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# 10 Arrested In Connection With Molestation Of Women In Gargi College

## Chidambaram To Address JNU Students On CAA On Thursday

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**NEW DELHI:** Ten people were arrested on Wednesday in connection with the alleged molestation of students during a cultural festival at the all-women Gargi College here last week, police said.  
The accused are between 18 and 25 years of age, they added.  
Over 11 police teams were looking into the technical details available and also visiting various sites in NCR to identify

the suspects and investigate the case, the police said.  
Many people are being questioned and multiple suspects have been identified, they added.  
According to the police, the accused persons were outside the college when the fest was underway.  
A senior police official said the accused are students of various colleges in Delhi and NCR areas. They gathered outside the gate of the college,

vandalised a car and then broke in, he added.  
Police said the accused jumped over the barricades placed by the college security staff, outnumbered them and then misbehaved with the women students.  
Officials said the investigation was on and more people could be arrested.  
Students of Gargi College have been boycotting classes, demanding that the fact finding committee constituted fol-

lowing the incident show its findings.  
A case was registered on February 10 at the Hauz Khas police station under IPC sections 452 (House-trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrongful restraint), 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 509 (Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of

common intention).  
A group of men had broken into the institute during the "Riverie" fest on February 6 and allegedly groped, harassed and molested the attendees.  
The incident came to light after some students took to Instagram to narrate their ordeal. Students and teachers also posted on other social media websites about the incident.  
Over 100 students held a protest on February 10 outside Gargi College.

**Agencies**  
**NEW DELHI:** Former Home Minister and senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram will be addressing the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) on Thursday regarding CAA and NRC, Chidambaram said on micro-blogging site, Twitter, on Wednesday.  
"I will address a gathering of students at JNU on Thursday, 13th February at 5 p.m. on "Why we oppose NPR-

CAA-NRC"," Chidambaram tweeted.  
Earlier in the day, the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) cancelled an anti-CAA march citing "unavoidable circumstances".  
"JNUSU will take up the issue of NRC, CAA, NPR and the witch hunting of political voices of dissent by building larger solidarity across campuses and give an immediate call shortly," a message by JNUSU read.

## SC To Hear Plea Challenging Omar's

1978, saying the order of detention is "manifestly illegal" and there is no question of public order".  
The plea has sought quashing of the February 5 order detaining Abdullah, former chief minister of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, under the PSA and also sought his production before the court.  
Sara has said that exercise of powers by authorities under the CrPC to detain individuals, including political leaders, was "clearly mala fide to ensure that the opposition to the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution is silenced".  
Her plea said the intent of exercise of power was to "incarcerate not just him but the entire leadership of the National Conference, as well as the leadership of other political parties, who were similarly dealt with including Farooq Abdullah, who has served the state and the union over several years... stood by India whenever the situation so demanded."  
It said that on the intervening night of August 4-5, 2019, Abdullah was put under house arrest and it was later learnt that section 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973 was invoked to justify such arrest.  
"There has been a grave violation of Articles 14, 21 and 22 of the Constitution," the plea said, adding, "similar orders of detention have been issued by respondents (authorities of union territory of Jammu and Kashmir) over the last seven months in a wholly mechanical manner to other detainees, which suggest that there has been a consistent and concerted effort to muzzle all political rivals".  
It said there could be no material available to detain a person who has already been detained for previous six months and the "grounds for the detention order are wholly lacking any material facts or particulars which are imperative for an order of detention".  
"In fact, a reference to all public statements and messages posted by the detenu during the period up to his first detention would reveal that he has kept calling for peace and cooperation - messages which in Gandhi's India cannot remotely affect public order," it said.

The plea said Abdullah was not even served with the material that formed the basis of the detention order and its non-supply vitiates the detention, which is liable to be quashed.  
It said that at no point of time in his "prolific political career", he has resorted to or indulged in conduct unbecoming of a "conscientious public figure".  
The grounds of detention against Abdullah, chief minister of the state from 2009-14, claims that on the eve of reorganisation of the state he had allegedly made attempts to provoke general masses against the revocation of Articles 370 and 35-A.  
Abdullah, who has been junior foreign minister and commerce minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led Cabinet in 2000, was served with a three-page dossier in which he was alleged to have made statements in the past which were "subversive" in nature.

