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IN or OUT?

▶ Voting took place on Thursday in a historic referendum on whether UK should remain a member of EU or leave

▶ A record 46.5m voters were entitled to take part in the polls, according to provisional EC figures

▶ Polling opened at 7amBST (11.30am) and closed at 10pm (2.30am, Friday)

Edge for 'Bremain'?
▶ Two last-minute opinion polls gave the campaign led by PM Cameron to stay in EU 55% and 52%, respectively

▶ **Final results** from 380 local govt areas in England, Scotland and Wales, plus one each for N Ireland and Gibraltar, to be declared on Friday morning



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Masked man takes hostages in Germany, shot

A masked and armed man barricaded himself in a German multiplex with dozens of people inside before being killed by police on Thursday. No hostages were injured and people were safely led out of the complex in the western town of Viernheim, 75km south of Frankfurt.

Authorities said they had no information on the man's identity or motive. Media reports said that they saw a youth enter the building with an "ammunition belt" draped over his shoulder. P 18

Bhutan seeks return of ancient statue

The Bhutan government has asked India to return a 252-year-old brass statue of its founding father, Zhab Drung Ngawang Namgyal, which has been in Kolkata's Asiatic Society for 152 years. Bhutan is celebrating its 400th anniversary around Namgyal, who is revered as a deity in the country. However, Asiatic Society has said it would be "impossible" to give it back, as it was a "gift". The British had taken it away after defeating the Bhutanese in the Battle of Buxa. P 2

Concern over diabetes drug

In a first in India, three patients in Delhi prescribed a new class of anti-diabetes medicine (SGLT-2 inhibitors) have reported ketonemia, where the body produces high levels of blood acids (ketones) that may also require hospitalization. P 11

India's bid to join NSG runs into the great wall of China

Lone Holdout As 47 Nations Support Delhi

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New Delhi: China remained the last major obstacle in the way of India's membership bid in the Nuclear Suppliers Group as 47 of 48 members supported New Delhi's application at its special plenary session in Seoul on Thursday.

The session debated until midnight but failed to come to a conclusion after hours of discussions, with China adamant in its opposition. Questions and doubts by other fence-sitting countries dissolved in the course of the evening, leaving China as the last man



PM Narendra Modi meets Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Tashkent on Thursday

standing against India. Officials in Seoul said the meeting would restart on Friday. After Thursday's NSG meeting, delegations were asked to revert to their headquarters for fresh instructions.

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Beijing softens Delhi membership stand

The Chinese foreign ministry on Thursday further softened its stand on the issue of India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers' Group, asserting that the issue would not affect bilateral relations between the two countries, reports Saibal Dasgupta. Significantly, China did not reiterate its earlier stance that the issue would not be formally discussed at the ongoing NSG meeting because it was not part of the official agenda. P 13

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▶ All eyes on US, P 13

Indian cricket takes a 'Jumbo' leap of faith

Kumble Edges Out Shastri, Moody In Race To Be Coach

Indranil Basu & Gaurav Gupta

On Thursday morning, there were three men left standing in a race that had begun with 57 candidates. There was Ravi Shastri, who served as Team India's director for 18 months, and Australian Tom Moody, whose glittering resumé includes a coaching stint with Sri Lanka and guiding Sunrisers Hyderabad to the 2016 Indian Premier League title.

And then there was Anil 'Jumbo' Kumble, the man once hailed by Sachin Tendulkar as India's greatest match-winner. Kumble joined the race for the job of India's cricket coach virtually at the eleventh hour, but his entry proved to be a game-changer. As an undisputed great, there was no contesting Kumble's stature. However, his lack of coaching experience led to him not being included in the shortlist of 21 candidates submitted to the cricket advisory committee of Ten-

THE LEGEND

▶ **Top Test wicket-taker (619) for India.** Third highest in world, after Muralitharan (800) and Shane Warne (708)

▶ Also India's **top wicket-taker (337) in ODIs**

▶ One of only 2 bowlers to take all 10 wickets in innings in international match

▶ Led India in 14 Tests, including 'Monkeygate' series

WHAT SWUNG IT FOR HIM

▶ Respected by former team-mates Tendulkar, Laxman and Ganguly, who played a key role in choosing

the coach

▶ Wasn't shortlisted initially, but panel called him for interview. He gave an **impressive presentation** on his vision for Indian cricket

CHALLENGES

▶ Hectic schedule for Team India. Windies tour to be followed by 13 home Tests, including 5-Test series against England, which beat India on its last visit here

▶ India has **not won any ICC event since the 2013 Champions Trophy.** Next year's Champs Trophy in England will be a big test



Scrap MCI, set up new body: NITI Aayog panel

A NITI Aayog panel has suggested that the controversial Medical Council of India be replaced by a medical education commission that will have three independent wings to oversee curriculum, accreditation of colleges and medical ethics, reports Mahendra Singh. The panel, headed by NITI Aayog chairperson Arvind Panagariya, has recommended that the new commission be run by eminent persons from the medical field, who may be allowed to continue professional commitments as this would ensure a wider talent pool. P 7

CM wants states to join hands on debt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: With rising debt tightening its noose around the Mamata Banerjee government, the chief minister is ready to bury political differences and initiate talks with states facing a similar plight — Left-ruled Kerala and Congress-ruled Punjab — to drive a hard bargain with the Centre.

