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Muslim bodies will seek Ayodhya verdict review

TOP COURT AIMPLB, JUH to oppose alternative land for mosque through 4 litigants

Oliver Fredrick and Pawan Dixit

LUCKNOW: Two prominent Muslim bodies declared on Sunday that they will seek a review of the Supreme Court's verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masiid title suit and rejected the court's offer of alternative land for the demolished mosque, indicating that the decades-old communal dispute was far from resolved.

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) and the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind (JUH) said they opposed the unanimous SC decision last week favouring the construction of a Ram temple at the 2.77-acre site in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya town.

"The land of the mosque belongs to Allah and under the Sharia [Islamic laws], it cannot be given to any body, "AIMPLB secretary Zafaryab Jilani told reporters after a meeting of the board in Lucknow.

The two bodies also decided not to accept five acres of land for the construction of a mosque and said it was against Islamic laws to take anything in lieu of a religious place, "It was a fight for the title and not for an ordinary piece of

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: A 19-year-old physio-

therapy student was killed when

his car crashed into a parked

truck as he swerved to avoid branches lying in the middle of a

road in south Delhi's Okhla in

the early hours of Sunday, police

said. While no evewitness have

emerged so far. Chinmov Bisw

deputy commissioner of police (south-east), said preliminary

probe suggests that the victim.

Ansh Girdhar, was driving at a

Guard dies in fire

at Narela factory,

another missing

"high speed".

A FRESH CHALLENGE

Two Muslim bodies - AIMPLB & JUH - rejected the offer of alternative land for the mosque

CAN THEY SEEK REVIEW? Only litigants can seek a review of an SC

decision within 30 days if there is a legal error in the order ■ AIMPLB is not a party to the case but said it will rope in three litigants — Mohammad Umar Khalid, Misbahuddin, and Mehfusur

Rehman — to file the review petition. JUH's general secretary is also a litigant in the case, so it can file the review



"The land of the mosque belongs to Allah and under the Sharia [Islamic laws], it cannot be given to anybody." -ZAFARYAB JILANI, secretary, AIMPLB

"The Supreme Court's decision in favour of Ram temple was unanimous. The review petition will not hold legal ground." TRILOKI NATH PANDEY

'next friend' of Ram Lalla Viraiman

land. It's our constitutional right to save our religious place," Jilani added

The AIMPLB was not a party to the case but said it will rope in three litigants — Mohammad Umar Khalid, a resident of Avodhya town: Misbahuddin, a resident of Ayodhya district and Mehfusur Rehman, a resident of

19-yr-old swerves to avoid tree

branch, dies in Okhla car crash

Tanda town in Ambedkar Nagar district — to file the review petition. "We would abide by whatever decision the board takes. There are some inconsistencies in the verdict and I feel there is a scope for correction," said Kha-

The decision was immediately

who said the review process was only a tactic to delay the construction of a Ram temple, "We have made all preparations for construction of Ram temple. The decision to file a petition is a ploy to further delay construction of the temple," said Nritya Gopal Das, head of the Ram Janma-

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My wish for India: No malnutrition, says Bill Gates

NEW DELHI: Identifying health as the pre-eminent challenge facing India, Bill Gates, the co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, said on Sunday at the Mint Visionaries event in New Delhi: "If there was one wish I had for India, it would be to get rid of mal-

nutrition because potential of those kids so dramatically... It's like 15 IQ points go away. »P13



The car that 19-year-old Ansh Girdhar was driving.

NEWDELHI: A guard was charred to death and his colleague's whereabouts remained unknown after a footwear factory in Narela was gutted on Sunday. The flames and the smoke were such that it took the firefighters over 14 hours to locate the body of the guard, fire officials said. Firefighters suspect that the cause of the fire may have been due to a brazier lit to keep a room warm.

Decision on govt formation in Maha soon, says NCP

MUMBAI: The NCP has said a decision on government formation by the proposed Congress-NCP-Shiv Sena combine in Maharashtra will be taken in the next few days.NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik told mediapersons that Pawar will meet Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday "Thereafter, the government formation process will be final ised." Malik said.

Indo-Pacific at centre of Rajnath, Esper dialogue

NEWDELHI: Defence minister Rajnath Singh held talks with US defence secretary Mark T Esper in Bangkok on Sunday on a range of issues of strategic importance. In the meeting, Singh reaffirmed India's vision for a free and inclusive Indo-Pacific region based on a rulesbased order and respect for territorial integrity.



SC RULING, SAYS KERALA MINISTER

PATHANAMTHITTA (KERALA): A day after five women of menstruating age were stopped from trekking to the Sabarimala Temple, Kerala law minister AK Balan on Sunday said there was a defacto stay on the Supreme Court's September 2018 order that allowed the entry of women of all ages into the hilltop shrine.

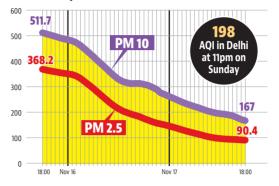
"Practically there is no stay on the 2018 verdict. Since the case was referred to a larger bench, de facto there is a stay. We need more clarity on this. We will go by whatthe court says," Balan said.

