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MODI TARGETS OPPN IN HOUSE

Anti-CAA protests are taking country on the road to anarchy: PM

'All states notified NPR, some taking U-turn for their vote-bank politics'

In RS, Oppn unites only in spirit, no plan to show

AVISHEK DASTIDAR & MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 6

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CALLING THE protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act a "road to anarchy", Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday said "protest marches, violence and arson" against a law duly passed and notified by Parliament will "create a problem for the country". He said the Opposition is building narratives keeping only the vote bank in mind.

"I am sounding a warning against this... this will create a problem for you (Opposition Congress) as well... if the Assembly in Rajasthan, where you have a government, passes a decision and no one there is willing to accept it, and people take out protest marches, commit violence and arson... what will be the situation? Can the country run like this? Is this road to anarchy right?" Modi said in Lok Sabha while replying to the Motion of Thanks to the President's address.

In Rajya Sabha, he said "in many parts, anarchy was spread in the name of protests. The violence that happened was dubbed as right to agitation. Repeatedly, the Constitution was invoked. In its name, attempts are being made to cover up

undemocratic activity. I can understand the compulsion of the Congress but our Left Front friends from Kerala should understand... they should have known... that Kerala's Chief Minister has said extremists groups have a hand in agitations in Kerala. He had said it in the Assembly."

"Not just that. He had warned of strong action, *Jis arajakta se aap Keral mei pareshan hain, uska samarthan aap Delhi mei ya desh ke anya hisson mei kaise kar sakte hain* (the anarchy that is troubling

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THE OPPOSITION united Thursday to launch a blistering attack on the government in Rajya Sabha on a range of issues, and moved an unprecedented 431 amendments on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address, but "lack of coordination" resulted in Opposition members failing to force voting on the amendments, or turn the tables on the ruling party like they had done in 2015 and 2016. The Opposition did not reach out to fence-sitters like the BJD and NDA allies Akali Dal, IJP and JD(U) which have openly expressed reservations on plans for a nationwide NRC.

Among the amendments was one which wanted the President's address to express regret on the failure to "allay the people's fear of a nationwide NRC and NPR".

Many senior leaders, including Ahmed Patel and P Chidambaram of Congress and

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DELHI DECIDES TOMORROW

BJP and AAP supporters on the last day of the campaign for the Delhi Assembly elections on Thursday. Votes will be cast on February 8, while results will be declared on February 11. *Amit Mehra*

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RBI holds rates, eases lending to housing, auto and MSMEs

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 6

THE RESERVE Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee Thursday kept the key policy rate unchanged while admitting that inflation was on a rising trajectory through the fourth quarter of 2019-20 and its outlook remains "highly uncertain."

In a bid to boost flow of bank credit to productive sectors in a sluggish economy, the central bank also announced a cash reserve ratio (CRR) exemption on incremental retail loans in the automobile, housing and the micro, small and medium enterprises

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Detained since Aug, Omar, Mehbooba hit with stringent PSA

BASHARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 6

SIX MONTHS after placing them under preventive detention following the abrogation of Article 370 last August, the J&K administration has now invoked the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) against former chief ministers, Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah. Omar's father and Parliamentarian Farooq Abdullah is already in detention under the PSA.

The administration has also invoked the PSA against NC general secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar and PDP leader Sartaj Madni. Sources said



Former CMs, leaders of Valley mainstream parties

bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesal is also likely to be detained under PSA.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, a senior police officer confirmed that the two ex-CMs, Sagar and Madni "have been booked under the PSA". "But we have not received a warrant against Mufti

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EXPLAINED: Hiking credit for stressed sectors

AS OF now, banks are supposed to keep 4 per cent of deposits with the RBI as cash reserve ratio, which doesn't carry any interest. By waiving this, the central bank hopes to ease lending to the stressed housing, MSME and automobile sectors.

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Mega project to map India's genetic diversity gets govt green signal

10,000 samples in first stage of project

SEEMA GHISHTI
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 6

THE GOVERNMENT has cleared an ambitious gene-mapping project that is being described by those involved as the "first scratching of the surface of the vast genetic diversity of India". The project is said to be among the most significant of its kind in the world because of its scale and the diversity it would bring to genetic studies.

The *Indian Express* has learnt that the Rs 238-crore Genome India Project, which will involve 20 leading institutions including the Indian Institute of Science

(IISc) in Bengaluru and a few IITs, will be rolled out soon.

Cleared by Union Ministry of Health's Department of Biotechnology late last month, the first stage of the project will look at samples of "10,000 persons from all over the country" to form a "grid" that will enable the development of a "reference genome".

The IISc's Centre for Brain Research, an autonomous institute, will serve as the nodal point of the project — its director, Prof Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath, will be the coordinator.

When contacted by *The Indian Express*, Ravindranath did not

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30 km from Ayodhya, a village gets new identity: Mosque site

AVANEESH MISHRA
AYODHYA, FEBRUARY 6

DHANNIPUR IS some 30 km short of Ayodhya on the Lucknow-Gorakhpur highway. Until a day ago, most travelling on the highway hadn't heard of it. But now, many are beginning to inquire.

Because this village near Raunahi has been identified by the government as the site for a mosque on five acres, far away from what was the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site until the Supreme Court decided the Ayodhya title suit in favour of the Hindu parties, paving the way for the construction of a Ram temple.

It is in Dhannipur that the Sunni Central Waqf Board is



Site allotted for mosque at Dhannipur village. *Vishal Srivastav*

being provided five acres for a mosque, 200 metres from the highway. This is in line with the Supreme Court direction which, while underlining "justice, equity and good conscience", said

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EXPLAINED: STORY OF THE 67 ACRES IN AYODHYA

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Indian badminton league has a tiny new star attraction — Molly d/o Christinna & Kamilla

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SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 6

THIS SEASON, the Premier Badminton League's Awadhe Warriors have a two-foot-tall addition — Molly, daughter of same-sex Danish couple Christinna Pedersen and Kamilla Rytter Juhl.

Not even one yet, Molly is the new source of joy for the couple that won a doubles silver at the Rio Olympics in 2016 and the All England crown in 2018. "She's

lovely. She's not afraid or too shy or scared of new places or people," says Christinna, 33. Kamilla, who gave birth to Molly a year after winning the All England, had started travelling within a month of her birth.

Before parenthood, it had been a decade of top honours for the two — Kamilla, 36, had won the World Championships in mixed doubles in 2009 and Christinna medalled for a bronze in mixed doubles at the London Games in 2012.

But bang in the middle of ultra-competitive shuttle, the two rivals from across the court fell in love with each other. "It was like falling in love with the



Danish couple Kamilla (left) and Christinna with Molly. *Express*

enemy because we were playing a lot of mixed doubles against each other," says Kamilla.

"I can clearly remember the feeling...we were competing at practice a lot. So it was a lot of

hiding feelings at first, then fighting against them and just the excitement you feel when falling in love," she says.

"I can still remember the excitement in the body typical to falling in love," Christinna recalls. "It was a special time because we had been playing mixed doubles at a high level. But when we played against each other, only one would get this fantastic jump in the career (after winning). We felt we needed to have something together as a goal, so we started playing women's doubles," she says.

While Rio was a dream come true, beating the best Japanese

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