



### OUTDOORS

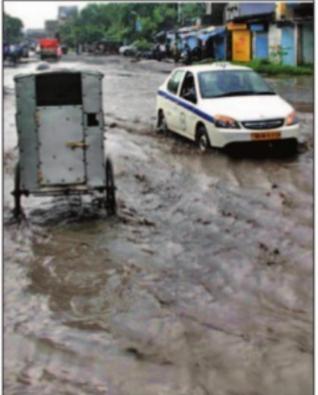
**Forecast:** Light to moderate rain  
Rainfall 13.7 mm

**TEMPERATURE**  
Max: 29.8 (-2); Min: 25.1 (-1)

**HUMIDITY**  
Max: 92% | Min: 73%

**SUNRISE** | **SUNSET**  
05:09 hrs | 18:18hrs

### THUMBNAILS



A waterlogged Maheshstala area in South 24-Parganas. On Friday. -sns

**Petrol and diesel prices cut:** Petrol price was cut by Rs 2.43 per litre and diesel by Rs 3.60 a litre wef Friday midnight. Price of non-subsidised LPG was cut by Rs 23.50 per 14.2-kg bottle, in sync with international rates.

**Uber's India plans:** Uber, embroiled in controversies in India over alleged misconduct by its drivers with women passengers, said it will invest \$1 b in the country as it targets one million rides a day in 6-9 months. **P8**

**Varanasi-Sharjah flight:** Prime Minister Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi will soon be on the international air map with Air India set to launch a flight service to Sharjah from Varanasi on 17 August.

**Rail lines along China border:** The ministry of Railways has initiated the proposal for construction of four strategic railway lines along the China border with a total length of 1,352 km. **P3**

**ITC noodles:** Amid a crackdown on food products over safety concerns, ITC chairman Y C Deveshwar said that noodles manufactured by the company under the 'Yippee' brand are safe and passed all the tests.

**Vyapam scam:** The Supreme Court told the CBI to inform it in three weeks about taking over of investigation of a maximum number of cases out of 185 arising from the Madhya Pradesh's Vyapam scam. **P2**

**Infra output:** Infrastructure output grew at a slower pace of 3 per cent in June as sectors like coal and steel turned weak while oil and gas production fell - bolstering the case for faster reforms and further rate cuts by the RBI. **P8**

### INDICATOR

<b>Sensex</b>	28,114	+409
<b>Nifty</b>	8,532	+11
<b>Gold</b>	23,790	-45
<b>Silver</b>	33,750	-100



'GOVT AND PRIVATE WEBSITES NOT SAFE'

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PERSONA NON GRATA

BALOTELLI IS GIVEN HIS MARCHING ORDERS BY LIVERPOOL

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DIPLOMACY IS GLAMOUR, JOLIE IN MYANMAR

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## HC judge demands list of errant lawyers

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
Kolkata, 31 July

Justice Girish Chandra Gupta of Calcutta High Court today directed the office-bearers of the Bar Association to give a list of the lawyers who were not allowing police officers to enter his court room. Presiding over a Division Bench on the eighth day of the boycott of his court, Justice Gupta directed the association to submit the names before the Division Bench comprising him and Justice Shib Sadhan Sadhu on 3 August when the Bar Association members are to state in the presence of the advocate-general why they are preventing litigants and police officers from coming to this court following an order passed yesterday.

The association was also directed to produce all the documents and connected papers by which the proposal for the boycott of this court was mooted. Both Bar Library Club and Incorporated Law Society were also directed to furnish the documents by which the resolution of boycott was supported. These documents are required to

### SC orders High Court to change Bench

New Delhi, 31 July: The Supreme Court today directed Calcutta High Court to transfer the case pertaining to the appeal against selection of convicted doctor Sukumar Mukherjee for Bangabihushan Award to another Bench. A Bench headed by Mr Justice M Y Ebal issued the directions on an SLP filed yesterday against the "boycott" of the Division Bench presided over by Mr Justice Girish Chandra Gupta in the High Court by the advocates for his alleged misbehaviour. **SNS**

answer the questions raised by yesterday's order of the Division Bench, it was pointed out. The office bearers of the different associations will carry out the order in the interest of justice realising the urgency of the matter; it was observed. The assistant registrar was directed to serve plain copies of the order. The fallout of the boycott was felt in the proceedings of the court as three litigants submitted their cases in person. The first litigant to do so was Dr Kunal Saha who submitted that his case is being delayed because of the ongoing boycott of this court. "One side is adamant and after having given them a week's time, we have taken up the matter. We cannot take harsh action as we are indulgent and tolerant occupying the position

of patriarchs. But this attitude should not be misconstrued as weakness of the court", Justice Gupta observed. "Dr Saha has prayed for imposition of costs as his matter could not be taken up, but it would not be proper on our part to impose costs as we should give a proper opportunity to the learned lawyers," it was further observed. "Things cannot happen overnight," the court pointed out. "We are aware of a Special Bench judgment in this matter and there are judgments of this court and one of them is centuries old," it was further pointed out. "Notice is to be given to the respondents and this matter is fixed for Wednesday", the court held. "If they do not come, the matter will be heard ex parte," it was further held.