## Third Batch Of Foreign Envoys

with an aim to make them see the efforts to bring back normalcy in Kashmir Valley. A number of opposition parties called it a "guided tour".  
In New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that the group would meet representatives of the civil society, including youths, political leaders, local businessmen during their visit to the union territory.  
After announcing reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir and withdrawal of its special powers, India imposed severe curbs including on movement of people as well as on mobile telephone and internet connectivity. The crackdown drew international criticism with several countries expressing concerns over the situation in Kashmir.  
"As a part of the outreach efforts, visit of a second group of foreign heads of mission is being organised to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on February 12-13," the MEA said.  
It said the group is visiting Baramulla, Srinagar and Jammu and would meet representatives of the civil society, including youth from different ethnic, religious and socio-economic communities, local businessmen and political leaders.  
"They will also be briefed about the development programmes being implemented, get assessment of the security situation, and witness for themselves the progressive normalisation of the situation," the MEA said.  
The group comprises envoys from

Afghanistan, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, the European Union, France, Germany, Republic of Guinea, Hungary, Italy and Kenya.  
Envoys from Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Namibia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Rwanda, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Uganda and Uzbekistan are also part of it.  
A visiting envoy told reporters that he was in Kashmir "as a tourist".  
"Upon our arrival, we enjoyed a #Shikara ride on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Kashmir. Beautiful lake and hospitable people. I brought a beautiful Kashmiri ring from a boat serving as a shop. @MEAIndia," Afghanistan's envoy to India Tahir Qadiry tweeted.  
He also praised the Kashmiris for their hospitality.  
"We Afghans claim that we are Mehman-Navaz (Hospitable), but the Kashmiris are definitely so too. Interacted with a bunch of young people here. This girl is a gold-mendalisk in basketball with very high hopes. Wishing this beautiful valley & its people lots of good wishes!" he said in another tweet.  
On their meeting with journalists, Qadiry said, "In our interaction with the Kashmiri media outlets, the media people seriously urged the govt to restore the internet broadband as it is causing them so much problems to report and broadcast."  
The first group to visit Kashmir comprised envoys from the US, South Korea, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Fiji, Maldives, Norway, Philippines, Morocco, Argentina, Peru, Niger, Nigeria, Guyana and Tog

## Orchestrated Diplomacy: Iltija

She was reacting to tweets by Afghanistan's envoy to India Tahir Qadiry, showcasing the beauty of Dal Lake here.  
A batch of 25 foreign envoys arrived here on Wednesday as part of a Union government-facilitated trip to assess ground situation.  
The envoys arrived at the Srinagar airport around 11 am but could not go ahead with their scheduled visit to Baramulla in north Kashmir due to inclement weather, officials said.  
The foreign dignitaries instead went for a Shikara (boat) ride in the famous Dal Lake.  
Iltija also questioned how the Afghan envoy was able to access Twitter as the social media sites were banned in Kashmir.  
"Your excellency please do enlighten us Kashmiris about which VPN you are using to tweet? We will also download and tweet freely," she said.  
Iltija hoped that the envoys would question the authorities here about the internet shutdown and detention of political leaders under the Public Safety Act.  
"Hope you & @EU\_in\_India question GOI about Internet ban since 5th August & economic losses suffered GOI muzzling local media in Kashmir release of detainees inc 3 ex CMs slapped with draconian PSA troop deployment to create fear amongst people. Normalcy's an illusion," she added.

## 3 Protesters Detained By Police

in the Union territory.  
The envoys are from the European Union, South America and the Gulf countries, officials said.  
"The government should stop wasting money on these events. The money saved should be spent on the development of Kashmir," one of the youths said while being whisked away by the police.  
They were taken to the nearby police station, the officials said.

## Nothing to Hide, Says Saroori

Saroori nor linked to my family. The NIA needs to probe the conspiracy why Saroori was added to his codename after 2014 although previously he was only known in police records by the alias Jehangir," the Congress vice president and three-time legislator from Inderwal constituency of Kishtwar told reporters here.  
The 67-year-old leader said the National Investigation Agency served him a notice under section 160 CrPC and has not made any allegations against him.  
"The agency had served this notice to over 300 persons and being a prominent public figure, I too was called by it. I have nothing to hide and I have no issue to present myself before the agency 10 times more," he said.  
Saroori said he is visiting the NIA office again on Wednesday to sign his statement.  
Condemning the circulation of "fabricated and baseless" stories about his alleged militant links, he said he never faced an

allegation in the past.  
"The NIA questioned me about Bhat... I do not know him and he is not related to my family. In fact, he is not Saroori and he belongs to a village which falls in Saroori panchayat, while my ancestral village is in Sarthal and we migrated to Kishtwar town in 1992-93 during the peak of militancy in the region," he said.  
The Congress leader said he has never seen Bhat in his life.  
"I am a secular leader affiliated with a secular party and a strong believer in the Constitution of our country. I do not need a certificate from anyone. The people of my area know me very well," he said, adding that he was among the leaders who condemned militancy unequivocally and worked for the unity and integrity during his long political career.  
He also demanded a thorough probe into past communal riots in the district by NIA.

