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Guv, CM greets people of Kerala on Onam

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday greeted the people of state on the occasion of Onam on Wednesday. In a message here, Mr Khan said "I convey my heartiest Onam greetings to the people of Kerala and other Keralites all over the world." "I sincerely wish that the melody, beauty and sparkle of Onam fill our minds and homes with the celestial joy of festivity and convey to the world Kerala's unique message of equality, love and harmony," the Governor added. Wishing prosperity, the Chief Minister, in a message here said, Onam festival rekindles the glorious legacy of a life of equality, prosperity and oneness.

Govind Ballabh Pant laid foundation for development of UP: Yogi

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said Govind Ballabh Pant, the first Chief Minister of the state, had laid the foundation for the overall development of the state. "His dream was to make UP the best state of the country and with the help of the central government, the state government is making sincere efforts to fulfill his dream," he said. Speaking on the occasion of 132nd birth anniversary of Pant here, Mr Adityanath, after paying floral tribute at his statue at the Lok Bhawan, said, "The late leader, apart from being a freedom fighter, was a great administrator. After Independence, he was given the right to lead the country's largest state. He proved himself as a good leader through his work. He played a pivotal role in the overall development of the state." Recalling the services of the leader, he said, "Mr Pant as the Union Home Minister successfully faced the internal challenges of the country. He was a symbol of values and ideals."

Rahul wishes people on eve of Onam

New Delhi: Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday wished the people on the eve of Onam. Mr Gandhi, who is also the Congress MP from Wayanad in Kerala, in a Twitter missive said, "Happy Onam to each and every one of you! May this festive season bring joy and happiness to all." Onam is an annual harvest festival of Kerala. According to legends, the festival is celebrated to commemorate King Mahabali, whose spirit is said to visit Kerala at the time of Onam.

One killed, 15 injured after 'Taziya' gets entangled in electric wires in UP

Sambhal: One person was killed while 15 others sustained burn injuries when a 'Taziya' was caught in electric wire on the occasion of Muharram in the Akbarpur village of the Behjoi area in this district of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. Police spokesperson here said that a large number of people were carrying a 'taziya' in the Akbarpur village in the Behjoi area at around 0345 hrs, early this morning, when due to its height it got caught in electric wires. Tasleem (35) came in contact with the current which killed him while 15 others sustained burn injuries. The injured have been sent to the hospital for treatment and some among them are stated to be critical.

Guv designate Bandaru Dattareya leaves for HP

Hyderabad: Governor Designate Bandaru Dattareya along with his family members left for Himachal Pradesh to take oath in Shimla on Wednesday. Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Governor Mohit Chawla, IPSm visited Mr Dattareya's residence here on Tuesday morning and presented the Warrant of Appointment from Rashtrapati Bhavan and escorted him to Himachal Pradesh. Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice V Ramasubramanian will administer the oath of office and secrecy to Mr Dattareya, who is the former Union Minister, in Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan at 1030 hours tomorrow, sources said.

Art 370 abrogation stepping stone to regain PoK, affirms Jitendra Singh

Modi govt's 100 days Jammu (UNI)

Recounting achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government at the Centre on completion of 100 days, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir is one of its greatest successes and will serve as a stepping stone to recover Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Government of India on August 5 abrogated Article 370, which provided special status in Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated it into two Union Territories.

"Article 370 abrogation is the biggest and greatest achievement of Mr Modi's 2.0 rule," Dr Singh told reporters here as part of a nationwide campaign to highlight 100 days of bold initiatives and decisive actions by the National Democratic Alliance government.

"I must say abrogation of Article 370 should be recorded as an achievement of 100 years," he added and said that had Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Dr Shyama



Prasad Mukherjee been alive, he would have declared, "go and tell the world that Mr Modi and Mr Amit Shah have abrogated Article 370." "The decision was taken for the betterment of life of the common people of Jammu and Kashmir," said the Minister.

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retrieve PoK from Pakistan and it will happen soon."

On benefits accruing to Jammu, particularly post Article 370 abrogation, he said, "no doubt the region had been discriminated in the hands of Kashmir centric leaders but now the scenario has completely changed."

The Union Minister said that abrogation of Article 370 was a bold step of the Government and it was backed by G7, UN Security

Council and Britain, France, US, Russia and other leaders of the international community as India's sovereign right.

Modi government always focused on Jammu with respect to development, he said and added that based on the merits, the region also got more funds for major developmental projects.

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"This is a last phase of militancy and once the situation is fine, not only KPs but also people from other parts will visit to Kashmir and it will become one of the favourite destinations. "There will be no more premium on terrorism and separation." Dr Jitendra Singh said the situation in the Valley is peaceful and there is no shutdown or curfew, barring some locations, where restrictions under Section 144 are imposed, which will also be lifted soon.

Manipur Congress opposes CAB

Imphal: The Congress party has opposed the decision to pass the controversial Citizenship Amendment Bill.