## Speaker conducts business amid din

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
New Delhi, 31 July

Undeterred by the noisy protests by Congress members, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan today adopted a tough posture and conducted the pre-lunch proceedings while repeatedly warning Opposition members of stringent action and to refrain from showing placards inside the House.

Even as the Opposition members kept up the noisy protests over Lalitgite, the Vyapam controversy and other issues, Ms Mahajan continued to conduct the proceedings. Even as the ruckus continued, the Speaker refused to adjourn the House and a visibly angry Parliamentary Affairs Minister Venkaiah Naidu termed the Opposition protests as "fraud played on democracy". The Question Hour continued even as over 40 Opposition members,

including those from the Congress and Left, were in the Well shouting slogans and holding placards. TRS members were also in the aisle with placards demanding a separate High Court for Telangana. Amid the din, questions were raised by members, mostly from the BJP and its allies, and some Ministers replied.

Ms Mahajan repeatedly requested the protesting Opposition members to put down the placards as it was against the rules. As the pleas went unheeded, the Speaker warned that she would be forced to name the members and was even heard asking for the names of those holding placards. "You have to put down the placards now... You are taking away the rights of more than 300 members," she said. Ms Mahajan declared, "I am not going to adjourn the House today", which elicited loud thumping of desks.

### TMC MLA WARNS STRICT HMC BOSS

Kolkata, 31 July: The commissioner of Howrah Municipal Corporation, Mr Nilanjan Chattopadhyay, today accused the Bally MLA, Mr Sultan Singh, of threatening him when the former raised his voice against an illegal construction in his constituency. The MLA denied the allegation.

Mr Chattopadhyay had gone for an inspection in the MLA's constituency where he found a building located at Mukherjee Para near Belurmath being constructed illegally. "We found that a seven-storey construction was going on in a narrow lane, which is not allowed. The promoters have also violated rules by not leaving the designated area before construction," said Mr Chattopadhyay. Sources said, one Subhas, considered a close aide of Mr Singh, informed him of the HMC crackdown. The MLA then threatened the civic official with dire consequences. **SNS**

## TEACHERS ABDUCTED

TWO OF THE 4 INDIAN TEACHERS ABDUCTED BY ISIS IN LIBYA FREED

SNS & PTI  
New Delhi, 31 July

Islamic State terror group (ISIS) abducted four Indian teachers working in Libya two days ago but the government today said it has "secured" the release of two of them.

"Four Indians abducted in Libya - I am happy we have been able to secure the release of Lakshmi Kant and Vijay Kumar. Trying for other two," External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said. MEA spokesperson Vikas Swaraj said the two Indians have been brought back safely to the University of Sirte and efforts are continuing for the remaining two. However, it was not immediately known how they were freed.

Earlier in the morning, Swaraj had briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the incident as also the steps being taken by the ministry to secure their release.

"Two days ago, on July 29th at around 11 pm, our Mission in Tripoli came to know that four Indian



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nationals who were returning to India via Tripoli and Tunisia, were detained at a checkpoint approximately 50 km from Sirte. Of the four Indian nationals, two are from Hyderabad, one from Raichur and one from Bengaluru. Three of them were faculty members at the Sirte University and one was working at the Sirte University branch in Jufra," the spokesperson said.

The ministry is in regular touch with the families concerned and all efforts are being made to ensure the well-being and early release of the Indian nationals, he said.

The MEA, through its Head of Mission in Tripoli, is ascertaining the details regarding the incident.

Official sources said no ransom demand has been made as yet.

They also said the area from where the Indians were kidnapped is under the control of the Islamic State, which has taken control of large swathes of Iraq and Syria and has declared itself a caliphate.

Swaraj also expressed concern over many Indian nurses going back to Yemen where the situation was not normal. "Many Indian nurses we evacuated from Yemen are going back. That is a cause for worry. Situation not normal and we do not have Embassy there," she tweeted.

Meanwhile, the Andhra Pradesh government urged Swaraj to expedite

steps for the safe return of the Indians.

Taking serious note of the prevailing situation, the Indian government had in July last year issued an advisory asking its citizens to leave conflict-hit Libya.

The latest incident came even as 39 Indians remain missing in Iraq. They were taken hostage last year at the height of the fighting between Sunni militants and government forces and efforts to get their release have not yielded any results.

The Andhra Pradesh Government said it is in touch with the Centre and making all efforts to secure the release of P Gopikrishna, one of the four Indians kidnapped in Libya allegedly by the Islamic State terror group.

Information and NRI Affairs Palle Raghunatha Reddy said the state government was making efforts for the release of Gopikrishna, a teacher and native of Srikakulam MP K Ram Mohan Naidu said he was in touch with Ms Swaraj.

## Shakeel warns of consequences for miscarriage of justice in Yakub case

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
Mumbai, 31 July

Chota Shakeel, an absconder in the 12 March 1993 Bombay serial blasts, contacted a newspaper office in Mumbai yesterday to strongly protest the hanging of Yakub Memon who, according to the confidant of Karachi-based Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar, "was not punished or hanged but legally murdered for the offence he did not commit." Shakeel reportedly said the country would have to face the consequences of this "miscarriage of justice."

