

National News

What next for applicants left out of the final Assam NRC list



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With the final, updated National Register of Citizens (NRC) for Assam being published now, the question being asked in the northeastern state is this: how many applicants will be left out of the list that will determine citizenship status?

For those who came in late, the NRC, first prepared only for Assam in 1951, is being updated to identify Indian citizens and weed out illegal immigrants. The process initiated under directions from Supreme Court four years ago is also being monitored by the apex court.

million people from the list and included 3.11 crore people. Names of four million of the 32.9 million applicants were missing from the complete draft NRC released in July 2018. Another list released this June excluded names of 100,000 more. While most who were left out filed claims for inclusion, nearly 380,000 didn't. Despite reports and social media speculation to the contrary, the governments at the Centre and in Assam have held out an assurance that those left out won't be declared foreigners or sent to detention centres immediately. Importantly, they won't be deported to Bangladesh. These applicants will have the option of taking the legal

route—first at the foreigners' tribunals (FTs) and later in the civil courts—to prove citizenship. They would have to file appeals within 120 days of publication of the final NRC. "Every individual, whose name doesn't figure in the final NRC, can represent his/her case in front of the FT. Under the provisions of Foreigners Act, 1946, and the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, only Foreigners Tribunals are empowered to declare a person as a foreigner," said a Union home ministry statement earlier this month. The Assam government has designated 56 of 100 existing FTs in the state for filing of appeals. The government is soon setting up 200 more FTs and has already selected 221 new members.

'Pakistani-American planned attacks in New York on behalf of ISIS': US official

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A Pakistani-American teen allegedly planned deadly attacks in New York City on behalf of the Islamic State (IS) terrorist organisation and wanted to inspire others to launch similar offensives, US officials said. Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C Demers said on Friday that Awais Chudhary, 19, "allegedly planned to conduct a deadly attack in New York on behalf of IS". Chudhary was produced in a federal court on Friday and charged with attempting to provide material support to the IS and Magistrate Judge James Orenstein ordered him held without bail. Chudhary wanted to "record the bloodshed in the hope of inspiring others to commit attacks", federal prosecutor Richard Donoghue said. He was detained on Thursday when he went to an online

vendor's retail outlet to pick up gear he had ordered to record his planned attacks. City Police Commissioner James O'Neill said: "Awais Chudhary had accepted the call from IS to kill fellow New Yorkers." Before he was arrested by the New York Police's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Chudhary "had carefully planned, conducted reconnaissance, picked a target, and was in the process of obtaining the weapon" and "all he has left to do was to strike", O'Neill said. According to court documents, Chudhary was unmasked by undercover law enforcement personnel with whom he communicated his plans using text messages to conduct stabbing or bombing attacks on behalf of the IS and suggested targets including the World's Fair Marina. He also had picked several pedestrian overpasses on a

major road from where he wanted to throw bombs, the complaint said. He also sent an undercover agent a screenshot of an IS terror manual on places to strike and the "ideal knife" use, with instructions on how to stab a victim, court papers said. There have been several instances of people of Pakistani or Bangladeshi descent or with ties to Pakistan targeting the city on behalf of Islamic terrorist groups or attempting to join them. In 2010, Pakistani-American Faisal Shahzad, who was trained in Pakistan planted a car bomb in Times Square on behalf of the Pakistan Taliban, but it failed to completely explode when it was discovered. Last week, Asia Siddiqui, who was identified in one media report as being of Pakistani descent, admitted in a federal court to participating in a terrorist plot, which an official

described as an attempt at "waging violent jihad" using bombs. In the latest case, a Bangladeshi-American, Delwar Mohammad Hussein, was arrested last month while trying to go to Pakistan to join the Taliban. He was the fourth person on Bangladeshi descent arrested in the city on terrorism charges. Ashiqul Alam, who is of Bangladeshi descent was arrested in June in connection with a plot to shoot up Times Square. In addition, two persons of Afghan descent with ties to Pakistan have been involved in terrorist activities. In 2016, Ahmad Khan Rahimi set off a bomb in the city injuring 31 people and another one he had planted was discovered before it exploded and removed by a police robot. Najibullah Zaz was found guilty of an Al Qaeda plot to carry out suicide bombing in the city's metro in 2009.

