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Durbaris swing from despair to hope

It is remarkable how little effort is needed to change the political alignment of the small number of people who constitute what Tavleen Singh, in her must-read account of the Rajiv Gandhi era, has called the "Durbaris". Some of the faces have changed since the era of total Congress dominance. The monopoly of the Doon School-Cambridge brigade may have been broken by the scions of political families, representatives of new money and, inevitably, the creamy layer of the media. But what binds the old Durbar to its contemporary avatar is the common fascination with political power.

Just about a month or so ago, the broad Durbar consensus was that the Congress was on a very sticky wicket—particularly after the discovery of Robert Vadra as a bad egg—and that it was unlikely the Government would survive its full term. The turning point was the discovery, courtesy Nitin Gadkari, that "social entrepreneurship" is a double-edged sword. The BJP's visible loss of momentum after its national president was disgraced in the eyes of everyone, apart from the know-all ascetics of 'Orange County', has given a nimble-footed Congress an opportunity to recover. As has Avind Kejriwal's over-kill of scandals. So much so that there are enough Durbaris who are prophesying the arrival of a UPA-3 after a general election.

Such prognosis may, of course, be purely seasonal and in the event of the Congress losing both Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat to the BJP, a very different mood may come to dominate the Delhi Durbar. For the moment, however, there is a perception that a combination of deft floor management in Parliament, unflinching brazenness and the pretence of purposeful reformism has yielded results.

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The suggestions of minor skulduggery should not, however, detract from the fact that Congress has kept its nerve and created a cost-effective, burn-through-to-talk. The Aadhaar scheme, scheduled to become operational next month, may not necessarily erode civil liberties, as alarmist activists believe—it is prone to generous misuse. However, the Congress has calculated that direct money transfers will become a State-run income support payment and make the beneficiaries permanently grateful to the Lady Bountiful and her family that made it possible. An extra ₹800 or so each month in an individual's savings bank account, it is believed, will make the *aam aadmi* impervious to all that noise about an errant son-in-law who is a real estate *dala* or trust property that becomes an income generator for the private political expenses of those who were born into it.

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In the past week, the inevitable kerfuffle in Parliament has centred on attempts to reduce the discretionary powers of the executive and make decision-making more wholesome. Thus, the Opposition has sought to make the Government explain its policy of allowing foreign direct investment in retail to the majority decision of Parliament. The BJP has also insisted that the appointment of important officials such as the head of the Central Bureau of Investigation be non-partisan. The Government, on its part, has been resisting any curtailment of its "right to govern" unhindered by larger scrutiny.

The issue is worthy of a larger debate on the principles of governance. However, what is interesting is the solid support the principle of non-accountability has received from the Durbar. This can be explained by the fact that the biggest beneficiaries of executive discretion invariably happen to be those who are part of the "in" group. There is also awareness that in an era of rampant corruption and water-thin majorities, the end of arbitrariness implies the end of the political culture that makes the Durbar relevant at all times, apart from voting day. The imposition of the principles of scrutiny and accountability constitutes a direct challenge to political cynicism.

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Govt plans discussion on 2G loss figures

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Riding piggyback on former Nauditor RP Singh, the Government is now planning for a discussion — through a motion moved by the DMK — on the issue of 2G scam's pre-emptive loss figures and PAC chairman MM Joshi's role in it even as it continued to attack the CAG and dared it to a public debate on its findings.

The Government has also dangled that 2G debate bait to close ranks with DMK over FDI in multi-brand retail to which the UPA ally is opposed.

The DMK is likely to move a motion during the ongoing Winter Session to press for a debate on the 2G issue fol-

lowing the former Director General's charge that pre-emptive loss figures (₹1.76 lakh crore) in spectrum allocations were audited and Joshi had called audit officials to his house on a holiday to prepare the Parliamentary panel's report on the scam.

