi Assembly elections scheduled for February 8, the EC had reviewed preparations, including law and order, on January 31 and appointed a special police observer. The

review, though routine, took place a day after a young man shot at anti-CAA protesters in Jamia. On February 1, another firing incident took place at Shaheen Bagh.

"As decided by the Election Commission, this is to convey that Chinmoy Biswal, IPS (2008), DCP (South-East) stands relieved from his present post with immediate effect and shall report to MHA [Ministry of Home Affairs]," an EC spokesperson said on Sunday.

The spokesperson added that "in view of the ongoing

situation", the EC has put Kumar Gyanesh, a 1997-batch DANIPS officer and the most senior Additional DCP in the district, in charge.

The MHA or Delhi Police Commissioner were asked to send a panel of three names to the poll panel so it could post a replacement.

An EC team, headed by an observer, had visited Shaheen Bagh on Sunday morning and submitted a report to the Commission. The decision to remove the DCP was taken after the report, said sources.

Unidentified miscreants open fire at JMI

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Two unidentified bike-borne men reportedly opened fire in the air near the anti-CAA protest site outside Jamia Millia Islamia late on Sunday night.

Shadosh, a volunteer with the Jamia Coordination Committee (JCC) who was at the site, said he heard loud shots between Gate No. 7 and Gate

No. 5 and saw a red scooter leaving the site.

Shail Khudaa, a member of the JCC, a group comprising students and alumni of the university, said two persons came on a two-wheeler on the road opposite the protest site, fired two rounds in the air and sped away.

The police said they were verifying the JCC's claims. "SHO, Jamia Nagar, along

with his team searched the area. No empty bullet shells were found there. Also, there are different versions regarding the vehicle on which the alleged miscreants were travelling," said Kumar Gyanesh, Additional DCP (South-East). "Many people, including students, have gathered outside the police station. They will be asked to give their complaint," he added.

Study on bat-hunters of Nagaland under scanner

It was carried out by researchers from the U.S., China and India

Steeped in secrecy

Researchers from the U.S., China and India conducted the study on bats and humans carrying antibodies to deadly viruses like Ebola

■ The study found the presence of filovirus-reactive antibodies in human and bat populations in northeast India

■ Bats often carry Ebola, rabies, marburg and the SARS coronavirus

■ The study suggested that bats in South Asia act as a reservoir host of a diverse range of filoviruses

■ For the study done in 2017, 85 individuals participating in an annual bat harvest at Mimi, Nagaland, were picked

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The report of a government inquiry into a study conducted in Nagaland by researchers from the U.S., China and India on bats and humans carrying antibodies to deadly viruses like Ebola was submitted to the Health Ministry, officials confirmed to *The Hindu*.

"The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) sent a five-member committee to investigate. The inquiry is complete, and a report has been submitted to the Health Ministry," a senior

government official told *The Hindu*. The inquiry comes as officials worldwide grapple with the spread of novel coronavirus (nCoV) 2019 from Wuhan in China to over 20 countries.

The study came under the scanner as two of the 12 researchers belonged to the Wuhan Institute of Virology's Department of Emerging Infectious Diseases, and it was funded by the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).

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