A large number of pilgrims visited the temple on the second day of the season as police continued checking at the shrine's base camp to prevent women of the child-bearing age from trekking to the temple.

DELHI TAKES A BREATH

Delhi residents breathed easier as air quality improved to 'moderate' zone late on Sunday evening after a nearly five-day-long spell of hazardous air

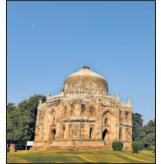
IN 48 HRS, POLLUTANTS FALL DRASTICALLY



SHORT-LIVED RELIEF?

This relief, however, is likely to be short-lived as conditions are again likely to deteriorate from Wednesday (November 20) due to a combination of factors — low wind speed, cloud cover, moderate fog and drop in mercury — which will again engulf the city in smog, meteorologists said "P2





WIND FACTOR

36km/h peak wind speed on Sunday, which helped clean pollutants

Meet called: MoEF & climate change secretary called a top-level meet on Monday that'll be attended by chief secys of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana & UP

'Let Farooq attend House': NC, Cong set up Parl face-off on Kashmir curbs

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: The Congress and other opposition parties on Sunday demanded that Lok Sabha MP Faroog Abdullah, who is under detention in Srinagar since the government's August 5 move to revoke Jammu & Kashmir's special status, be allowed to attend Parliament's winter session, setting up a possible face-off in the House over curbs in the Valley.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at an all-party meet-

ing, held to discuss the road map for the Parliament session scheduled from November 18 to December 13, that the governed was ready to discuss all issues "within the framework of rules

and procedures of the Houses". The upcoming session is likely to see 27 legislations being taken up, including the controversial Citizenship Amendment Bill, which provides for Indian citizenship to be granted to non-Muslims of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Opposition parties have said they will CONTINUED ON P6

HTSPOTLIGHT

HOUSE OF ELDERS: '250TH SESSION A MOMENTOUS OCCASION'

only guided the law-making process but has also prevented hasty legislation and has continued to serve as a dignified house, working on the federal principles of Indian polity. To this end, it has reinforced the idea of "unity and integrity". Even as we celebrate this momentous occasion, it will be desirable on part of the MPs to remember they have maintain the fine balance between becoming obstructionist or redundant, writes former President Pranab Mukherjee.

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NITI pitches key reforms in new health care report

PROPOSAL 15-year plan with focus on four issues to transform sector will be released today

Anisha Dutta

NEW DELHI: NITI Aayog has proposed structural reforms in the health sector with focus on four kev areas -- health system risk pool financing, health services. organisation, and digital health care -- in its report "Health System for a New India: Building Blocks - Potential Pathways to Reform", according to government documents and people familiar with the matter.

The report is scheduled to be released on Monday by NITI Aavog vice-chairman Rajiy Kumar and Bill Gates, co-chairman of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The government think-tank has drafted a 15-year plan with the aim of transforming the health sector.

"A three-year action agenda and a seven-year strategy have already been prepared by NITI Aayog. We are now engaging in developing a 15-year vision document for the nation's development... This book is an attempt to bring together all the valuable findings of the studies, including supporting data from this analysis. With regards to financing, the book talks of improving financial risk protection and reforming fiscal transfers. For

better provisioning of health

New Delhi: Medicines and lifes-

tyle modifications can work as

well as invasive procedures such

as putting stents or performing a

bypass surgery for blocked

arteries in patients with severe

but stable heart disease, accord-

American Heart Association

(AHA) meeting in the US on Sat-

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dures to restore normal blood

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The study, presented at the

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WHAT THE VISION ENTAILS

■ Reforms suggested in four key areas — health system risk pool financing, health services, organisation, and digital health care

Document for better provision ing of health care services, strengthening primary care accelerating human resource development, implementing digital information systems,

health care across states. Kerala

emerged at the top of the second

edition of NITI Aavog's report.

Uttar Pradesh was rated as the

worst as per the parameters. In

its latest report, the think-tank

has proposed a "complete trans-

formation" of India's health sys-

strengthen the broad ecosystem

flow in patients with stable heart

disease offer an added benefit

over more conservative treat-

ment with aspirin, cholesterol-

lowering drugs and other meas-

ures. "For patients with stable

ischemic heart disease, but with

mild symptoms of angina (chest

pain) that doesn't hamper their

routine functions, the best way

to treat is targeted medical ther-

apy. It is seen that additional

angiography and angioplasty or

bypass surgery do not bring any

additional benefit in survival or

reduction in heart attacks.'

