

'Unacceptable': PM Modi upset with Akash Vijayvargiya for thrashing officer

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Akash Vijayvargiya, the BJP's Indoress legislator who thrashed a municipal official, received a tongue lashing in-absentia from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday who made it clear that he had taken a very dim view of his conduct.

Akash's father and BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya was present at the meeting, occupying a seat in one of the back rows.

PM Modi did not name either of them at the meeting of BJP's parliamentary party that has lawmakers from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. But he left no one in doubt what had provoked the sharp reprimand.

PM Modi referred to the video clip of the assault. "I see people hitting them... Did people vote us for this," PM Modi said.

He told the party to identify local BJP leaders who had participated in the assault and the celebrations that followed Akash's release from jail and remove them. BJP president JP Nadda, who was also



present, made a note.

"The PM in BJP parliamentary party meeting today said any kind of misbehaviour that brings down party's name is unacceptable. He said that action should be taken if someone has done something wrong. He also said that is applicable on everyone," BJP MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy said.

PM Modi's assessment of Akash's conduct is sharp variance with that of his father Kailash Vijayvargiya who told reporters yesterday that it

wasn't such a big issue. "Both Akash and IMC (Indore Municipal Commission) commissioner are novices," the BJP general secretary had said.

Akash was arrested on June 26 after he allegedly hit a municipal officer who was leading a team to demolish a structure which belonged to a BJP worker, with a cricket bat.

Akash Vijayvargiya who spent a few days in jail before getting out on bail, later

pledged to follow "Mahatma Gandhi's path of non-violence" and never pick up a bat "for such an act".

But Akash Vijayvargiya isn't the only lawmaker to have landed in the middle of a huge controversy for beating up officials.

Also in Madhya Pradesh, a Bharatiya Janata Party leader and his associates allegedly assaulted the Satna chief municipal officer after he allegedly resisted pressure to hush up financial irregularities.

Eight core sectors record growth of 5.1% in May

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The eight core sectors in the country have recorded a growth of 5.1 per cent in May on the back of healthy output in steel and electricity. These sectors are coal, crude oil,

natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity.

They had grown by 4.1 per cent in May last year. According to a Commerce and Industry Ministry statement, Steel output increased by 19.9 per cent,

while electricity grew by 7.2 per cent during the month under review.

The growth rate for the eight key sectors for April 2019 has been revised upward to 6.3 per cent from 2.6 per cent reported earlier mainly due to upward revisions in production of coal, crude oil, steel, cement and electricity.

After the revised numbers, the growth rate would be highest in the last ten months. Last time it was in July 2018, when these sectors grew by 7.8 per cent.

US Senate passes legislative provision to give India NATO ally-like status

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The United States Senate has passed a legislative provision that brings India at par with America's NATO allies and countries like Israel and South Korea for increasing defence cooperation. The National Defense

Authorisation Act or NDAA for the fiscal year 2020, was introduced by Senate India Caucus Co-Chair Senator John Cornyn with the support of Senate India Caucus Co-Chair Senator Mark Warner. The proposal was passed by the Senate last week. The amendment provides for increased US-

India defence cooperation in the Indian Ocean in areas of humanitarian assistance, counter-terrorism, piracy and maritime security. Last week, House India Caucus Co-Chair Brad Sherman, along with other Congressmen including Raja Krishnamoorthi introduced a similar legislative proposal to

the House, FY2020 NDAA that would greatly enhance the US-India relationship. The bill would be signed into law after both chambers of the US Congress pass it. The House is expected to take up its version of the NDAA this month before legislators adjourn for the August recess.

Flooded roads, submerged rail tracks: 8 striking photos that capture Mumbai rains

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A washed away car, submerged railtracks, flooded roads are some of the striking images from Mumbai and its suburbs grappling with heavy monsoon rains, second highest July rain since 1975. Between 8.30am Monday and 8.30am Tuesday, the Santacruz weather station, representative of the suburbs and Mumbai, recorded 375.2mm rain, falling under the 'exceptionally heavy' category (when the amount of rainfall is highest recorded for the season or over a decade



according to the India Meteorological Department). According to IMD, the last time the city recorded the exact figure was in 1974 in July at 375.2mm.

The rains have wreaked havoc

claiming lives and bringing the city to a near halt. Trains, flights and road transport have been hampered and the government has declared a holiday on Tuesday with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis urging people to stay indoors.

With the weather office warning of more rains, the Navy has been called in to help with rescue alongside the NDRF and other volunteers. Here are a few images that capture the Mumbai rains and their aftermath:

BJP membership campaign on 6th of this month

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch BJP membership campaign on 6th of this month from Varanasi on the birth anniversary of Shyama Prasad Mookerjee. Home Minister Amit Shah will kick it off in Telangana while other party leaders will launch it in different parts of the country.

This was informed by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahpal Joshi after the conclusion of BJP Parliamentary Party Meeting held in the Parliament Library building today. All senior leaders of the party will also participate in the launching event from across the country.

