

## Tree Plantation held

IT News  
Imphal, July 21,

Bharat Swabhimani (Trust) & Patanjali Yog Samiti, Mahila Patanjali Yog Samiti, Yuva Bharat, Patanjali Kisan Seva Samiti, Imphal West District today conducted a tree plantation programme at Konthoujam Makha Khabam High School under the leadership of P. Bijaya Devi, Yoga Pachrak Imphal West district.

Around 100 saplings tree were planted in and around the school campus. About 30 Yoga lovers, members of Youth Guidance Club, Konthoujam Makha Khabam participated in the said programme.

## National Herald case: Subramanian Swamy records his statement in Delhi court

Agency  
New Delhi, Jul 21,

BJP leader Subramanian Swamy today recorded his statement before a Delhi court in the National Herald case, filed by him against Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, his mother Sonia Gandhi and other accused.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal recorded a part of Swamy's statement and posted the matter for hearing on August 25, when it will record the remaining part of his statement.

The BJP leader, in a private criminal complaint, has accused the Gandhis and others of conspiring to cheat and misappropriate funds by paying only Rs 50 lakh, through which Young Indian Pvt Ltd (YI) obtained the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that Associate Journals Ltd owed

Agency  
Kolkata, July 21,

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today vowed to eject the BJP from power at the centre and prophesied that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party will get a "big blow" in the 2019 general elections and end up with less than 100 seats in parliament.

"Bengal will show the path," the chief minister said at an annual rally in the heart of Kolkata to commemorate the 1993 firing outside Victoria House that killed 13 youth

to the Congress. All the seven accused - the Gandhis, AICC treasurer Motilal Vora, AICC general secretary Oscar Fernandes, Suman Dubey, Sam Pitroda and YI - have denied the allegations. The court had summoned the accused persons and YI on June 26, 2014. On December 19, 2015, it granted bail to Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Vora, Fernandes and Dubey, who have appeared before it pursuant to the summonses. Pitroda was granted bail on February 20, 2016 after he appeared in the court. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Vora, Fernandes, Dubey and Pitroda were summoned for the alleged offences of misappropriation of property, criminal breach of trust and cheating, read with criminal conspiracy of the Indian Penal Code.

## Name changed

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## At Her Mega Rally, Mamata Banerjee Makes A Prediction For 2019 Elections

congress workers. Ms Banerjee, who claimed that her party will corner all the 42 Lok Sabha seats, said the BJP would take heavy losses in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Ms Banerjee also sought to puncture the BJP's effort to characterise PM Modi's success in the no-trust motion as a reflection of the BJP's growing popularity in the country. The motion was negated by 325 of the 451 lawmakers, a two-third majority in excess of the NDA's strength.

"That number was inside the house. Outside, in a democracy, they will not win," she said. Ms Banerjee added that the ATADMK, which had supported the BJP, will have to pay for choosing the wrong side. "They are talking about 2024. Let them first cross 2019," she said, a rebuttal to PM Modi who asked Congress president Rahul Gandhi to prep for moving a no-trust motion against him in 2024.

"Those who can't make a scandal, want to build a country?" she said, a stinging jibe at the BJP that alluded to the collapse of the makeshift

tent put up PM Modi's public meeting at Midnapore this week. Nearly 90 people were reported to have been injured in the accident. The Trinamool Congress will launch a campaign, "remove BJP, save country" on 15 August and organise a mega rally in the state on 19 January that, she said, will be attended by all India leaders from across the country. "They will see Bengal is ready," she said.

Ms Banerjee's aggressive pitch against the BJP and the January rally come against the backdrop of a soft campaign on and off social media that pitches her as the next prime minister.

In recent months, Ms Banerjee has brushed aside any possibility of the Congress emerging as the largest party and suggested that the federal front that she and other regional parties promote, "will be the future". But back in Bengal, Ms Banerjee said the Trinamool Congress will contest the election on its own.

## Delhi pilgrim dies enroute to Vaishno Devi shrine

Agency  
Jammu, Jul 21,

A 30-year-old man from Delhi died of suspected heart attack enroute to the cave shrine of Vaishno Devi in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, a police official said today.

Mukesh Sharma, a resident of Delhi's Rohini area, fell unconscious near Battery car point along the new track to the cave shrine last evening and was later declared

brought dead by doctors at a dispensary nearby, the official said.

He said the pilgrim was accompanied by his wife and the couple were on way to the shrine to offer their prayers when he apparently suffered the massive heart attack and fell down.

His body was brought to a health centre at Katra and is being handed over to his family for last rites, the official said.

## Police constable abducted by militants in J-K

Agency  
Srinagar, Jul 21

A Jammu and Kashmir police constable, who was on leave, has been abducted by unknown militants from his residence in Kulgam district, a police official said today.

Constable Saleem Shah was abducted from his residence in the Muthalham area of Kulgam district in south Kashmir last night, he said. Security forces have launched a manhunt to trace the abducted policeman, the official said.