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"There remains a need to

financing system of health care, making it more economical Kerala emerged top in the second edition of NITI Aayog's June report. Uttar Pradesh rated the worst as per

and improving access to

Think-tank suggests more

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quality medicines

care services, strengthening priin which health services are delivered. For this, we need to mary care, accelerating human resource development, implechart a clear road map to the complete transformation of menting digital information systems, and improving access to India's health system...Our vision for a healthy India quality medicines are some of the suggested areas of focus. requires us to holistically trans-Niti Aavog CEO Amitabh Kant form the delivery of health serviwrote in the report, whose foreces in both public and the private word was accessed by HT. sectors, across levels of care.' In June, NITI Aayog also said Dr Vinod Paul, member, released its health index rank-NITI Aavog 'At a system level, overcomings that mapped the state of

> ing the challenges of fragmentation, across health care finance ing and service delivery, will help us optimise both quality and access. For a large country like ours, efforts aimed at aggregation and standardisation will contribute to enhancing both efficiency and quality. Achieving this will require us to make major institutional changes," he

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tigator from India for the seven-

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added. The think-tank has also suggested that India's public and private financing system of health care needs to be regularised and become more economi-

cal. "Instead of looking at

schemes in the health sector, we

are not focusing on sectoral

reforms. With the help of inter-

national consultants and local experts we have key areas of focus. The system of public and private health care financing needs to be looked at. The system is fragmented and we need to see how to bring in regularisation. We have to find a way to make purchasing more economical. said a senior NITI Aayog official who asked not to be named. Dr K Srinath Reddy, president, Public Health Foundation of India, said "Health care financing should be consolidated. The private sector too should be brought in to contribute in the scheme for universal health care. However, while building a single-paver system. we must also strengthen public health care otherwise the private sector will emerge domi-

A single-payer health care system is a type of universal health care financed by taxes that covers the costs of essential health care for all residents, with costs covered by a single public

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and co-chair of the study, esti-

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unnecessary stenting proce-

According to the findings, a

J'khand ex-minister to take on CM Das on his home turf

HT Correspondent

JAMSHEDPUR: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Sarvu Roy said on Sunday that he has resigned from the state cabinet and assembly, adding that he will contest the upcoming state elections against chief minister Raghubar Dasasan independent.

The 68-year-old held the post of minister of food and supply in the Das cabinet and was a sitting legislator from Jamshedpur (West). The BJP on Sunday fielded Dev endra Singh as the party's candidate from the seat

The state's chief minister is a legislator from Jamshedpur (East) and was named as the BJP candidate from the constituency in the first list of candidates released on November 10.

shedpur (East) seat to take on the man whom the party has made the face of this election," Roy, who was not featured in the BJP's first four lists said.

"I am going to fight from Jam-

Roy in the past questioned the functioning of the state government, even filing a petition in the high court against the state's mining department

"The problem is when I raise corruption issues some people have a problem and brand it as anti-party activities," he said Union minister Prakash Javadekar, who was in Ranchi to inaugurate the party's media centre. said the BJP would look into Rov's decision to contest as an independent.

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that in a section of heart patients

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need to perform an angioplasty or a heart bypass surgery,

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must take a call on whether a

patient falls in the safe category

or not, "This has long-reaching

implications; we need to be extra

careful in not conveying that all

patients can be managed with

medicines, which is not the

case." said Dr Prayeen Chandra.

chairman, interventional cardi-

ology, Medanta, The Medicity,

Challenge to Ayodhya order puts review process in focus

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: A little over a week after the Supreme Court's unanimous ruling in the Ram Janmabhoomi Babri Masiid title suit paved the way for the construction of a Ram temple, two prominent Muslim bodies decided on Sunday to seek a review of the iudgment.

The decision by the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) and the Jamiat Ulamai-Hind (JUH) puts the focus on the review process, a judicial mechanism devised by the apex court. Ordinarily, a Supreme court verdict is the final word on an issue. but the rules of the top court provide for a mechanism of a review petition. In a review petition. which has to be filed within 30 days of the verdict, an aggrieved party or parties can seek a review of any decision on grounds of

"Generally, the review petitions are not heard in the open court room, but taken up by the Judges in their chambers. However, if the merits of the case are strong, and the aggrieved parties seek an open court hearing, the matter is even heard in open court room," said Supreme Court advocate Anil Mishra.

The Ayodhya case was decided



AIMPLB secretary Zafaryab Jilani addresses a press conference in Lucknow on Sunday. DEEPAK GUPTA/HT PHOTO

unanimously on November 9 by a five-judge bench, headed by former Chief Justice of India Ranian Gogoi, and also comprising iustices

SA Bobde, DY Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, Gogoi retired on Sunday When the review petitions are filed, it will be placed before Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, who will decide on constituting a bench to relook at the matter. With Gogoi's retirement, a new judge will replace him on the bench to hear the review petition. The AIMPLB has already said that it will file the review within 30 days of the verdict. Because it was not a party in the suit, it has roped in three litigants -- Mohammad Umar Khalid, a resident of Avodhva town: Misbahuddin, a resident of Avodhva district and Mehfusur Rehman, a resident of Tanda town in UP - to file the review petition. The JUH, whose UP general secretary Ashhad Rashidi is a petitioner in the case will also file a review petition.

