

Dadar Gulang (Indonesia): A green coloured folded pancake made of rice flour and filled with grated coconut and palm sugar.



India this week

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While we sit on our couch just breathing, a lot of things happen around us, and sometimes in our very own country. We bring you the ones worth mentioning.



Violence amidst anti CAA protests

News: On February 2, 2020, four days after a teen fired at protesters at Jamia Millia Islamia University, another man opened fire at the people protesting against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). It was claimed that the incident took place at gate number 5 of the university, just two kms away from protest site Shaheen Bagh. Reportedly, nobody was injured.

Views: There will always be two sides to every coin. CAA is no different. While a majority of youth has taken against the controversial act, there are some that have found rationale in the same. But whether one is protesting against CAA or standing for it, it needs to be done by peaceful means. At the same time, I also think that law and order enforcement agencies should be more vigilant in times of strife like these, to avoid any instances of violence.

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Share market falls after Union Budget 2020

News: Announcing the Union Budget 2020-21, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman declared that the country will witness 100 lakh crore investment in the infrastructure industry in order to give a push to the slowing economy. But on the contrary, the share market did not feel the cheer as Sensex crashed 988 points while NIFTY lost 318 points on the same day when the budget was announced.

Views: Despite the announcement of 100 lakh crore investment, the market growth remains unchanged. The reason being, ambiguity in this year's budget since it did not mention any specific sops for any sector. Add to it the confusion in income tax slabs, and no changes in the long term capital gains tax – something the market had been hoping for long – it is causing the market to further stumble down.

Ayushi Choudhary, AUUP, AIESR, Alumna

SC to frame issues on gender inequality

News: The Supreme Court has decided to address issues pertaining to inequality against women in different religions. The move comes at a time, when a nine-member bench is set to announce its verdict on the review petition filed for Sabarimala case. In a case billed as 'faith vs rights', matters like entry of Muslim women in mosques, barring Parsi-non Parsi marriages, etc., will be considered.

Views: Article 25 of the Indian Constitution states provisions of equality to all sections of a particular religion or group of religions. So, ignoring the violation of right to equality just for the sake of religious freedom is wrong – on both ethical and constitutional grounds. This decision by SC is laudable. Here's hoping for a fair stance on matters of religious inequality.

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India's sweep win against New Zealand

News: After leading with 4-0, India won the fifth T20 International against New Zealand. Registering a historic win, India has become the first team to clean sweep the opponent in the bilateral five-match T20I series. Held at New Zealand, the host country did give a tough fight to the men in blue as two of the matches saw the game taken to nail biting thriller moments during super over.

Views: Such a fabulous record calls for a celebration. The players' being in good form, a strong captaincy and impeccable team work are some factors that seem to be working for the team. And the fact that this win comes at a time, when T20 World Cup is awaited in October, our hopes are surely high. Let's hope India continues to play this way and brings the world cup home. I have watched videos of 2007 T20 world cup win, but this time I want to live that moment when the entire nation would go crazy.

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USA

Trump's trial begins

The impeachment trial of Donald Trump opened on February 3, 2020, with a sear of oath of 'impartial justice' from the senators. Four of the senators sitting in judgement are running for the Democratic Party's nomination to challenge Trump in the fall. The trial is only the third of its kind in the American history, commencing at the beginning of election year.

GERMANY

Cost of visa goes up

The fees of Schengen visa has gone up from €60 to €80 for the first time since 2006. The increase in the visa fees comes as a part of the updated Schengen Visa Code that took effect on February 2. For children of age 6-12, the fee has hiked from €35 to €40. A Schengen visa is required to travel to 26 European countries including Germany, Austria, Denmark, France, Greece, Switzerland and Spain.



CHINA

Chinese markets take a hit

As the coronavirus death toll rose to 425, Chinese commodity and stock markets took a plunge on February 3, 2020, causing investors to retreat into safe heaven assets in the first trading session after an extended Lunar New Year holiday. The People's Bank of China pumped 1.2 trillion Yuan into the Chinese markets via reverse repo operations to relieve pressure on the economy.



SOMALIA

National emergency in the region

As billions of locusts descended on parts of Kenya, Somalian agriculture minister declared it a national emergency. This worst outbreak in 70 years initiated from Somalia and Ethiopia due to abnormally heavy rains. Small planes were flown over affected areas to spray pesticides as the only solution.



AUSTRALIA

Novak Djokovic wins again

Novak Djokovic defeated Domanic Thiem to win his 8th Australian Open singles title. The victory helped Djokovic reclaim no. 1 world ranking, pushing Rafael Nadal down on the charts. Djokovic has moved closer to Roger Federer with 17 grand slams in his pocket.



BANGLADESH

Education permitted to Rohingyas

The Rohingya children living in refugee camps have been permitted to access formal education by the government of Bangladesh. The education will be provided under Myanmar's curriculum so that students can continue their education in Myanmar if the repatriation process is initiated in future. The move has been applauded by Right activists, who have been campaigning for Rohingya's right to education for months.

News Flash

► **Kenya:** Former president of Kenya, Daniel Arap Moi dies at the age of 95 ► **Japan:** 3500 on cruise ship quarantined after one passenger tested positive for Coronavirus ► **Pakistan:** Citizens return from Wuhan post the outbreak of virus in China