

National News

# Arrest warrant against Shashi Tharoor over Hindu Pakistan remark

Courtesy PTI  
Kolkata Aug 14,

A city court issued an arrest warrant against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday over his alleged remark that the BJP, if voted to power again, would rewrite the Constitution and pave the way for creation of a "Hindu Pakistan".

Tharoor's alleged statement had sparked off a controversy with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) demanding an apology from the Congress leader. Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Dipanjan Sen issued a bailable warrant against the Congress MP from Thiruvananthapuram on a petition filed by lawyer Sumit Chowdhury claiming that the statement promoted

disparity among people. The matter has been scheduled for hearing again on September 24. Chowdhury, in a case filed before the CMM court in Kolkata in the wake of Tharoor's alleged statement made at Thiruvananthapuram, claimed that the former Union minister was indulging in a deliberate act to promote enmity between different

groups of people on religious grounds. The petitioner also claimed that Tharoor's statement had violated section 2 of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. Chowdhury also said Tharoor was not represented in court by any lawyer during Tuesday's hearing, following which the warrant was issued against the Congress MP.

# Restrictions lifted in Jammu, to continue in Kashmir: Police

Agency  
New Delhi Aug 14,

The restrictions imposed in the Kashmir valley will continue for some time while those in Jammu have been completely removed, a top police officer said on Wednesday. "Restrictions imposed in Jammu have been completely removed. They will continue in some places of Kashmir for sometime," PTI quoted Munir Khan, additional director general of police, as saying. The top police officer said the

situation in Jammu and Kashmir is totally under control and there have been no major injuries to anyone. "There have been only a few pellet injuries that have been treated," Khan said. The administration had on Tuesday said that the restrictions which were imposed after the central government revoked the special status for Jammu and Kashmir would be lifted in a phased manner. The matter had reached the Supreme Court on Tuesday. Congress activist Tehseen

Poonawala filed a plea challenging the Centre's decision to impose restrictions. The court refused to interfere in administrative restrictions imposed and said it was too early for it to intervene. The top court added that it was against playing the role of a day-to-day administrator. Last Monday, mobile, landline connectivity and internet services were blocked and prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedures imposed. This was done hours before

the Centre revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status and split it into two union territories — J&K and Ladakh. Government spokesperson Rohit Kansal had Tuesday said that "reasonable restrictions may be necessary" to stop mischief mongers from carrying out any untoward incident. Tuesday, a day after Eid al-Adha, saw restrictions being eased in many parts of the Valley with people visiting relatives to exchange Eid greetings.

# Vir Chakra for Abhinandan Varthaman who downed F-16 flying a MiG-21

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Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman will be awarded the Vir Chakra, the country's third highest war-time gallantry award, on Independence Day for shooting down a Pakistani F-16 during a dogfight over the Line of Control on February 27, two officials said on the condition of anonymity on Wednesday. The February 27 dogfight took place a day after the

Mirage-2000s struck targets in Balakot in response to the Pulwama suicide attack in Kashmir in which 40 Central Reserve Police Force men were killed on February 14. Vir Chakra is India's third-highest wartime gallantry award, after the Param Vir Chakra and the Maha Vir Chakra. The government has not yet officially released the list of awardees but Abhinandan's name is on the list, which will be out

soon. The awardees include the Mirage-2000 pilots who bombed a terror base in Pakistan's Balakot on February 26 and around 15 army men, one of whom is being conferred with the Kirti Chakra, the country's second-highest peace-time gallantry award. The Hindustan Times reported on August 8 that the government would announce Vir Chakra for Abhinandan and the Vayu Sena Medal for gallantry for the Mirage-2000 pilots

involved in the Balakot operation. Varthaman, then 35, scripted military aviation history by downing an F-16, seconds before his own MiG-21 Bison was hit by a missile forcing him to eject. Experts hailed it as the first ever kill of an F-16 by a MiG-21 Bison, fighter jets of two different generations. Varthaman was captured after he bailed out of his aircraft, but Pakistan returned him to India on March 1 after holding him captive for almost 60 hours.

# As the Saudi-led coalition crumbles, Yemen needs a nationwide ceasefire

Courtesy The Hindu  
Saudi Arabia Aug 14,

The Saudi-led coalition's intervention in Yemen is proof of how things can go wrong with an ill-conceived, poorly strategised and geopolitics-driven military interference that cares little about human lives. After four years of war, the Saudis have not met their declared goal — pushing back the Shia Houthi rebels from the capital Sana'a and restoring the ousted government which is now temporarily headquartered in the southern city of Aden. On the contrary, the war has pushed Yemen into what the UN calls the worst humanitarian crisis. Thousands have been killed, tens of thousands displaced

and about two thirds of the country's 28 million people do not have enough to eat. And now, there is a rebellion within the coalition. Last week, the Southern Transitional Council (STC), a militia group that was fighting the Houthis as part of the Saudi-led coalition, turned against their masters and captured the presidential palace in Aden as well as the city's main port. In return, Saudi jets targeted STC fighters before a tenuous ceasefire set in. It now looks like a three-way conflict. The Shia Houthis, who the Saudis claim are backed by Iran, are controlling much of the country's north including Sana'a. Yemen's internationally-backed government of Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi, the Saudi ally, is

controlling the south, though Mr. Hadi is running the purported administration from Saudi Arabia. The STC wants the south to be an independent entity, like it was till the Yemeni unification in 1990. The STC's rebellion also signals the growing friction in the multi-national coalition. Saudi Arabia has stitched together to fight the Houthis. The STC is backed by the UAE, a crucial partner of Saudi Arabia in its foreign policy adventures. They stayed together in propping up the military dictatorship of Abdel Fattah el-Sisi in Egypt, in countering the spread and influence of the Muslim Brotherhood in the Arab world, in opposing the Iran nuclear deal and on blockading Qatar.