"Usually the court does not unsettle a decision, unless a strong case is made out," said Supreme Court advocate Viplay Sharma, "After the November 9 verdict, the Muslim side has been talking of filing a review petition But they will have to move fast, as the court has set a three-month deadline for the government to set up a trust for building a temple at the site," he added

Bills should include incentives





NEW DELHI: The Proposed River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Bill. 2019, that is being tabled in the upcoming winter session of the Parliament, is one of India's most ambitious environmental bills. The bill seeks to protect the river from being ripped apart by sand mining on the one hand and being starved of water on the other. Sewage discharge is also one of the no-nos.

the biggest cities have to shift to decentralised sewage management and grev water systems. This will cost a lot of resourcesland, money, tech and social change. This is not new knowledge-India's Ganga Action Plan has been around for years, generating more revenue for consultants than public good. How can we change that?

How will it be implemented?

To handle sewage discharge,

Similarly, how will sand-mining be stopped?

The answer lies in improved construction debris collection and recycling, to partly replace the need for sand. Construction innovation is also important, as is innovation in the cement

Why should anyone do all of this? And of course, you can't just de-commission the dams in the upper Ganges, the Himala vas. There's a lot of retroffiting that must be done, in order to manage the water flow. It's of course expensive, but also. unknown. Why should anyone take the risk?

I believe that while bills should include punitive measures, implementation should include top rate incentives. The bill could soon become a law That is when we will need to try incentives to implement the new law and create competition to do it best. Less won't work.

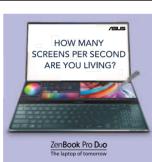
(The writer is the founder and director of the Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group.)



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THE GOVERNANCE PAGE

PRADEEP KAUSHAL

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

AS PRIME Minister Narendra

Modi said the government was

ready to discuss every issue, at

the all-party meeting held a day

before the Winter Session of

Parliament begins Monday, the Opposition raised the question

of continued detention of leaders in Kashmir. Congress Rajya

Sabha leader Ghulam Nabi Azad

demanded that senior National

Conference leader Faroog

Abdullah, who is held under the

Public Safety Act, "be allowed to

Assembly election results which

didn't give the BJP the results it

expected, the Opposition is gear-

ing up to take on the govern-

ment over the economic slow-

down, unemployment and farm

increased majority, the Modi

government in the past two ses-

sions pushed through the triple

talaq Bill and the scrapping of

special status to Jammu and

Kashmir. Now, bolstered by the

Supreme Court verdict in the

Ayodhya case, it has lined up ex-

haustive legislative business

Returning to power with an

distress, apart from Kashmir.

Buoyant after the recent

attend Parliament".

ABANTIKA GHOSH & MAULSHREE SETH NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW,

> THE All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) and Jamiat ulama i Hind announced on Sunday that they would file review petitions on the Supreme

Let Farooq attend, Oppn tells PM at

all-party meet before House session

Modi, Shah, Azad at the all-party meeting, Sunday. Renuka Puri

the House. "We look forward to

a productive Parliament session,

where people-centric and devel-

opment-oriented issues would

be discussed," he said, adding

that constructive discussions in

Parliament also kept the bureau-

Raiva Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad

(Congress) and National

Conference Lok Sabha MP

Hasnain Masoodi raised the con-

tinuing detention of mainstream

leaders in Jammu and Kashmir.

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Leader of Opposition in the

cracy alert.

NOVEMBER 17

Court judgment in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, and would not accept the 5-acre plot awarded by a fivejudge Bench in lieu of the disputed site.

AIMPLB says will accept what the court finally decides

Lucknow, AIMPLB working committee member Kamal Farooqui said, "The board has decided that a review petition

should be filed against the Supreme Court verdict."

While Jamiat is a party in the dispute, the AIMPLB has played an organising role in the case. The AIMPLB working committee After a meeting held in members said the petition would be filed within the 30-day deadline and reiterated that whatever "the final verdict" of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Zafaryab Jilani (right) at the AIMPLB press meet Lucknow. PTI

30 political detainees in

Srinagar moved amid

ADIL AKHZER

dling by police.

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 17

NUMBERING OVER 30, all the

mainstream political leaders

kept under detention at the

Sher-e-Kashmir International

Conference Centre (SKICC) in

Srinagar since August 5 were on

Sunday afternoon moved to the

MLA hostel within the city,

amid allegations of manhan-

Party(PDP) claimed that the hos-

tel wasn't equipped with heating

facilities, the reason unofficially

given for shifting the detainees.

This led to protests, after which

The Peoples Democratic

claims of manhandling

Key sales numbers show rural demand may dip further

Warning signs across FMCG, tractors & 2-wheelers, gold, real rural wages

PVAIDYANATHANIYER NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 17

THE GOVERNMENT Friday claimed that a significant divergence in levels of consumption and direction of change prompted it to withhold the findings of the survey on household consumption expenditure for July 2017-June 2018. But all major indicators of rural demand suggest the situation has only worsened since the beginning of financial year 2019-20, and the economy is yet to see the end of the current slowdown cycle.

The Indian Express spoke to business leaders across key industries to find that all indicators of rural demand — sales of FMCG, and of tractors and twowheelers, in non-cities — show they are still riding the trough. Other indicators, such as a sharp fall in gold imports in the last four months (half of gold demand is rural-driven) also point to slackening demand.