Mamata wants speaker Biman Banerjee to hold a special session on this issue and invite delegates from other debt-stressed states to attend it to find a way out of the crisis. The special session is likely sometime after the current session ends on July 4.

Termed it a "death trap", the CM on Thursday said unless the debt-ridden states come together to press for their demands, the country's federal structure would be in tatters. "It isn't a question of just me or you. The new generation will never forgive us," she said.

Since taking over the reins of the state in 2010-11, her government has added Rs 1.13 lakh crore to the debt kitty, which already stood at Rs 1.86 lakh crore at the end of Left tenure, taking the state's total liability up to Rs 2.99 lakh crore.

Now, Swamy guns for eco affairs secy

Continuing his Twitter onslaught on officers working closely with finance minister Arun Jaitley — who is being seen by many as his real target — Subramanian Swamy on Thursday alleged that economic affairs secretary Shaktikanta Das was involved in a property case linked to Congress's P Chidambaram.

Defending Das, Jaitley called Swamy's tweet "an unfair and false attack on a disciplined civil servant". On Wednesday, he had said it was wrong to attack officers who can't defend themselves in public. P 9

Stressed? Now, wear a pair of glasses and find out how much

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Kolkata: God! I am so stressed out... If you are in the habit of saying this, there's now a way to find out exactly how jangled your nerves are. And what's cool is that you can simply strap on a sunglass-type gadget and play a game to see how you score on the stress test.

'fatigue monitoring device' has been developed by the electronics engineering department of IIT-Kharagpur. The institute is now looking for a commercial partner to manufacture the smart eyewear that is expected to cost only around Rs 10,000-15,000, but solve an everyday riddle without pinpricks or elaborate medical tests.

'Eye movement speed,' P 8

'The name of the gadget — 'Wireless Go-No Go Device' — gives away who it was mainly designed for. The stress test will be particularly of use to pilots, where errors caused by fatigue can have disastrous consequences. "A mere 3-minute test can declare a pilot fit or unfit to fly. Hence 'Go-No Go' in the name," said Aurobinda Routray, professor of electrical engineering at IIT-Kgp.

Bihar teen raped, then brutalized on road after 4 days

Chandra Bhushan Pandey | TNN

Motihari: A youth belonging to a landed family allegedly raped the 13-year-old daughter of a daily-wage labourer in Bihar's East Champaran district. He then returned four days later and wounded her grievously by inserting a stick

into her genitals. The accused — who is in his late 20s — stormed the girl's hut with his relatives, including his father, before dragging her out and brutalizing her in front of her parents and neighbours on the road. She

was left for dead in front of her hut after the ordeal. The minor, in a grim battle for survival, has been lying at a government hospital for a week now, virtually unattended. No senior administrative officials or cop has visited her. A medical test was conducted only on Wednesday — 11 days

Man posing as Army officer held

For months, Promit Kumar Mitra, 48, had been doing the city's club and party circuit posing as a major general. His luck finally ran out when he decided to show his son around the Eastern Command headquarters at Fort William a few days ago. Officers there found him too young to be a major general. On Wednesday, military intelligence officers traced Mitra to his house in south Kolkata and handed him over to police. P 4

BJP asks Sena about 'talaq'

Shiv Sena and BJP continued with their war of words with the former taking a dig at PM Narendra Modi, asking if yoga would lessen the pain caused by inflation and graft, and the latter carrying an article in its publication 'Manogat' titled, "Raut Saheb, when are you taking 'Talaq'?" BJP was referring to MP Sanjay Raut. P 9

Delhi House panel to summon LG

Delhi assembly deputy speaker Rakhi Birla on Thursday announced that the petitions committee of the House will summon lieutenant-governor Najeeb Jung for questioning in five cases filed with the Anti-Corruption Branch in 2014 in which no action has been taken. P 9

CBFC objects to Patidar stir film

Gujarati film 'Salagto Sawaal Anamat', based on last year's quota agitation in the state, has been denied a certificate by Central Board of Film Certification's examining committee. P 7

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