## Day Chill Intensifies In Valley

in the city was 1.4 degree, which is about 3 degree above normal. However, people woke up to a chilly Wednesday morning in the city, where overcast conditions continued throughout the day. People could be seen wearing jackets, sweaters and pheran (traditional Kashmiri cloak), to evade chilly weather conditions in the city.  
The skies at world famous health resort of Pahalgam, about 100 km from here in south Kashmir, remained cloudy throughout the day on Wednesday, resulting in dip in the day temperature.  
But, the night temperature at the health resort improved about 5 degree from Tuesday and settled at minus 0.6 degree, which is several degrees above normal.  
Due to overcast night conduction, the mercury at Qazigund, gateway to the valley, Kupwara in north Kashmir and tourist resort of Kokernag also improved and settled at 1 degree, minus 0.6 degree and minus 0.1 degree, respectively.

## Hafiz Saeed Gets 11 Years In Jail

in terror financing. Saeed pleaded "not guilty" in both the cases.  
The Counter Terrorism Department had registered 23 FIRs against Saeed and his accomplices on the charges of terror financing in different cities of Punjab province.  
The cases were registered against Saeed and others in Lahore, Gujranwala and Multan for collection of funds for terrorism financing through assets/properties made and held in the names of Trusts/Non Profit Organisations including Al-Anfaal Trust, Dawatul Irshad Trust, Muaz Bin Jabal Trust, etc.  
According to the CTD, investigation launched into financing matters of proscribed organisations - JuD and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) - in connection with implementation of UN Sanctions against these Designated Entities and Persons as directed by NSC (National Security Committee) in its meeting of January 1, 2019 chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan for implementing the National Action Plan.  
"These suspects made assets from funds of terrorism financing. They held and used these assets to raise more funds for further terrorism financing. Hence, they committed multiple offences of terrorism financing and money laundering under Anti Terrorism Act 1997. They will be prosecuted in ATCs (Anti Terrorism Courts) for commission of these offences," the CTD said.  
The crackdown on Saeed's outfit last year followed a warning by the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force to Pakistan to deliver on its commitments to curb terror financing and money laundering.  
Saeed-led JuD is the front organisation for the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) which is responsible for carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attack that killed 166 people, including six Americans.  
The US Department of the Treasury has designated Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, and the US, since 2012, has offered a USD 10 million reward for information that brings Saeed to justice. He was listed under the UN Security Council Resolution 1267 in December 2008.

## 5 Killed After Vehicle

districts must be a grave concern for the JK administration.  
"It is a situation which demands immediate measures and attention of all of us, especially the officers of transport, traffic police, National Highway Authorities and Border Roads Organisation to put forward their departmental specific assignment of the causes responsible for causing accidents in these hilly districts, he said.

## Building Collapses In Jammu,

who is supervising the rescue operation, said.  
He said the fire department rushed fire fighters after receiving a distress call at 4.48 am and were making efforts to put out the blaze when suddenly the building collapsed at 5.30 am.  
"It is believed that none of the civilians were trapped under the debris. We have rescued four civilians in the morning while two of our personnel suffered injuries. All the rescued persons were evacuated and taken to a hospital," Singh said.  
He said while one of the firemen is being treated for serious burn injuries, the other is undergoing treatment for head injuries.  
"There was a huge stock of timber in the saw mill and a gas cylinder also exploded during the fire as a result of which the building collapsed due to intense heat," the DG said.  
Soon after the building collapsed, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) along with police parties were rushed to the spot and a rescue operation was launched, he said.  
A team of NDRF was mobilized from Pathankot and is assisting in the ongoing rescue operation, he said.  
Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu expressed grief over the loss of lives and expressed his condolences to the bereaved families of the firemen.  
He directed the administration to provide best possible medical treatment to the injured.

## Geelani Stable, Rumours

social networking website Twitter and Facebook.  
"Geelani Sahab is doing fine. He had chest congestion but he is recovering now," Geelani's son Naseem told Kashmir Observer.  
The ailing leader's health condition has deteriorated since past six months and he was admitted in SKIMS recently. The Hurriyat Chairman has been under house arrest for a longer time.