The most critical factor behind rural stress is not just the fall in nominal wage rates of labour. With CPI rising for rural labourFMCG, TRACTOR and motorcycle sales, as well as a decline in real wages, show that rural consumers are postponing the purchase of nondiscretionary items. The possibility of a revival is at least three-six

months away.

Revival still

some time away

ers, real wages since March have also seen a decline. The real wage growth, adjusted for CPI-RL (Consumer Price Index-Rural Labourers), has seen the sharpest erosion in August. With CPI-RL at 6.23%, even if nominal wages increased 3.4% in August, real wages eroded by 2.83%.

While some economists say excess and late monsoon in a few **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

In High Court bail denial to Chidambaram, 'copy, paste'; matter in SC today

PRITAM PALSINGH

NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 17

PORTIONS OF the November 15 order of the Delhi High Court dismissing the bail plea of Congress leader P Chidambaram in the INX Media money laundering case, it has emerged, bear striking resemblance to both a previous High Court order as well as a Supreme Court decision on the bail plea of lawyer Rohit Tandon, arrested in several money laundering cases (he is currently out on bail).

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait's 41-page judgment denying bail



with HC, SC orders, ED affidavit

Similarities

to the 74-year-old Congress leader also, in parts, resembles the counter-affidavit filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) during the course of the proceedings.

This emerged after Justice Kait's order was uploaded late on Saturday evening. Senior **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

Gotabaya wins, his camp reaches out: 'India closest friend'



EXPRESS IN COLOMBO

ARUN JANARDHANAN NOVEMBER 17

BY THE time friends and family members started thronging his two-storey house, away from the heart of Colombo, the verdict was clear. Around noon Sunday, visitors were told that he was taking a nap after staying up the entire night to track the results. Finally, in the afternoon, Gotabaya Rajapaksa stepped out to reach the election commission.



such as the contentious citizen-

conclude on December 13, and

will hold a special joint sitting of

the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

on November 26 to commem-

Shah, apart from leaders of 27

parties, were present at Sunday's

meeting, called by Parliamentary

Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi.

In his customary remarks,

the PM said the government was

willing to discuss every issue in

Modi and BIP chief Amit

morate 'Constitution Day'.

The session is scheduled to

ship (amendment) Bill.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa after the results, in Colombo. AP

By then, the former wartime defence secretary, and younger brother of ex-president Mahinda Rajapaksa, had been officially elected as the new President of Sri Lanka with about 52 per cent of votes. "All Sri Lankans are part CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

HERO OR 'WAR CRIMINAL'?, PAGE 13

Exiled in UK, Pak MQM leader seeks asylum from Modi for himself, aides

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, NOVEMBER 17

QUAMI **MUTTAHIDA** Movement (MQM) founder Altaf Hussain, living in exile in the UK, has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to grant him and his colleagues asylum or at least some financial assistance to take his case to the

International Court of Justice. Promising that he would not interfere in politics, Hussain took to social media last week to relay a new speech, in which he also welcomed the Supreme Court

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verdict in the Ayodhya case. The 67-year-old is due to

Chirag seeks convenor, cites missing Sena, shrinking NDA

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

THE TREMORS of the Shiv Sena's parting of ways with the BJP in Maharashtra were felt at the NDA meeting in Delhi on Sunday, ahead of the

Parliament ses-

sion, with allies

pitching for a

mechanism to

improve coordi-

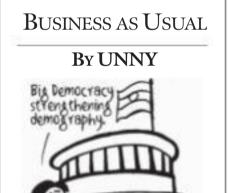
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Prime Minister TDP, RLSP Narendra Modi left earlier: describing the LJP chief ruling alliance as "one big family".

The Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) demanded appointment of a convenor for better coordination, and said the government should take up unemployment in the coming session. With the government **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



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The detainees being moved

some leaders were allegedly roughed up. People's Conference

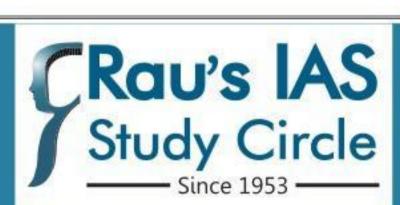
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in Srinagar on Sunday. PTI

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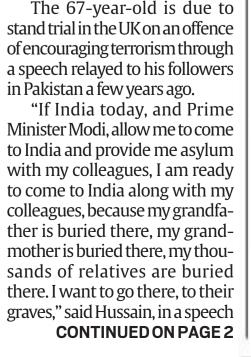
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be the new President of island nation

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Our plastic addiction and what we can do

THE SANDIP ROY SHOW

Sandip talks to Bharati Chaturvedi, founder-director of the environmental research and action group, Chintan, about the myriad ways in which plastic affects our lives and how we can realistically fight it.

FROM PAGE ONE

Detainees

(PC) claimed its chairman Sajad Lone had been "manhandled and misbehaved with" under the pretext of security checking.

SSP, Security, Kashmir Imtiyaz Hussain denied the claims. "There are some mandatory drills... We followed those. Nothing of this sort happened," he told *The Indian* Express. He later reiterated the same on Twitter.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Iltija Mufti tweeted that Lone, senior PDP leader Waheed Para and chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement Shah Faesal were manhandled.

