

National News

Constitution bench to review scrapping of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, Centre gets SC notice

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A batch of petitions challenging scrapping of Article 370 that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir will be heard by a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court in early October, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said on Wednesday. Chief Justice Gogoi also issued a notice to the government to respond to the petitions on scrapping of Article 370 as well as restrictions on the media in Jammu and Kashmir. During the hearing, the Centre's top second-most-senior law officer Tushar Mehta had requested the top court on more than one occasion not to issue a formal notice to the government. Mehta had argued that the top court's notice would have "cross-border repercussions" and was liable to be misused. Mehta also alluded to political leaders using the court notice to target the government. "Anything that happens on this issue is projected by other

political leaders," he said. But the top court declined the request. "We have passed an order... We will not change it," Chief Justice Gogoi said. The petitions before the Supreme Court challenged Parliament's decision to effectively revoke Article 370 three weeks back. The move to end the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was followed by another move that bifurcated the state into two Union Territories — J&K and Ladakh. The two union territories would be born on October 31. Discontent has simmered in Jammu and Kashmir since the early hours of August 5, when phone and Internet lines were suspended and restrictions on movement and assembly of people clamped. The government had also taken hundreds of political activists including former chief ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti in preventive custody. Officials have said this was done to ensure that the political class did not incite people.



Over the next three weeks, nearly 10 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court on various aspects of the law. A Jamia student from Kashmir wanted to be allowed to go home to check on his family, a J&K-based journalist complained about the media restrictions while CPM leader Sitaram Yechury filed a habeas corpus petition challenging the detention of Kashmiri politician and the party's general secretary Mohammed Yousuf Tarigami. There were also several petitions challenging the end of Article 370. One of them was by a group of retired military officers and bureaucrats including former home secretary GK Pillai.

Rahul Gandhi says 'Kashmir internal matter, Pakistan prime supporter of terror'

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In a clear message that the country was united in its stand on Kashmir, Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that there is no scope for any foreign country to interfere in it and called Pakistan the 'prime supporter of terror'. The statement comes amid media reports that Pakistan had moved a petition in United Nations on Jammu & Kashmir mentioning the Congress leader's purported quote on the situation in the state. "I disagree with this Govt. on many issues. But, let me make this absolutely clear: Kashmir is India's internal issue & there is no room for Pakistan or any other foreign country to interfere in it," Gandhi tweeted on Wednesday. There is violence in Jammu & Kashmir because it is instigated and supported by Pakistan which is known to be the 'prime supporter of terrorism across the world', the Congress leader added. The Congress, backing Gandhi's remarks, added: "The INC has noticed reports citing an alleged petition



moved by Pakistani Government to United Nations on Jammu & Kashmir, wherein name of Shri Rahul Gandhi has been mischievously dragged to justify the pack of lies and deliberate misinformation being spread by Pakistan." The statement added: "Let no one in the world be in doubt that Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh were, and shall always remain an integral part of India. No amount of diabolical deception by Pakistan shall change this irrevocable

truth." The party asked Pakistan to instead answer the world about unpardonable and inhumane violations of human rights in PoK-Gilgit-Hunza-Balistan. "Pakistan also owes an explanation for designed persecution of over 70 million Mohajirs and killing of over 25,000 by Pakistani Forces," the statement said. Stressing that Pakistan was the fountainhead of terrorism, the party said that every terrorist organisation thrives in Pakistan under political and military patronage — be it Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Muhammad, Hizbul Mujahideen, Al-Qaeda or Taliban and its multiple offshoots. Pakistan has been trying to muster international support on its Kashmir narrative, after the Modi government scrapped Jammu and Kashmir's special status, but with limited support. The new petition in UN is a fresh attempt to rake up the issue.

Assam Rifles Provides Medical Aid To A Four Year Old Child

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Momang, a four year old boy from Pholien village, Chandel dist had got a cut in his left heel and was brought unconscious to unit hospital of Sehlon Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles on 25 August 2019. The nearest primary health centre is 90 kms away at Chakpikarong in Chandel district and with the state of road being deplorable and no vehicles playing in the

hilly region, the evacuation of the child would have amounted to a treacherous task. However, the presence of Assam Rifles in this remote location helped treat the child in record time. The medical team of the Battalion under IGAR(S) treated the boy by administering 3 stitches on his left heel. Parents of the four year old child appreciated the selfless efforts of Sehlon Battalion in saving his son's life.

Assam Rifles And Pourabi Rising Star Club Play A Friendly Basketball Match

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In continuance with efforts to promote sports and ensuring healthy environment, Manipukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a friendly basketball match on yesterday. With the aim of strengthening mutual trust between locals and the Security Forces, Sawmbung Company Operating Base (COB) organised a friendly Rising

Star Club and troops of Sawmbung COB. The match was played with full vigour and enthusiasm showcasing true team spirit by the teams. Both the teams gave their best efforts on the field. At the end of the match, both the winning and the runner up teams were felicitated with tokens of appreciation. The match was followed by tea and refreshment for the attendees.

News from the world of Medicine

"Fresh beginnings after 50! A young knee for an energetic, independent life!"