The daily reported that Shakeel said Yakub was wrongly punished for the sins of his brother Tiger Memon who is also on the wanted list of Indian security agencies as well as the Mumbai police for being a conspirator in the 1993 serial bombings.

The don criticised the Central Intelligence agencies for betraying Yakub. "These agency people lured him to return to India... used him to extract details of the blasts and



then ditched him by handing him over to the prosecuting agency (The Central Bureau of India)."

He added, in retrospect it had been a wise decision by Dawood and others not to surrender to the Indian authorities, otherwise "we too would have been let down." He declared they have given up the thought of conditional surrender.

Shakeel claimed that Dawood had no connection with the blasts in then Bombay. "Bhai (Dawood) also does not have faith in the Indian judicial system. Now the question of his return

does not arise at all." He cited a statement by a CBI officer who claimed Yakub was not associated with the blasts conspiracy. "You have handed an innocent person to sent a message to us," Shakeel said.

PTI adds from Srinagar: Former militant-turned Congress MLA Usman Majeed stoked a controversy by claiming he had met Tiger Memon after the 1993 Mumbai blasts in Pak-occupied Kashmir during which he seemed "worried" about his brother Yakub Memon's surrender, fearing the ISI might kill him.

## HK BANK FINES SBI FOR LAW VIOLATION

New Delhi, 31 July: The Hong Kong central bank today penalised the State Bank of India's Hong Kong branch USD 1 million (Hong Kong dollar 7.5 million) for alleged violation of local anti-money laundering and counter-terror financing laws.

In its first action since the Hong Kong's Anti Money-Laundering Ordinance came into force in 2012, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) said the SBI branch between April 2012 and November 2013 failed to carry out customer due diligence before establishing business relationships. The SBI branch also failed to monitor business relationships with its customers and verify whether its customers were politically exposed persons, the HKMA said in a statement. The HKMA ordered the SBI's Hong Kong branch to submit a report in this connection. **PI**

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### AS NATION MOURNS KALAM'S DEATH, NO CELEBRATIONS IN INDIA TO MARK THE OCCASION

## India and Bangladesh exchange enclaves

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31 July

The much awaited exchange of enclaves (Chhitmahals) between India and Bangladesh came into effect from Friday midnight.

Though, no official ceremony was held, the Bharat Bangladesh Enclave Exchange Co-ordination Committee (BBECC) organised a ceremony at the Madhya Masaldanga enclave adjacent to Dinhatata sub-division of Cooch Behar. At 12.01 a.m. the enthusiastic dwellers hoisted the Indian national flag to mark the exchange.

A total of 111 Indian enclaves in Bangladesh

side became part of Bangladesh mainland from midnight, and 51 Bangladeshi enclaves in the Indian part officially became Indian territory.

As people prepared for the big moment, the mood in the Bangladeshi enclaves in the Indian part here was upbeat as the 1006 dwellers in the 51 enclaves of Bakalir Chhara were eager to stay back and become Indians.

"What's there in Bangladesh?" said Govinda Barman, 55. "All my relations are with India. We have our roots here and that is why we want to remain here and enjoy all the Indian facilities," he said. In this enclave here, a mammoth poster

featuring Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee hangs high.

"You all are in India. You all are in Bengal. The Bengal government will provide you all with all the facilities," Miss Banerjee says in the poster.

TMC leaders in the area were busy distributing pamphlets to enclave dwellers. In her early thirties, Aparna Barman shared her feelings with reporters. "You all have given us a new life today," she said.

Nearby, a group of enclave residents gathered in a temporary structure and recited and sang bhajans and kirtans. "We are worshipping our gods as we become



proper Indians today," a dweller said. Little children, blissfully unaware what exactly all the hulla-baloo means, grin from

ear to ear. One kid, Akash Barman, and dozens of others who study in classes 1 to 3 in Indian primary schools, seem to

share the joys with their families. Asked what will happen tonight, Akash said: "We are getting freedom." Natabari MLA and

TMC district president Rabindranath Ghosh and Forward Bloc district secretary and Dinhatata MLA Udayan Guho were the two distinguished guests invited for the midnight celebrations marked by the hoisting of the Tricolour and a torch rally.

As India is mourning the death of former President APJ Abdul Kalam the national flag will fly at half mast.

The enclaves exchange has evoked a mixed reaction. While some residents in the Indian enclaves in Bangladesh welcomed it, others seemed to be disappointed.

Many dwellers there, who wanted to become Indians, had to stay back

due to alleged threats and intimidation.

Officials of the Border Security force (BSF) have heaved a sigh of relief. According to sources, the enclaves on the Indian side had become a problem for them. "The enclaves here were safe haven for Indian criminals," a BSF official said.

Earlier, on the eve of the historic exchange of enclaves the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a Facebook post described the day as "a historic and memorable" one.

India and Bangladesh ratified the Land Boundary Agreement in June this year during the visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Dhaka.