Reacting to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's assurance in NE-DA meeting in Guwahati, expressing that government will re-introduce Citizenship Amendment Bill and get it passed in the Parliament, Congress Spokesperson, Ningombam Bupenda Meitei said the Congress party strongly oppose the move and intent of the Modi government.

Congress spokesperson asked, "Is North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) a platform to declare CAB to be passed by Modi government?"

Bhupendra Meitei, condemning Home Minister Amit Shah's statement, said, "We oppose Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) as it will destroy the primary existence of our indigenous people on our indigenous lands in our own North East India region."

Bhupendra Meitei asked all NE-DA (North-East Democratic Alliance) allies to clarify their stand on CAB whether their support to BJP would continue further after the statement from Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

AP CM lost control over administration: BJP

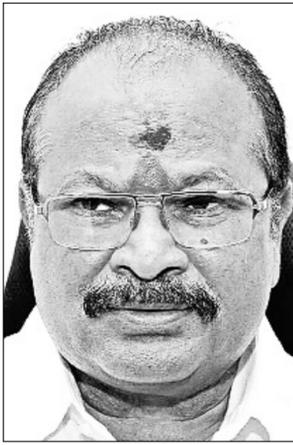
Guntur (UNI)

BJP Andhra Pradesh Unit President Kanna Lakshminarayana came down heavily on Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy stating that he had lost control over the administration and the sand crisis and reverse tendering on Polavaram Irrigation Project ruined the state's progress.

Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, he said that the 100 days rule of Mr Reddy's government was no different than the erstwhile Chandrababu Naidu headed TDP government.

"The wrong sand policy and reverse tendering have crippled the progress of the state. The sand crisis has deprived livelihood of lakhs of construction workers as construction activities have come to a halt due to non-availability of sand" he said.

The erstwhile TDP government appointed party activists in the Janmabhoomi committees for their political mileage and now the YSRCP is toying its line and appointing the party activists as vil-



lage volunteers, he criticised.

People thought that the new Chief Minister would order for an inquiry on the corrupt deeds of TDP leaders but nothing of that sort was happened, he said. "The YSRCP is going on the same way of

TDP government", he alleged.

Mr Lakshminarayana said that people of the State felt that the YSRCP government is giving importance to 'one particular religion' and described it as detrimental to the society.

"The state government's decision of 'reverse tendering' led to halting of the construction works of Polavaram project, being constructed across the river Godavari, he alleged.

He said that the people did not vote for the YSRCP in 2014 election as they thought that Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy would extend patronage to the factionist.

The Chief Minister has proved himself that the people's opinion is correct, he said.

The BJP president said that the Centre had extended Rs.1,800 crore for the disbursement for MGNREGA works but the State government did not disburse the same.

He demanded the Chief Minister to take steps to resolve the sand crisis on a war footing.

Special session of UP Legislature from Oct 2

Lucknow

Both the houses of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature will meet for a special session from 1100 hrs on October 2 to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The special session would commence at 1100 hrs in both the houses separately on October 2 and continue till late in the night on October 3.

Earlier, the government had announced to hold a 48-hour uninterrupted special session on the occasion.

State government spokesperson Srikant Sharma informed here on Tuesday that the state cabinet approved the holding of the special session.

"The special session will discuss on the ideology and policies of Mahatma Gandhi besides will debate on the 17 point charter of sustainable development goals of the United Nations resolution

signed by India in 2015," Mr Sharma said.

During the special session every member of both the houses would be allowed to speak about the development of their respective areas.

The UN goals primarily pertained to poverty alleviation, gender inequality elimination, malnutrition, health for all, energy for all, education for all, nutrition, drinking water, gender equality etc.

"The legislators will get a chance to put forth their views in the special session and speak out the problems of their respective constituencies and also suggest ways to sustainable development," he said.

Last month, an all-party meeting had decided to hold this special session on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Owaisi slams BJP for diluting Tabrez Ansari lynching case



Hyderabad (Telangana)

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government at the Centre of diluting Tabrez Ansari lynching case.

"Jharkhand's BJP government is ensuring that all the cases booked against eleven accused are diluted. In every state ruled by the BJP, the accused are protected and the criminal cases against them are diluted," he told media persons here.

Two months ago, Tabrez was assaulted by a mob on the suspicion of committing a theft in Kharsawan district of Jharkhand. He succumbed to injuries at a hospital four days later.

Owaisi alleged that he died due to a skull fracture after being beaten up for seven hours.

