

# Attackers shoot at journalist, throw eggs on car in Delhi

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A journalist driving home alone late Saturday night suffered bullet injury after two bike-borne intercepted her car and fired at her in East Delhi's Ashok Nagar, police said. "Mitani Chandola was driving alone near Dharamshilla Cancer Hospital when two bike-borne men intercepted her car and opened fire from the front. At least three bullets were fired, two hit and pierced the car's front windshield. Eggs were also thrown at her car. One bullet hit her right arm. The woman was admitted to a nearby hospital. She will be shifted to AIIMS for surgery," Joint commissioner of police (eastern range) Alok Kumar. Chandola works in a television



channel in Noida, according to Agency. Alok Kumar said an attempt to murder case has been registered at the New Ashok Nagar police station.

The woman has told the police about the differences she is having with her husband. Personal enmity is being suspected," the police officer said.

Police have not ruled out other angles, including robbery attempt. The police control room received a call at around 12.30 am Sunday about the shootin

# India rejects US report on minorities' status

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India on Sunday rejected a US State Department report which made certain critical comments regarding the status of minorities in the country, saying it has "no locus standi" to pronounce on the state of our citizens' constitutionally protected rights". In response to a query on the latest 'Report on International Religious Freedom' published by the State Department, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar underlined that India is a vibrant democracy where the fundamental rights of all



its citizens, including minorities, are protected under the Constitution. "We see no locus standi for a foreign entity/government to pronounce on the state of our citizens' constitutionally

protected rights," he said. Significantly, the report was released just ahead of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's visit to India from June 25. "India is proud of its secular

credentials, its status as the largest democracy and a pluralistic society with a longstanding commitment to tolerance and inclusion," Kumar said. "The Indian Constitution guarantees fundamental rights to all its citizens, including its minority communities," the MEA spokesperson asserted. "It is widely acknowledged that India is a vibrant democracy where the Constitution provides protection of religious freedom, and where democratic governance and rule of law further promote and protect the fundamental rights."

# Rahul Gandhi's resignation leaves Congress in leadership vacuum

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On Wednesday, a day before Rahul Gandhi indicated that there was no going back on his decision to resign as Congress president, a letter from the All India Congress Committee (AICC) landed in the inboxes of all party functionaries and journalists. The letter was signed by KC Venugopal, general secretary (organisation), and announced a routine appointment, but it signalled something was amiss. The appointment had been made not by the Congress president, as has been the convention in the 134-year-old party; it was made by the AICC. "He is refusing to sign any letters," said a key team member, explaining the change, declining to be named. And that sums up the crisis that the party confronts a month after the April-May general election, in which it won 52 seats, up from 44 in 2014, but still not enough to make it eligible for even the status of Leader of the Opposition in the 543-member Lok Sabha. Since May 25, when Gandhi offered to resign at a Congress working committee (CWC) meeting, he has gone into a shell. Even members of his core team, K Raju, Alankar Sawal and Kaushal Vidyarthar, who would sit at his Tughlaq Lane office, have had almost no interaction with Gandhi, who turned 49 on June 19. "I am disturbed about the inaction in the party; by now it should have begun to reorganise itself," said political scientist Neera Chandioke.

"The problem is that there is no defined second-rung leadership in the Congress, so Rahul's stepping down has caused a vacuum." For a party plagued by factionalism from the Centre to the states, it's not easy to zero in on a replacement who has the ability and credibility to act as the glue that holds it together. His mother and predecessor Sonia Gandhi, 72, from whom he inherited the mantle of Congress president in December 2017, is attending Parliament, but refuses to address the leadership issue. "She is being a pillar of strength by sitting there with us in Parliament," said one Congress MP. "The problem is that Rahul Gandhi was never given a free hand to do what he wanted to do with the party. He had to work with the old guard who were part of his mother's team and that stopped a brand new Congress from emerging. Indira's success came out of Congress splitting, Rajiv also had a split and so did Sonia Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi needs a split (in the party) for his ideas to work." The references were to late prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi's grandmother and father. While this MP, who is a member of the young guard in the Congress, defends Rahul Gandhi against attempts to pin the blame for the party's dismal performance on the Gandhi family scion, some note that as party president, he had failed to curb rampant factionalism. From Haryana and Rajasthan to Maharashtra, local leaders put self-interests above the

party's. In fact, media reports cited Rahul Gandhi as saying at the May 25 CWC meeting that leaders like Ashok Gehlot and Kamal Nath, chief ministers of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively, and former finance minister P Chidambaram had been more concerned about the electoral prospects of their sons, who were in the fray. In December, the Congress wrested Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In the Lok Sabha polls, it fared disastrously in both states. Gandhi's resignation hasn't brought about any change of attitude. At a June 4 meeting of the Haryana Congress, former chief minister Bhupinder Hooda's supporters shifted the onus for the electoral rout to state unit chief Ashok Tanwar. "We must rethink and work together in the larger interest of the party and the country," Tanwar, a former Jawaharlal Nehru University student handpicked by Gandhi, said. In Rajasthan, Gehlot lashed out at his deputy, Sachin Pilot, after the elections. Pilot hasn't responded publicly to the remarks, but the friction

between the two shows no sign of receding. "We have to meet people's expectations and do what they voted for us to do," said Pilot. In Punjab, Navjot Singh Sidhu refuses to toe chief minister Amarinder Singh's line and still gets an audience with Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi. In Madhya Pradesh, the Kamal Nath government has a wafer thin majority and faces an onslaught of probes against aides to the chief minister. At the Centre, various formulae — appointment of a working president or interim president or a collective leadership — are on the table, but nothing has been decided because no one knows who will decide. Vikram Maadam, a two-term member of the Gujarat legislative assembly said, "There is always win or lose. If Rahulji leaves, the party will disintegrate. We need a strong leader. I know we will come back...The same people who voted for the BJP can defeat them too." At the moment, however, his hope of a Congress comeback sound like wishful thinking.