By a Correspondent
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Max healthcare, one of the leading healthcare providers in North India, organised a press conference today at Max Hospital, Greater Noida, to spread awareness on the importance of bone and joint health through the cases of Mr Harbhajan Singh and Mrs Devinder Kaur. The prevalence of bone and joint health disorders have been on the rise among both the urban and rural population. Elderly people are majorly prone to develop different bone and joint health disorders. More than 49.2% of people aged above 50 years suffering from some or the other bone related diseases like bone deformation, osteoporosis, osteopenia, osteoarthritis and associated bone diseases.

Recent data by WHO reveals, 45% of women over the age of 65 years have symptoms of osteoarthritis knee. These problems are often neglected, considered as a part of ageing, and as a result, patient becomes incapacitated and dependent on others for their basic needs. It is a major concern and requires timely medical intervention to minimize the suffering of the patients. Mostly people avoid visiting a doctor due to the fear of surgery. However, such negligence results into worsening the conditions and leading to serious mobility problems. Mr Harbhajan Singh, a 90 years old patient with deformities in his right knee joint had difficulties in walking for the past 30 years. He was denied treatment at many places due to his elderly status which made him disheartened and hopeless. The chances of

Harbhajan getting a heart attack or blood clot during surgery was quite high. This made decision taking difficult for the doctors. "It was challenging for us, as at this age, bones are really weak and prone to fracture and there are chances of nerve injury when we correct such a severe deformity. Detailed clinical examination showed him to be physically weak, severe anemic with a high pulse rate. It required a complex surgery with careful balancing of ligaments and maintaining the alignment of the knee. The surgery took around an hour and the patient is doing great since then." **claimed Dr Nikunj Agarwal.**

Speaking about his ignorance for timely medical intervention, **Mr Singh** says "I was a bit scared to undergo a replacement surgery in the beginning. However, I really wanted to get rid of the trouble and be independent which could only be attained with a surgery. After 30 years of pain and endurance I finally made the correct decision. Dr Agarwal and his team were a major support for me all this while. Thanks to them I will be able to walk like before". Similar to this, 67 year old Mrs Devinder Kaur, who finally found her hope to walk straight without difficulties. After 10 years of sufferings from joint pain and osteoarthritis, she underwent total knee replacement in both her knees. **Kaur** says "lack of awareness, adherence to conservative medicines and negligence was the main reasons for my condition. I was a bit skeptical about the surgery and wanted to avoid it as long as I could. However, these 10 years of suffering would not have happened if I took my knee problems seriously and consulted a specialist right from the beginning."

Dr Nikunj Agarwal, who undertook both the cases, shed light on the issue saying "we often come across people suffering from low bone density, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis and other bone and joint related issues, and in majority of the cases, ignorance for the problems associated with such diseases is highly common. People tend to ignore their pain in order to avoid surgery and this only escalates the condition. The urban population in our nation is seen to have high occurrence of such diseases. One should consult a specialist as soon as they feel uneasy. Both Mr. Singh and Mrs. Kaur suffered due to extended period of negligence."

About Max Healthcare Max Healthcare (MHC) is the Country's leading comprehensive provider of standardized, seamless and international-class healthcare services. It is committed to the highest standards of medical and service excellence, patient care, scientific and medical education. Max Healthcare has 14 facilities in North India, offering services in over 30 medical disciplines. Of this, 11 facilities are located in Delhi & NCR and the others in Mohali, Bathinda and Dehradun. The Max network includes state-of-the-art tertiary care hospitals in Saket, Patparganj, Vaishali, Shalimar Bagh, Mohali, Bathinda and Dehradun, secondary care hospitals at Gurgaon, Pitampura, Noida & Greater Noida and an outpatient facility and specialty centre at Panchsheel Park. The Super Speciality Hospitals in Mohali and Bathinda are under PPP arrangement with the Government of Punjab.

Assam Rifles Conducts Medical And Dental Camp



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In continuance to the civic outreach initiatives, Keithelmanbi Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a medical and dental camp at Langthabal Kunja, Imphal west district on yesterday. The camp was organised by Canchipur Company Operating Base (COB) of the Battalion with an aim to reach out to the needy and as a contribution towards ensuring well being of one and all. As part of the camp, a dedicated medical team under

the Medical Officer of the Battalion provided medical assistance to the locals of the area. In addition to the medical checkup, consultation on various diseases and health related issues as well as free medicines were distributed to the needy patients. A mobile Dental Clinic was also established for the dental checkup of locals. A Medical team under the dental officer from 12 Dental Unit Assam Rifles (DAUR) provided free dental treatment and medicines to the attendees. The camp concluded with an informative lecture to raise awareness on the harmful effects of tobacco and how it

affects human health. The Medical Officer enlightened the attendees on various chronic respiratory diseases, lung cancer and tuberculosis. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which various queries raised by the attendees were clarified by the medical team. The medical camp received an overwhelming response from the local populace and over 250 locals benefitted from the camp. All the attendees conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Assam Rifles for facilitating the outreach of the medical facilities and requested for more such camps in the future as well.