

## RANA KAPOOR FACES ED, CBI CASES; SAYS BEING TARGETED

# Yes Bank founder arrested, daughter held at Mumbai airport for questioning

Painting bought from Priyanka being looked into; declared by her in IT returns: Cong



Rana Kapoor being taken by the ED to court in Mumbai Sunday. *Nirmal Harindran* YOUR MONEY SAFE: RBI PAGE 14

## As crisis loomed, in 6 months, depositors took out Rs 18,000 cr

GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, MARCH 8

ANTICIPATING TROUBLE in the wake of its failure to get capital infusion and rising non-performing assets, Yes Bank depositors pulled out over Rs 18,000 crore between April and September last year with experts not ruling out another 10-20 per cent more withdrawals from October 2019 to February 2020.

Early Sunday, Yes Bank founder Rana Kapoor was arrested in Mumbai by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on alleged money-laundering charges and remanded in the agency's custody till March 11 by a local court.

According to the bank's Annual Report and rating agen-

### YES BANK DEPOSITS

YEAR	DEPOSITS
Sept 2019	₹2,09,497
March 2019	₹2,27,610
March 2018	₹2,00,738
March 2017	₹1,42,874
March 2016	₹1,11,720
March 2015	₹91,176
March 2014	₹74,192

\*Figures in crores

cies, deposits fell to Rs 2,09,497 crore as on September 30, 2019, from Rs 2,27,610 crore on March 31, 2019, a decline of 8.64 per cent. During 2019-20, other banks witnessed a rise of 9.2 in deposits

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Ex-PDP minister Altaf Bukhari (centre) after launching the party in Srinagar on Sunday. *Shuaib Masoodi* THE APNI PARTY P 6

## National outlook, ready to deal with Delhi: New party launched in J&K

Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party seeks release of detainees, may meet PM

ADIL AKHZER  
SRINAGAR, MARCH 8

SAYING THAT circumstances "warranted the formation of a new political party", former Peoples Democratic Party leader and minister Altaf Bukhari announced the launch of a Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) on Sunday, comprising several ex-legislators belonging to the PDP and Congress.

Addressing a press conference at his residence in Srinagar, Bukhari called the JKAP "a regional party with a national outlook", "a party by the commoners, for the commoners and of the commoners". However, he added that he didn't see the prospects of elections soon.

With Kashmir in a state of political void since the scrapping of special status on August 5, and with the detention of three former chief ministers and other senior leaders continuing, Bukhari refused to comment on whether New Delhi was behind the initiative for a new political force in Jammu and Kashmir, or not.

"I don't buy these arguments," he said. "Altaf Bukhari is an individual, driven by his own decisions. I don't live by decisions taken by somebody else." However, Bukhari said, he wanted "to end the mistrust be-

## Seeking to fill political vacuum

SINCE AUGUST 5, mainstream politics in Kashmir has been in complete paralysis. It is in this vacuum that the new political formation has taken shape, seeking to move beyond Article 370. However, it remains to be seen whether the JKAP will be accepted by public. Many see it as another bid by the Centre to impose political leaders on the state, in line with Delhi propping up Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad as counter to Sheikh Abdullah in 1953.

tween New Delhi and J&K". Fellow JKAP leader Gulam Hassan Mir said they were planning to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Apni Party's "March 8, 2020 Declaration" said it would "seek to ensure that JK's destiny is driven by people alone while

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## Highly unjust, says HC about UP move to put protesters' photos on posters

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
ALLAHABAD, MARCH 8

THE ALLAHABAD High Court Sunday termed as "highly unjust" the putting up of roadside banners by the Lucknow district administration with photographs and information of people told to pay compensation for damage to property during anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act protests, and hoped that these would be removed.

After the Uttar Pradesh government asserted that it was a "deterrent" action and the court should not interfere in such a matter, the bench led by Chief Justice Govind Mathur and Justice Ramesh Sinha reserved its order for Monday.

On Saturday, the court had taken suo motu cognisance of the issue and asked the District



Those on posters have said will go to court. *Vishal Srivastava*

Magistrate and Divisional Commissioner of Lucknow to explain the provisions under which such posters/hoardings had been put up on the streets of the state capital. It had also asked

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## Couple held for IS-CAA protest link: Delhi Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 8

THE DELHI Police Special Cell Sunday arrested a couple from Kashmir with alleged Islamic State links, claiming that they were instigating protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. An FIR has been registered against the two, residents of Southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar, under sections of sedition and criminal conspiracy and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

DCP (Special Cell) Pramod Singh Kushwah said Jahanzaib Sami (36) and wife Hina Bashir

Beg (39), who belong to Srinagar's Shivpora, "have links with the Khorasan module of IS (ISKP)". Police also accused Sami, who works with a private firm, of helping publish the February edition of IS magazine *Sawt al Hind* (Voice of India), adding "further evidence is being gathered".