But when it comes to Yemen, the Saudis see the Hadi government and Sunni Islamic parties, including the Islah, as allies who could stabilise and rebuild the whole country after the Houthis are defeated, while the UAE, already frustrated by the coalition's failure to defeat the rebels, counts on the STC and is staunchly opposed to the Islah party, which has ties to the Brotherhood. The UAE has already pulled out of the Yemen war leaving it to Saudi Arabia to defeat the Houthis. And with their continued backing to the STC, the Emiratis appear less concerned about defeating the Houthis than maintaining their influence in southern Yemen. This should be a moment of reckoning for Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince and the main architect of the Yemen intervention. He has lost the war and his coalition is crumbling, while Yemen is left with unimaginable human suffering. It is time for a nationwide ceasefire and talks with all stakeholders under the mediation of a willing UN to find a political settlement to the crisis.

More State News

# Assam Rifles Bust Extortion Racket In Aithibung

IT News  
Imphal Aug 14,

Based on specific input regarding extortion activity by cadres of GPRN NSCN (KN) in general area Aithibung, troops of Assam

Rifles launched an operation on 11 Aug 2019 and apprehended SS Lt Col Vitoye Sumi, SS Maj Hekahozhimo, SS Lt Paojangam Singon, SS Sgt Lamkhup Singon and SS CPL Vikuto Chopy. Extortion

amount of Rs 20,000/- in cash and other incriminating documents were recovered from them. The apprehendees along with recovered items were handed over to Aithibung Police Station.

# Goc Spear Corps Visits Kohima, Calls On The Governor

IT News  
Imphal Aug 14,

Lieutenant General Rajeev Sirohi AVSM, VSM, General Officer Commanding (GOC) Spear Corps called on the Hon'ble Governor of



# Assam Rifles Apprehends PLA Cadre In Mon

IT News  
Imphal Aug 14,

Based on specific information regarding the movement of PLA cadre in general area Chenmoho, Mon, troops of Assam Rifles launched an operation on 11 Aug 19 and apprehended one PLA cadre Mr Narendra Loithongbam, age 19 yrs, s/o late Mr Sura Loithongbam, r/o Uripok, Imphal. The apprehended



Nagaland, R N Ravi at Raj Bhawan on yesterday. The General Officer discussed security issues and apprised the Governor of the actions being taken by the Indian Army and Assam Rifles in coordination with other agencies, towards maintenance of peace and tranquility in the state. The Hon'ble Governor lauded the untiring efforts of the armed forces in difficult conditions and complemented them for their people friendly initiatives.

# Patriots' Day Observed In Thoubal

DIPR  
Thoubal August 14,

District Administration, Thoubal observed the Patriots' Day at the Counting Hall of DC office, Thoubal yesterday. The function was attended by Thoubal Zilla Parishad Adakshya Hasina Begum, Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal, N. Bandana Devi, Chairperson,

Thoubal Municipal Council Th. Shyam Singh, SP Thoubal Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh as dignitaries while ADC Thoubal A. Radhakanta, SDOs, SDCs, DLOs and staff of DC office, Thoubal also attended the function. In her speech, DC Thoubal recalled the supreme and selfless sacrifice made by our forefathers in the freedom struggle and expressed the

need for more unity and cooperation in the present generation. M. Sanahal, A.I, ZEO Thoubal also spoke on the significance of Patriots' Day. Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portraits of Thangal General and Bir Tikendrajit led by Zilla Parishad Adhakshya along with prayers of different communities as part of the function.

Sports News

# Indian shuttlers win a gold and two silver medals at World Senior Badminton Championships

By a Correspondent  
New Delhi, August 14,

Indian shuttlers finished their campaign on a high with a gold and two silver medals at the BWF World Senior Badminton Championships 2019 in Katowice, Poland on Sunday. While Vijay Lancy Mascarenhas and Ajeet Hari Dass won Gold in 40plus Men's Doubles category, Manjusha Sudhir Sahasrabudhe and the pair of Prabhu Naik Naidu Kona and Suzanne Venglet settled for silver in 55 Plus women's singles and 50 Plus mixed doubles categories respectively. Former national level players, Mascarenhas and Dass made a superb comeback in their 19-21, 21-17, 21-19 upset win over the 3/4th seeds Esben B. Kaempegard and Morten Eilby Rasmussen of Denmark in the summit clash. Manjusha Sudhir Sahasrabudhe made a bright



start to her final against the top seed Zhou Xin of Hong Kong but went down fighting 21-14, 13-21, 13-21 in 37 minutes. Kona and Venglet's superb run came to an end at the hands of English top seeds Rajeev Bagga and Elizabeth Austin, 13-21, 14-21. Mascarenhas and Dass dedicated their medal to acclaimed coach Sudhakar Reddy, who passed away due to a cardiac arrest while the tournament was in progress. "Coming back from a game

down to win the title against a seeded pair gives us immense satisfaction. We would like to dedicate this medal to Shri Sudhakar Reddy, who was not just a celebrated coach but also an inspiration to us all," said Mascarenhas. More than 1500 players from 56 countries had participated in 45 categories in this prestigious tournament in different age groups. The next edition of this tournament will be held in Spain after a couple of years.

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