Talking to media, Mr Joshi quoted PM Modi as saying that during the meeting, Prime Minister highly stressed on the importance of the presence of the MPs in the House and said the House is itself a university and provides a great opportunity for anybody to learn. The Prime Minister said an MP who achieves the learning in the House will simultaneously earn the respect of the life could participate. He also said that at least five trees should be planted at every booth holding membership drive.

Sport News

Jasprit Bumrah on verge of massive record

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Jasprit Bumrah, India's premier fast bowler, has a chance to enter the record books when India take on Bangladesh in their next ICC World Cup match at Edgbaston, Birmingham on Tuesday. Bumrah, who gave away only 26 runs in his last five overs in the death and also picked up the important wicket of Ben Stokes, could not stop England from posting 337 for 7 on Sunday, which turned out to be a bit too much for even the strong Indian batting line-up as England restricted them to 306 for 5. India suffered their first loss in World Cup 2019 by 31 runs.

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a key role against the likes of Shakib Al Hasan and Tamim Iqbal, who have been in

scintillating form in the World Cup so far.

Despite being brilliant with the ball, Bumrah has not been able to pick up a bag full of wickets in the World Cup. 10 wickets in 6 matches does not give the entire picture, Bumrah has bowled way better than that.

But the World No. 1 fast bowler, Bumrah, who gave away only 26 runs in his last five overs in the death and also picked up the important wicket of Ben Stokes, could not stop England from posting 337 for 7 on Sunday, which turned out to be a bit too much for even the strong Indian batting line-up as England restricted them to 306 for 5. India suffered their first loss in World Cup 2019 by 31 runs.

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31 runs needed by Virat Kohli to complete 1000 runs in World Cups.

1: Hardik Pandya needs 1 wicket to complete 50 ODI wickets in his career.

82: Hardik Pandya needs 82 runs to complete 1000 runs in his ODI career.

200: Tamim Iqbal will play his 200th ODI if he takes field against India on 2nd July 2019. He will become 4th Bangladesh player to play 200 ODI matches for Bangladesh after Mashrafe Mortaza, Mushfiqur Rahim, and Shakib-Al-Hasan.

53: Mahmudullah needs 53 runs to complete 4000 runs in his ODI career. He would become the 4th batsmen to complete this milestone after Tamim Iqbal (6841) and Shakib-Al-Hasan (6193) and Mushfiqur Rahim (5885).

115: Mushfiqur Rahim needs

Changes expected in Indian side, Karthik could replace Jadhav

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India vs Bangladesh Live Score, World Cup 2019: India will look to shrug off the defeat against England - their first in the World Cup 2019 - and seal a spot in the semi-finals when they take on Bangladesh at Edgbaston, Birmingham on Tuesday. The match will be played on the same pitch where India lost to England a couple of days ago so the slowness of the pitch could come into play. The misfiring middle order might force Virat Kohli to make a few changes today against Bangladesh before the knockout stages begin.

MS Dhoni has come under severe criticism but the team management has backed him. The axe therefore, may fall on Kedar Jadhav and either of Kuldeep or Chahal. Jadhav was a part of that partnership which according to many experts lacked intent towards the end of India's innings. He is likely to be replaced by Ravindra Jadeja and with Bhuvneshwar Kumar fit and ready, he might replace either Kuldeep or Chahal.

Bangladesh, on the other hand, are fighting to stay alive in the tournament. Mashrafe's side have seven points after three wins and a washout, three points behind fourth-placed England. To retain any chance of qualifying from the 10-team group phase they need to win both of their final fixtures, against India and Pakistan, and hope results elsewhere go in their favour.



it will want to bat. Bangladesh will enjoy playing India in these conditions - Ganguly and Bishop with the pitch conditions

Do we need to talk about Dhoni?

MS Dhoni always walks in to bat amid a roar of approval reserved for South American revolutionaries. Maybe the fans in the stands remember the young, swashbuckling Dhoni - him of the golden-mane fame, who eventually trimmed his hair but not his reputation to finish cricket matches on his blade. Or, maybe the fans have accepted who Dhoni the batsman has become over the last few seasons - the pragmatic accumulator of choppy runs; gritty and granular runs akin to the white five-o'clock shadow on his chin.

ICC Cricket World Cup: India takes on Bangladesh in short while from now

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In the ICC Cricket World Cup, India will take on Bangladesh in their eighth and penultimate round-robin match at Birmingham this afternoon. All India Radio will broadcast live commentary on the game from 2:30 PM.

It can be heard on Rajdhani, FM Rainbow Network and DTH (Hindi). India will be without the services of all-rounders Vijay Shankar who

has been ruled out due to a toe injury. He will be replaced by batsman Mayank Agarwal who is yet to make his ODI debut.

India is second in the 10-team points with 11 points from seven matches and a win over Bangladesh today will see Virat Kohli and Company secure a place in the semi-finals. Defending champions and table leaders Australia is the only team that has qualified to the last-four, so far. Bangladesh is seventh in the table with seven points from seven matches and if they lose today they will bow out of the semi-final race.