Claiming that "new jail windows are blocked with wood, (it) lacks heaters & has surveillance jammers", Iltija, who uses Mehbooba's handle, issued a series of tweets, saying "manhandling started when Sajad Lone was repeatedly frisked & asked to undress". "If a man who PM Modi

called his younger brother is being humiliated like this, imagine plight of others... Lone sahabs aged mother refuses to leave srinagar despite the cold because her son is jailed. Is this humane?"

The PC said the way Lone had been treated led to an exchange of words, "in which some members also exchanged blows". "This attitude of the local police towards former democratically elected representatives is brazen arrogance and contempt for the rule of law," the party said.

A senior PDP leader told The Indian Express the detained leaders were told they were being shifted "because of the cold", with Kashmir seeing snow earlier than expected. However, the government has not given a specific reason, and sources said one of the considerations was the bill of Rs 3.28 crore run up at the SKICC.

On Friday, Mehbooba Mufti became the first political detainee in Kashmir to be moved to a new

place after August 5 when she was shifted from a Chashme Shahi hut to near Lal Chowk. Iltija had earlier said the hut didn't have enough heating.

House session

"How can a parliamentarian be detained illegally?" Azad said, in an apparent reference to Abdullah.

Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the Opposition demanded that the issues of economic slowdown, job loss, farm distress and pollution be discussed. He said the Congress will also raise the issue of withdrawal of the SPG cover to the Gandhi family.

Trinamool Congress leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay said they would raise the role being played by West Bengal Governor Jagdip Dhankar.

The government plans to seek Parliament's nod on two ordinances — one by which it cut the corporate tax rate to arrest the economic slow-down; and the other introduced to ban e-cigarettes and similar products.

According to both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha business list, about 35 legislations will be taken up during the session.

The 18 MPs of the Shiv Sena in the Lok Sabha and three in the Rajya Sabha have been allotted seats on the Opposition side.

The BSP, JD(U), RPI, DMK, AIADMK, LJP, SP, TDP, Apna Dal, AAP and RJD also attended the meeting.

Gotabaya

of this journey," he said.

His camp, meanwhile, was quick to reach out to India — and convey that while China will be a "trade partner", India remains "our relative". As a symbolic first step, the President-elect chose Anuradhapura, the World Heritage City known for its traditional links to India, for his swear-

ing-in ceremony Monday. In Delhi, the PMO tweeted that Prime Minister Modi had spoken to Gotabaya and invited him to visit India. "The invitation was accepted," it said.

Sources close to Gotabaya told The Indian Express that he will be a "healthy partner" for India. "With the current government, India imagined that its interests will be protected. But it failed to protect Sri Lanka's interests and did nothing for India. A strong president in Sri Lanka will make sure that India is the closest friend while protecting autonomy of his own country," sources said.

In 2015, Mahinda had alleged India's role behind his electoral defeat at a time when Sri Lanka was perceived to have grown close to China. This time, however, sources said, India "changed a lot" over the last year. "Earlier, Indian officials in Colombo were reluctant to meet us. Now there is a warm relationship between Gotabaya and Delhi. He will follow the same policy that we followed earlier — China is a trade partner, while India is a relative," sources said.

Palitha Kohona, former foreign secretary, said, "We are in a hurry to develop (the country). If our first priority is to maintain a special relationship with India, we are also prioritising our trade and investment relationships with every potential partner, China, the US or Europe."

"Gotabaya was appointed by then President Mahinda to communicate with India during the war. He has a strong network in Delhi among bureaucrats and politicians. It helped us finish the war," said Kohona, who is a key consultant for the Rajapaksa family.

Bernard Goonetilleke, former diplomat, too said Lanka's proximity to China is only about development. "It cannot be compared with our ties to India, which are histori-

Gotabaya's victory came on the back of overwhelming support from the majority Sinhalese Buddhist community. With elections coming seven months after the Easter Sunday terror blasts, Gotabaya's stress on national security

per cent support from

Mosque side set to file review plea Maulana Mahfooz Rahmani and deal with the fact that Muslims

the apex court, they would abide by it.

On Sunday evening, the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board told PTI it was not in favour of a review petition. The Waqf Board was one of the main litigants in the case. Chairman Zufar Farooqui told PTI, "Before the judgment, the AIMPLB was repeatedly saying it will abide by any judgment of the Supreme Court. Then why is an appeal being made now?"

On the question of taking another plot of land in lieu of the disputed area, Farooqui said they would decide at a meeting on November 26. Original petitioner Igbal Ansari too has indicated he is reluctant to continue the legal battle.

In its November 9 judgment in the dispute, the Supreme Court ordered handing over of the entire disputed 2.77 acres to the Hindu side. The Muslim side was awarded a 5-acre plot within Ayodhya for the construction of a mosque.