## Union Ministers Submit Reports

the issues on which the Centre and the Union territory administration should focus on for optimum results, the official added.  
The reports were given in a proforma so that action could be taken on the basis of the feedback.  
The central ministers visited Jammu and Kashmir following a directive of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who wanted an honest assessment of the various welfare schemes being implemented in the newly-created Union territory.  
Among those who visited Jammu and Kashmir were Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, ministers of state for home G Kishan Reddy and Nityanand Rai.  
The ministers only spoke about the development initiatives and there was no reference to political issues, the official said.  
Interacting with the locals, they got first-hand information about the roads, healthcare facilities, power situation, functioning of academic institutions etc. in the Union territory.  
There were two sets of feedback -- one on the initiatives taken by the UT administration and the other on the Centre's initiatives -- another official said.  
Most of the central ministers stayed overnight at their respective places of visit such as Baramulla, Ganderbal, Doda, besides others.  
In August last year, the Centre abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated it into Union territories.  
Since then, the Centre has been closely monitoring the on-the-ground implementation of various development programmes there.  
Jammu and Kashmir is currently under the President's rule.

## No Upper Age Relaxation For JK

of reservation applicable to such candidates, among others, it said.  
The UPSC will recruit officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) and Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS), among

others through the civil services examination 2020, the notification said.  
This is probably the last time that the officers of IRTS, IRAS and IRPS are being recruited through the civil services examination after the amalgamation of the existing eight railway services into the one -- Indian Railways Management Service (IRMS), officials said.  
The commission may recruit IRMS officers from the next years onward, they said.  
The number of vacancies to be filled through the examination is expected to be approximately 796 which include 24 posts reserved for persons with benchmark disability category, i.e. three for candidates of blindness and low vision; nine for deaf and hard of hearing; eight for locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy, among others, according to the notification.  
"Reservation will be made for candidates belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, the economically weaker sections and persons with benchmark disability in respect of vacancies as may be fixed by the government," it said.  
The civil services examination is conducted annually by the UPSC in three phases -- preliminary, main and interview.  
The facility of withdrawal of application is available for those candidates who do not want to appear for civil services (preliminary) examination.  
"UPSC has no provision to refund any fee amount paid by candidates, so in case of successful withdrawal of application the fees will not be refunded," the notification said.  
Candidates are required to apply online. The deadline is March 3 till 6:00 P.M. after which the link will be disabled, the UPSC said.

## NIA Charges 4 Alleged Jaish

charge sheet against Sajjad Ahmad Khan (27), Bilal Ahmad Mir (23), Ishfaq Ahmad Bhat (24) and Mehraj-ud-Din Chopan (22), all residents of Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir.  
"Investigation has established that the accused persons are members of proscribed militant organisation JeM, who were planning to carry out attacks and propagating the activities of JeM," the NIA said.  
"The slain militant Mudassir Ahmad Khan was the mastermind behind this conspiracy. He was one of the main conspirators in Pulwama attack as well and was killed in encounter with police and security forces in Tral area of district Pulwama J&K on March 10, last year," the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said.  
Charges were abated against Mudassir after he was killed in an encounter with the security forces in March, 2019, the NIA said in the final report.  
According to the agency, Sajjad was directly in touch with Mudassir while Ishfaq was involved in transportation of Arms and ammunition for strengthening JeM in Kashmir and further harboured the operatives of JeM.  
One hand grenade was recovered from possession of Mehraj-ud-din Chopan and it was procured with the intention of using the same against the security forces in Jammu and Kashmir for snatching their weapons.  
This case pertains to a criminal conspiracy hatched by senior commanders of JeM to carry out attacks in different parts of India including Delhi-NCR.

## ISJK Module Busted in Budgam,

in providing shelter and logistic support to militants.  
"A case under relevant sections of the law has been registered against the accused and further investigation is on," the police said.  
The police identified the alleged militant associates as Shahnawaz Ahmad Wani, Nasir Ahmad Wani, Bilal Ahmad Khan and Irfan Ahmad Pathan, all residents of Gundipora Beerwah, and Ali Mohd Bhat, a resident of Warihama Beerwah.

## Firing Creates Panic In Awantipora

the signal and fled away, local newsgathering agency KNT reported today.  
The gun shots created panic in the area, the report added.  
A police official said that efforts are on to trace the driver.

## Wild Life Department

were responsible for attacks on humans and cattle.