"Had Tabrez been rescued, his life could have been saved. Had he been taken to the hospital, he would have been alive," said the AIMIM chief, seeking the enactment of a law against mob lynching. He further said that it is high time Modi-led government wakes up from its slumber and discharge its constitutional duty to protect the people's right to life. "There is a definite attempt to protect the accused. We hope the court does not take cognizance of the charge sheet," he said, while referring to a charge sheet filed by the Jharkhand Police last month. In the charge sheet, the police have dropped the murder charges against all the accused and converted it into an act of culpable homicide not amounting to murder under the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

CM's foreign visit : 41 MoUs signed, TN to get Rs 8,835 cr investments

Chennai (UNI)

Stating that his next foreign trip will be to Israel, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Tuesday said during his three-nation visit to UK, USA and Dubai, agreements to the tune of Rs 8,835 crore investments into the State were signed.

Mr Palaniswami, who arrived here from Dubai after completing his two week long official visit to these countries, told reporters at the airport that he would be visiting Israel to know more about the agricultural practices followed there which will come in handy when farmers are affected due to lack of rain.

He said as many as 41 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) were signed during his visit to UK, USA and Dubai, which would bring in investments to the tune of Rs 8,835 crore to the State and provide job opportunities to 35,520 people.

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Mr Palaniswami, who was given

a rousing reception at the airport on his arrival by his Cabinet colleagues and party cadres, said MoUs that were signed during his trip will be implemented at the earliest.

Observing that investors were very eager than expected to start their business in the State, the Chief Minister said since Tamil Nadu has several resources, investors from various sectors have shown interest to start their business in the state.

"The countries that I visited give prominence to tourism and we will also try to follow it," he added.

Reacting to criticisms made by opposition DMK President M K Stalin about his foreign visits, Mr Palaniswami said 'they have been opposing me right from the time I became the Chief Minister.'

"Things did not happen the way Stalin thought it would (fall of the AIADMK government), so he is jealous and angry and that is why he is speaking like that," he added.

Advocates in TN boycott courts in protest against transfer of Madras HC CJ

Chennai (UNI)

Members owing allegiance to various Advocates associations on Tuesday boycotted courts and tribunals in protest against the Supreme Court Collegium transferring Madras High Court Chief Justice Ms Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani to the Meghalaya High Court.

The boycott of courts followed unanimous resolutions adopted at the extraordinary general body meetings of various associations held yesterday.

In its resolution, the Madras High Court Advocates Association (MHAA) headed by G Mohanakrishnan said "in consultation with other Bar associations and to express our solidarity and wholehearted support to our Chief Justice and to thwart the assault on the Constitution and to protect the independence of the judiciary, we have unanimously resolved to abstain from all courts and tribunals on Tuesday". A section of advocates also



staged a demonstration yesterday against the transfer of the Chief Justice and shouted slogans demanding the revocation of the transfer order. Ms Justice Tahilramani had on Friday night resigned from the post of Chief Justice of Madras High Court after the Supreme Court Collegium declined her request to reconsider her transfer to Meghalaya. She has tendered her resignation

to President Ram Nath Kovind and sent a copy of it to Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

The collegium, headed by Chief Justice Gogoi, had recommended transfer of Justice Tahilramani, who was elevated as the Madras High Court's Chief Justice on August 28 last year, to the Meghalaya High Court. The collegium had recommended her transfer on August 28, after which she had made a representation requesting it to reconsider the proposal.

She made her decision public on Friday night at a dinner hosted by six Madras High Court judges who were made permanent judges.

Thanking the puisne judges for their cooperation ever since she took over as the Chief Justice on August 12 last year, Justice Tahilramani told them that she had discharged her duty without any fear or favour right from the time she assumed office as a judge of the Bombay High Court in June 2001.

Strict curfew imposed in Srinagar to prevent Muharram procession

Srinagar (UNI)

Strict curfew restrictions were imposed in Srinagar on Tuesday to prevent Zuljanah and Tazia processions, on the tenth day of Muharram.

The processions have been banned in the summer capital since 1990, for security reasons.

However despite restrictions, Muharram was observed at the main town of Budgam, where all the roads were closed to prevent people from outside, to enter the area. Governor Satya Pal Malik has paid tributes to the martyrs of Karbela.

Curfew has been imposed, since early this morning and people were directed by security forces to remain indoors in Srinagar.

All roads leading to Abi Guzar, where Shia mourners used to take out Zuljanah and Tazia processions, were closed. The procession used to culminate in the evening at Zadibal in the downtown, after

marching through Civil Lines and Old City.

Roads leading to Civil Lines were also sealed with barbed wires and nobody was being allowed to enter the city, from outskirts and uptown.

All roads leading to main Budgam town were closed.

However, thousands of mourners assembled at Jamia Masjid in Budgam, to pay tributes to Hazrat Imam Hussian, grandson of Prophet Mohammed and his companion, who made supreme sacrifice and Karbela, more than 1400 years ago.

Meanwhile, life remained crippled elsewhere since August 5 in the valley, where people were observing strike against scrapping of Articles 370 and 35 A.

Business and other activities remained crippled and mobile and internet services remain suspended for the 37th day in the valley, where train service also remained shut for security reasons.