SC intervention will help India on Kashmir globally Analysis

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The world has always perceived India as more responsible and credible than Pakistan. It is a constitutional democracy with a rule of law devised to safeguard personal liberties and human rights. Quite intrinsic to that framework is the right to judicial redress. From that perspective, solicitor general (SG) Tushar Mehta seemed to be missing the big picture when he advised the Supreme Court against issuing notices to the Centre on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the amendments that nixed Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370. The SG's argument that cut no ice with the Court was: issuance of notices could have international implications, including in the United Nations. Historically, the checks and balances in our system, quite central to which is an independent judiciary, have afforded India a moral high ground even in the worst of

times. A case in point to show that the respect is well-deserved is that of Pakistani gunman Ajmal Kasab. He was caught on camera with a gun in hand amid the mayhem wrought in Mumbai by the terror gang of which he was a member. Yet he was given a fair trial before being sent to the gallows for the 2008 attack that sent shivers down the spine of cosmopolitan India. The government stayed the course of law in the face of a massive public outrage and demands for the terrorist's summary trial and execution. Nine years down the road, New Delhi's handling of the Kasab case lent force, in the eyes of the world community, to its demand for consular access and fair trial for Kulbhushan Jadhav, an Indian national whom a Pakistani military court had sentenced to death for espionage and terrorism in 2017. By disregarding the SG's averments to carry out its remit, the Apex Court exemplified the primacy of law that will help—rather than impede—New Delhi push back Islamabad's

desperate bid to internationalise Kashmir. The message to the world is: the Indian state has the will and the wherewithal to take care of its citizens. From the belligerence he builds into his statements, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's effort obviously is to turn the clock back to the early 1990s. Kashmir then was seen as a potential nuclear flashpoint amid allegations of human rights violations. That was also the time Islamabad would (as it is planning now) go knocking at the doors of the Geneva-based United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) while lecturing New Delhi to create a "propitious climate" for a bilateral dialogue by restoring calm in the Valley. The world has since changed. Terrorism is high on the international agenda and Pakistan hugely discredited as its epicenter and progenitor. So, for the present, Khan comes across as chasing a chimera. His narrative will have no takers at the global stage if New Delhi can turn things around in Kashmir. In that direction, a

gradual opening up of the political space, besides lifting the curbs on the media, could be worth the risk they entail. A society that is open about its troubled spots is better believed for its healing touch. For instance, in the 1990s, much of the Pakistani propaganda on multilateral forums such as the OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) on the rights violations in Kashmir drew on reports in the Indian media. If nothing else, it presented the deeply restive Valley in a democratic frame that has forever eluded the territory occupied by Pakistan.

Aged people honoured



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A lunch programme was held at Langling Achouba, Old Age Home as a mark of honour to

aged people. The programme was sponsored by RK (O) Nomita Devi D/O. Kh. Kumar Singh and his families of Ningthoukhong Ward no.9 Radha Madhav Mandir.

The programme was organised in the name of their late Mother Kh.(O) Kamini Devi, 1st death anniversary. Gifts were also presented to the Old Age people of the home.

Sports News

Hockey India names 33 probables for senior men's national coaching camp

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Hockey India has named a 33-member probables list for the senior men's national coaching camp, beginning September 2 at the Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru,

to prepare for the Belgium Tour and the Olympic qualifiers. The three-week camp will be conducted by coach Graham Reid at the helm. Following the team's recent victory in the Olympic Test event final against New

Zealand, led by defender Harmanpreet Singh, the campers will be focused on remaining consistent in their performance. Reid said, the tour of Belgium in September will be a great platform for the team to prepare for the FIH Olympic qualifiers.

US Open: Taylor Townsend stuns Simona Halep

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In US Open tennis, fourth seed Simona Halep of Romania suffered a shock second-round loss to world number 116 Taylor Townsend in women's singles round. Townsend

won 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 against the Wimbledon champion to reach the third round for the first time. Czech sixth seed Petra Kvitová is out of the tournament after losing against world number 88 Andrea Petkovic of Germany. Top-ranked

defending champion Naomi Osaka advanced to the third round. In men's singles, second-seeded Rafael Nadal advanced to the third round with a walkover after opponent Thanasi Kokkinakis pulled out due to shoulder injury.

2nd Test Day 2: India to resume play at overnight score against West Indies



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India will resume play at their overnight score of 264 for 5 against the West Indies on the second day of the final test at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica. The match will begin at 8 PM Indian Time. GH Vihari with 42 and RR Pant with 27

runs are on the crease. Skipper Virat Kohli scored 76 runs and Mayank Agarwal made 55 on the opening day. For the West Indies, Jason Holder took 3 wickets while Cornwall and Roach took one wicket each. Earlier, the West Indies won the toss and elected to bowl first. India won the first Test by

318 runs at Antigua having already clinched the Twenty20 and ODI series against the Windies. All India Radio will broadcast a bilingual commentary alternately in Hindi and English on the match. It can be heard on the Rajdhani, FM Rainbow Network and additional frequencies.

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