AIMPLB secretary Zafaryab Jilani, who was the counsel for the Muslim side, said, "We have decided petitions will be filed by

large states — Rajasthan,

Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka,

Maharashtra and Gujarat — has

suppressed farm incomes, oth-

ers argue it is a simplistic deduc-

tion. "Lack of jobs due to poor or

no investment over the years

has meant poor incomes. Rural

to urban migration for work has

hardly matched addition to

work force (estimated at 5-8

million a year). More people

have stayed back in villages, and

non-farm opportunities there

have shrunk since demonetisa-

tion," said an economist with a

major FMCG company says ru-

ral consumers were holding up

as late as March 2019. "After two

big disruptions — demonetisa-

tion in 2016 and GST in 2017 — it

was expected that we will see

an uptick in 2018. The big com-

panies passed on the benefits of

lower GST to consumers. So,

there were good parts to 2018,

when companies like HUL were

growing at 14-15 per cent," the

the FMCG rural demand started

slowing. "Rural markets were al-

ways growing at 1.4-1.5 times

the urban market... By June-end,

the rural market started slowing

and was growing at the same

pace as urban. By September, ru-

ral was growing at half the rate

of urban," the executive said.

But in calendar year 2019,

executive said.

A senior executive with a

public finance think-tank.

Muhammad Umar, also some defendants. Jamiat too has decided to file a review plea... It seems likely at this point that these will be different petitions."

The Jamiat said a panel un-

der the chairmanship of president Maulana Arshad Madani had "gone deeply into the prospects of a review petition". "The expert panel observed that the judgment was against the Babri Masjid and it was not a final judgment as the option of reviewing is available under the Constitution. The panel found that in its more than 1,000-page judgment, (the court) accepted that most of the evidence and arguments given were in favour of the Babri Masjid," the Jamiat said, adding, "While the legal option is available, there is also Sharia obligation to defend the

masjid till the last breath." The AIMPLB said it had taken into account the evidence presented by the Musim side and come to the conclusion that a review petition should be filed "because of the various apparenterrors in (the Supreme Court order)". "The petition will also

cannot accept any other land in lieu of the masjid land, and it is only justice that they be given the land that Babri Masjid stood on... The restitution by granting 5 acres where fundamental values have been damaged to the extent of causing national shame will not in any manner heal the wounds... the effect of this direction would amount to shifting the mosque by judicial order without any provocation by the community, which tried to protect this mosque."

Saying Sharia law did not allow building the same mosque at any other site, it added, "Mosques are essential for the religious practice of Muslims." The AIMPLB added,

"...Supreme Court has observed that the protection granted therein (Places of Worship Act, 1991) is to protect fundamental values of the Constitution... and acceptance of equality of all religious faiths. The Muslim community contested this litigation to ensure the said fundamental values." Noting that "the State has no religion", the board said the failure to protect the Babri

Masjid "amounted to betrayal of the Muslim community".

On the 5-acre land, Jilani said it was not about building a mosque, and that Ayodhya had at least 27 already. "The 5 acres will neither balance equity nor repair the damage caused in the country," the AIMPLB said.

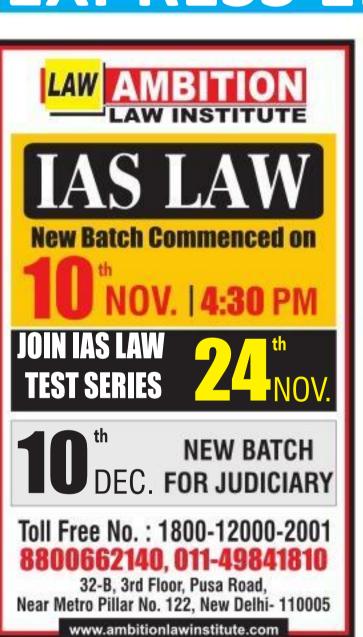
The Jamiat statement underlined that some Supreme Court observations cleared several allegations regarding the Babri Masjid. "For example, the mosque was not built after demolishing a Ram temple... Furthermore, both the courts the Supreme Court and Allahabad High Court (in 2010) accept this bitter fact that idols

were put inside the Babri Mosque illegally...." "It is also perplexing that the

bench did not accept deity Ram Lalla as the owner of the land but handed over the mosque to the Hindu parties," the Jamiat statement said. The AIMPLB meeting was at-

tended by MP Asaduddin Owaisi, an AIMPLB member, who was among the first to call for rejection of the 5 acres.

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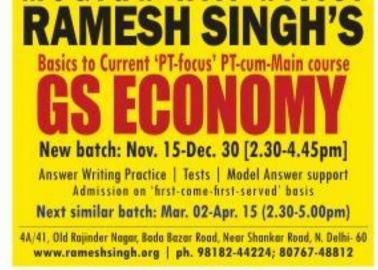
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Key numbers show rural demand may dip further

Year 2019	*Nominal rural wage growth %	**CPI (RL)	Real rural wage growth %
January	4.01	2.44	1.57
February	3.98	3.24	0.74
March	3.99	4.25	-0.26
April	3.87	4.80	-0.93
May	4.17	5.45	-1.28
June	4.02	6.10	-2.08
July	4.30	6.04	-1.74
August	3.40	6.23	-2.83

Source: Labour Bureau

*The nominal average wage growth for males in rural India across 25 agricultural and non-agricultural occupations ** Consumer Price Index for rural labourers

ban segment is growing 10 per cent, rural is growing 5 per cent... and this may drop further to 3-4 per cent. People are postponing even small ticket purchases. We see things getting worse over the next three-six months. Rural FMCG sales have not yet hit the bottom," said another executive with a top FMCG company.