"They were propagating the banned terrorist outfit's ideology of hatred against non-Muslims... They were also inciting Muslims to take up a violent struggle against the State, and against the CAA," Kushwah said.

A senior police officer said they had been tracking the module for long and the person the

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## HEARTBREAK IN MELBOURNE

India team after losing the Women's T20 World Cup final to Australia by 85 runs, in Melbourne, Sunday. *AP REPORT P 18*

## Valley to Chennai: Meet the 7 women who took over PM's social media

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 8

FROM A crafts exponent in Kashmir to a motivational speaker from Chennai who lost her hands to a grenade blast. From a former sarpanch in Maharashtra to a mushroom farmer in Bihar.

They were among the seven women who got to take over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's social media accounts, with a total of over 137 million followers, on International Women's Day — six days after he posted a teaser that he was "thinking of giving up" the accounts on Sunday.

The *Indian Express* tracked down each of them: Malvika Iyer, a grenade blast survivor and disabilities rights activist; Sneha



Iyer lost hands in a blast

Mohandoss, founder of Foodbank India; Arifa Jan, founder of Namda Handicrafts in Kashmir; Kalpana Ramesh, a

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## Coronavirus: 5 more in Kerala; 3 came from Italy, not screened

Man in 70s back from Iran dies in Leh, samples sent for testing

SHAJU PHILIP & ADIL AKHZER  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
SRINAGAR, MARCH 8

THE NUMBER of coronavirus cases in India reached 39 Sunday, with five more infections reported from Kerala. In Ladakh, where two patients are already under quarantine, officials said that a man in his 70s, with a travel history to Iran, died Sunday — his blood samples have been sent for testing.

A senior official in Leh told



A bus being disinfected in Delhi Sunday. *P 11*

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NEW DELHI DRIVE; MORE CASES IN UP

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The Indian Express that the "death of the male on Sunday morning primarily doesn't seem to have taken place due to coronavirus infection". "The patient had multiple ailments and was hospitalised a few days ago. We have sent the samples for testing and the result is awaited," said a health official.

The Ladakh administration, meanwhile, ordered closing of all government and private schools in Leh district till March 31.

In Kerala, Health Minister K K Shailaja said that a family of three, which "did not report" for screening at the international airport in Kochi where they arrived on February 29 from Italy via Doha in Qatar, and two of their relatives have tested positive for coronavirus.

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## 102-year-old readies CV as BJP puts him to freedom fighter test

AMRITA DUTTA  
BENGALURU, MARCH 8

"I HAVE been writing my CV," says H S Doreswamy, peering closely at a bunch of papers he has been scribbling on. In the dim light of his ground-floor residence in south Bengaluru, the 102-year-old reads out a summary of his life, from his birth in the city in 1918 to a family of landed gentry to his participation in the Quit India movement and Vinoba Bhavne's Bhoodan movement, and, most recently,

a campaign to revive lakes in Bengaluru. "You can read it and tell me if there is anything anti-national in it," he says.

A familiar figure in civil society movements in Karnataka for decades, Doreswamy finds himself at the centre of a political storm. It began when the BJP MLA from Bijapur, Basangouda Patil Yatnal, called him a "fake freedom fighter" and a "Pakistani agent" last month, seeking proof of his involvement in the Independence movement. Several senior BJP leaders, including Union minister Pralhad

Joshi, backed Yatnal.

Last Tuesday, in response, the Congress produced a document, dated 1971, signed by the senior superintendent of the Bengaluru Central Jail, attesting that, as a 25-year-old unmarried man, Doreswamy had been imprisoned there from "December 18, 1942 (and) released on December 8, 1943".

Of the many allegations made against Doreswamy by BJP leaders is his "connection" with Amulya Leona Noronha, the 19-year-old held on February 20 for "sedition" over



H S Doreswamy accused of being a 'Pak agent'. *Amrita Dutta*

slogans she had raised at an anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act rally, on the basis of a photograph which shows him at her residence in Koppa.

"He is the conscience of our state," says historian Ramachandra Guha, calling the campaign against Doreswamy "shocking and scandalous". "A man of great decency and honesty, he has been a part of several social and ecological movements, has spoken up for farmers and the landless. He has criticised Congress governments for their shady land deals... But what

shocks me the most is the silence of Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa, who knows what kind of a person he is, who took oath in the name of farmers," says Guha.

Doreswamy says he is as surprised. "I have been in public life for 60 years. We have differences in ideology but I have friends in the BJP and RSS too. I never expected that the BJP as a whole would attack me like this."

Admitting he has been critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the centenarian adds, "I have criticised every govern-

ment. That is a citizen's privilege. During the Emergency, I wrote a letter to then PM Indira Gandhi, saying, 'You are ruling in the name of democracy, but behaving like a dictator... If this continues, I will go house to house telling people you are a dictator.'" Doreswamy was imprisoned for four months consequently and released when a magistrate dismissed the case, saying "he has every right to criticise his prime minister".

A teacher of physics and maths at a school in Bengaluru,

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