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# Sport News

## When things don't go as planned, one needs to show character and bounce back - Virat Kohli

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Afghanistan stretched India till the final ball, but the class and pedigree of the Indian bowlers managed to keep them out as Virat Kohli's men got out jail to win an absolute humdinger at Southampton. The skipper was all praise for his side and spoke about the character shown by the side. Mohammed Shami's last-over hatrick Saturday saved India from a mighty scare after they managed to pip Afghanistan by 11 runs to inch closer towards World Cup semi-finals. Shami (9.5-1-40-4), playing his first match, not only successfully defended 16 runs off the last over but also dismissed the dangerous Mohammed Nabi (52 off 55 balls). Aftab Alam (0) and Muejeb ur Rahman (0) off successive deliveries to complete the rare feat. Afghanistan were bowled out for 213 in pursuit of a manageable 225 run target which at one stage looked gettable after the Indian middle-order flopped in their first World Cup test. "This game was way more important for us, because things didn't go as planned. That's when you need to show character and bounce back," Kohli said at the post-match presentation ceremony. Drafted into the playing eleven in place of injured Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Shami Saturday became only the second Indian cricketer to register a hatrick in World Cup after Chetan Sharma, who achieved the feat in 1987.

Kohli, thus, was effusive in his praise for the speedster. "Everyone's waiting for an opportunity. Shami was really good today. He was making the ball move more than anybody. We knew these guys were hungry," he said. Rating the win over Afghanistan as a special one, the India captain said the wicket was a difficult one for stroke-making because of its two-paced nature. "This is right up there (as a win). You win the toss, and you decide to bat and then you see the wicket slow down. You think 260 or 270 would be a good total," he said. "At the halfway stage, we had our doubts in our minds, but we also had self-belief in the change rooms. As soon as I went in, I understood the pace of the pitch. Cross-batted shots aren't on, and a lot of horizontal bat shots cost us on this pitch." Kohli also praised man-of-the-match Jasprit Bumrah for his impressive bowling display that brought India back into the contest. "It's simple - we want to use him (Bumrah) smartly. When he takes one or two wickets, he can go on, but otherwise we try to ensure the opposition knows that he has seven or so overs to go," he said. Man-of-the-match Bumrah (2/39) said Kohli's belief in his ability spurs him to do better every time he runs into bowl. "That gives you a lot of confidence when the captain has so much trust in you. Helps me keep a clearer head," he said. Bumrah also elaborated on

India's strategy while defending the low total. "We saw the wicket getting slower and slower. You had to be accurate and it's a big ground, so you had to go for the yorkers and bowl wicket-to-wicket. "What we wanted to do was that when you run behind wickets, you don't get wickets. Our plan was to get the run-rate high and create chances," he said. Bumrah too praised his pace bowling colleague Shami for his impressive display on his maiden outing in the ongoing World Cup. "That's very good, because it gives us healthy competition within the side. We discuss what the plans are, and it's great when everybody is chipping in with wickets," he said. Afghanistan skipper Gulbadin Naib showed praise on his bowling unit but said Bumrah eventually made the difference. "We bowled really well, and everybody in the batting lineup was strong. We did well in the batting too, but credit goes to Bumrah for the way he bowled in the last three overs. He was superb," he said. "The wicket was really good for batting during the first half. The spinners stuck to the plan, and they did really well. We had other options than Rashid (Khan) and Muejeb (Ur Rahman), but in the backend, Aftab (Alam) and I also bowled well, but India is a good side, and a favourite side." He, however, said such tough games against strong teams like India will do a world of good for Afghanistan.

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In continuation of this office letter No. MU/14-279/Finance/18-19/917/177 dated the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. It is hereby informed to all concerned that the last date for submission of term and conditions for proposal of Concessionaire for manufacturing and selling mementos/ products bearing name and logo of the Manipur University has been extended upto the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

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NOTICE  
Kangpokpi, the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2019

No.DC(KPI)2/12/87/Vol-III : It is hereby notified for general information that Shri Kamkhomang Kipgen S/o Shri Lamngam Guite of Leikot village, under Saitu Gamphazol Sub-Division, P.O. Motbung 795107 & P.S. Gannom Sapormeina, has applied for registration of Gift deed of an area 0.114 acres situated at Leikot village between Shri Hentinsie Kipgen S/o Kaitiang Kipgen of S.M Munnong Village P.O. Moybung-795107 & P.S. Saitu Gamphazol, Kangpokpi District as Donor and Shri Kamkhomang Kipgen S/o Shri Lamngam Guite of Leikot village as donee. The boundary of the said land is prescribed hereunder :

Schedule of the land  
North : Hentinsie's plot;  
South : Molcham village boundary;  
East : Henkholal's plot; and  
West : Inter Village Road;

Objection is hereby invited from any interested person (S)to file objection if any within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice in Newspaper. If objection is not received within the stipulated period, it will be presume that there is no objection.

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Sub Deputy Collector (HQ)  
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