The auto companies, meanwhile, are hoping for greater government intervention for crops that will boost rural incomes. For, the performance of top companies in sales of tractors and two-wheelers during the current year, including the recent festive month of October, gives little reason for cheer.

Rural India accounts for Domestic tractor sales deroughly about 38-40 per cent of clined in the first eight months the total FMCG market. "If the urof financial year 2019-20. For Mahindra, the largest player in the segment, sales in each of the five months beginning April 2019 were lower than the corresponding months in the previous year. It was down 8 per cent in April, 17 per cent in May, 19 per cent in June, 11 per cent in

July and 15 per cent in August.

In September, domestic sales were marginally up – 97 units more. But that turned out to be an aberration, as expectations from the good monsoons and crop prices were belied. In October, domestic sales were lower again, by almost 2,000 units or 4 per cent. In contrast, sales had jumped 17 per cent in October 2018 from the previous year.

When Hero MotoCorp recorded its highest single-

month sales of 12.84 lakh twowheelers in October, many saw the greenshoots of a turnaround. But more than half of this was inventory pushed aggressively by dealers during the festive month. The company despatched only 5.99 lakh twowheelers during the month, 18.43 per cent lower than sales in October 2018.

Hero MotoCorp, which has the largest share of almost 46 per cent in the two-wheeler market, saw a continuous dip in sales in the first six months of 2019-20. Except for May, when it dropped 7.7 per cent, the dip was in double digits. Bajaj Auto and TVS, two other big players, recorded a decline in sales even in October.

A continuous decline in gold imports over the last four months also indicates the stress. In October, India imported 38 tonnes gold, 33 per cent less than in October 2018. In July, August and September, gold imports had plunged 55 per cent, 73 per cent and 68 per cent, respectively. In contrast, during the April-June quarter, gold im-

ports had surged 35.5 per cent. Analysts say any income usually gets saved in the form of gold in rural areas, especially among those that lack access to

banking. The government did hike customs duty on gold in the Budget, but the sharp fall in imports cannot be attributed to the increase from 10 per cent to 12.5 per cent alone, they say.

Sinhalese strongholds, especially ordination committee would enin southern areas such as sure the exchange of ideas and Hambantota and Matara. views across alliance partners. Opponent Premadasa won 70-80 "There should be better coordinaper cent votes in the Tamil and tion." he said, adding that this Muslim-populated areas to the would also help check rumours north and east, including Jaffna.

Chirag Paswan announcing that the contentious

citizenship (amendment) Bill would be introduced in this session, allies from the Northeast expressed their disquiet.

In his introductory remarks at the meeting, which was not attended by the Sena, Modi said NDA allies may have different ideologies but were like one family and should not get unsettled by small differences. Later he tweeted, "Our alliance represents India's diversity and the aspirations of 130 crore Indians."

Speaking to reporters after the NDA meeting, LIP chief Chirag Paswan said the appointment of a convenor or constitution of a co-

regarding NDA unity. The LJP and BJP are contesting elections separately in Jharkhand after failing to reach an agreement. Appointed the LJP chief earlier

this month, Paswan said the Sena's absence had been felt as it was one of the oldest NDA members, and expressed concern over the "declining" alliance strength. The Telugu Desam Party had left the NDA earlier, and then the Rashtriya Lok Samata Party, he pointed out, adding that what happened between the BIP and Sena in Maharashtra could have been avoided if there had been better coordination.

Sources said the Apna Dal, JD(U) and a few allies from the Northeast also made similar suggestions.

Unlike Atal Bihari Vajpayee's time, there is hardly any consultation among allies in the NDA now. The usual practice is to just have floor coordination in both Houses of Parliament. While the LJP asked the gov-

ernment to take up the issue of job demand, sources said Home Minister Amit Shah sought to reassure Northeast partners regarding the government's plans on the citizenship Bill and the National Register of Citizens. The JD(U) talked about air and water pollu-WITHPTIINPUTS

Pak MQM leader dated November 9.

A controversial but powerful figure in Pakistan's politics, Hussain has been accused of inciting violence in Karachi from exile in the UK. He has managed to remain on the right side of the military establishment through his troubles. With the MQM a party of the Mohajirs, Urduspeaking Muslims who migrated to Pakistan from India, and given his pro-India remarks, Hussain has often invited charges of being propped up by Delhi.

In his speech, Hussain said, "I am a peace-loving person. I will not interfere in any politics, I promise. But just give me, along with my colleagues, a place to live in India. I request you to grant some Baloch, Sindhis whose names I give asylum as well."

During the broadcast, he welcomed the Supreme Court order offering land for a new mosque in lieu of the demolished Babri Masjid, and said those who did not accept the ruling should leave India. He also said the current Indian government has a right to establish "Hindu raj".

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