## Lost

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## Congress abandons bid to reverse Trump deal with ZTE

Agency  
Washington, Jul 21,

Congress is abandoning an effort to clamp down on the Chinese telecom giant ZTE in a defence bill, essentially green-lighting the Trump administration's deal to save a company that was accused of selling sensitive information to hostile regimes, aides have said.

Sensors from both parties expressed outrage that the revised defence legislation, which will be unveiled early next week, guts a provision to reinstate penalties and restrict the Chinese company's ability to buy US component parts. ZTE was almost forced out of business after being accused of selling sensitive information to nations hostile to the US, namely Iran and North Korea, in violation of trade laws.

President Donald Trump in May warned the ban was causing heavy job losses in China and said he had discussed the matter with Chinese President Xi Jinping. The Commerce Department reached a deal with ZTE to lift the ban in June, allowing the company's business with the US to resume.

Republican Senator Marco Rubio, an architect of the anti-ZTE language in the defence bill, said on Twitter he was surprised that House and Senate leaders negotiating the compromise "caved so easily". Democratic Senator Mark Warner of Virginia called the outcome "a huge mistake."

"Beyond frustrated that Republican leaders are caving to the Trump Administration's demands on ZTE. This can only make our country less safe," he tweeted.

Both lawmakers are members of the Senate intelligence committee and have raised concerns about the Chinese company and the White House's approach to it.

Congress was pressured by the White House to yield, with the administration making clear to lawmakers that it viewed the language as tying its hands, according to a source granted anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the negotiations.

The Republican-controlled Senate had tucked the ZTE language into the annual defence bill this summer, delivering a rare rebuke of the White House after it eased up on the telecom company. While the House version of the defence bill blocked the US government purchases and contracting with ZTE, the Senate version went further, reinstating penalties on the company and blocking export provisions.

An aide said the group of House and Senate lawmakers who were appointed to negotiate a compromise between the two bills thought the Senate went too far in inserting Congress into the administration's decision-making. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac

Thornberry viewed it as a separation of power issue. The aide was granted anonymity because the person was not authorised to discuss the talks.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said the outcome was just another example of Trump "being weak" against foreign leaders "while Republicans just follow along."

Schumer said, "By stripping the Senate's tough ZTE sanctions provision from the defense bill, President Trump - and the Congressional Republicans who acted at his behest - have once again made President Xi and the Chinese Government the big winners and the American worker and our national security the big losers."

The Commerce Department barred ZTE in April from importing American components for seven years after concluding that the company deceived US regulators after settling charges last year of sanctions violations.

The decision amounted to a death sentence for ZTE, which relies on US parts. The company quickly announced it was halting operations. The ban also hurt American companies that supply ZTE. But the US and China reached a deal that allows ZTE to stay in business in exchange for paying an additional 1 billion in fines and agreeing to let US regulators monitor its operations.

## Sports News

## Lakshya ensures a medal for India, sails into semi-finals at Jakarta

IT News  
New Delhi, July 21,

Sixth-seeded Lakshya Sen caused one of the major upsets so far in the Badminton Asia Junior Championships when he toppled second-seeded Chinese, Li Shifeng 21-14, 21-12 to enter the men's singles semi-finals on the third day of the individual events at Jakarta today.

Lakshya, who ensured himself with at least a bronze medal for him, will take on Indonesian and fourth seed Ikhsan Leonardo Rumbay in the semi-finals tomorrow. However, the men's doubles pair of Manjit Singh and Dingko Singh bowed out in the pre-quarters to top-seeded Chinese duo of Di Zijian and Wang Chang, the title favourites. The Chinese pair won 21-7, 21-15. In the match-up between sixth-seeded Indian and

second-seeded Chinese, the scales were tilted heavily in favour of the latter. But it was a bit of a surprise for Li who got the first jolt when the Indian thumped him so royally that he could not recover from the shock.

Employing his net-play to good effect and using half-court smashes assiduously Lakshya put his Chinese rival under lot of pressure. So much so, in a hurry to garner points, he was prone to committing mistakes. Cashing in on them perfectly, the Indian established a good lead to win.

In the second, it turned out to be a lot easier for Lakshya. He not only surged ahead with a sizeable lead but also saw the Chinese wilting under pressure quickly. In the end, it was the Indian all the way to romp home winners. However, the semi-final showdown with the local may not be as easy. Yet, the way

Lakshya has displayed his prowess, particularly against the second seed Chinese, his capability cannot be doubted against the Indonesian.

The Manjit-Dingko duo, who excelled themselves thus far, found the going really tough against the top-seeded Chinese pair. The way it took the first game, it was all over bar the shouting for the Indian pair. However, they showed character to fight it out in the second and stretched their rivals, much to their surprise.

On Thursday night, Lakshya beat Thai's Saran Jamsiri 21-15, 21-16 to enter the quarterfinals even as Kiran George lost to Indonesian Alberto Alvin Yulianto. The seventh seed local lad won 21-19, 21-19 in a battle that lasted 46 minutes and saw a few good rallies. Priyanshu Rajawat also went down to Malaysian Tze Yong NG, the 15th seed, 15-21, 14-21.

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