Meanwhile, the Information & Broadcasting Minister Manish Tewari dared the top auditor to a public platform in a debate on the 2G report findings prompting the BJP to take strong exception to the Congress party's renegitance attempts to denigrate institutions.

"It is surprising, in fact shocking, that even Ministers from the Union Cabinet come out to question to destabilise and to also in a way demoralise institutions," BJP spokesperson Nirmala Sitharaman said even as she questioned Congress president Sonia Gandhi's silence over Coalgate, CWG and Robert Vadra.



The DMK, which continues to face major embarrassment with its leader and former Telecom Minister A Raja who was forced to resign and imprisoned along with DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi's daughter Kanimozhi for their involvement in 2G scam, would try to use Singh's allegations to turn the tables on CAG and the Opposition.

Senior DMK leaders have already started citing Singh's revelations to claim that it proved that Raja was innocent and he worked as per TRAI guidelines.

This would also suit the Congress, which is trying hard to get rid of the 2G scam taint before facing the electorate in 2014. Back channel negotiations are on between senior Government Ministers and DMK leaders over the issue

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with Telecom Minister Kapil Sibal playing a crucial role.

The Congress is also trying to ensure that DMK, which is opposing FDI in multi-brand retail, doesn't play spoiler in the event of a vote as demanded by the Opposition even if it does not agree to come on board on the issue. Holding a debate on the 2G issue will also help the Government in diverting

attention from FDI.

Tewari said: "Let CAG come and answer because these mythical and sensational figures have derailed India's story in last two years. The 2G report has made public discourse extremely vitiated."

He also charged the PAC chairman of forcing the CAG to come out with the figures which have been questioned by the former CAG DG.

BJP spokesperson Rajiv Pratap Rudy countered saying: "Even if we ignore what he (RP Singh) is saying for a while, is it not a fact that A Raja was sent to jail and there is a chargesheet filed against him? Is it not a fact that the Prime Minister sacked him from office despite his being a Minister from a strong alliance partner? Is it not a fact that the Supreme Court struck down the licences? Is it not a fact that the CVC found corruption in 2G-spectrum allocation? Is it not a fact that CBI has filed a chargesheet in the matter?"

PONTY CHADHA MURDER

Namdhari main culprit, cops tell court

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Sukhdev Singh Namdhari, the sacker of Uttarakhand's Ministry Commission chairman, was on Saturday accused by the police of being the key conspirator in the shootout that killed liquor baron Ponty Chaddha and his brother Hardeep, who was allegedly shot by him.

Police also accused Namdhari of being involved in vandalising the farmhouse, besides committing loot, robbery and attempt to murder. They told a magisterial court that Namdhari had confessed to having shot Hardeep Chaddha in the Chhattarpur farm house in South Delhi last Saturday with his pistol when Hardeep pointed his gun at him.

Meanwhile, a city court sent Namdhari to a five-day police custody on Saturday after he was produced before the court a day after his arrest.

Seeking his custody, Police told a magisterial court that Namdhari had confessed to having shot Hardeep Chaddha in the Chhattarpur farmhouse in South Delhi with his pistol when Hardeep pointed his gun at him. It was also told that Namdhari was Ponty Chaddha's front man. "Many other persons are also involved in this case and there is a deep-rooted conspiracy in the present crime. In this case, persons having assets of over ₹1,000 crores are likely to be involved, in this conspiracy," Public Prosecutor Manoj Choudhary said.

"Custodial interrogation at length is required to unearth the entire conspiracy," he said. The police told the court that they had to trace his accomplices who had accompanied him on Sunday, November 25, 2012, on account of Moharram.

There will, therefore, be no issue of the newspaper on Monday, November 26, 2012.

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PUNE/KOLKATA/NEW DELHI

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Tomato solution to clean drinking water

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ COIMBATORE

This one assumes tremendous significance in India where availability of water for drinking water is a perennial problem. The tomato peel, which is thrown out by you or by fruit juice sellers as well as ketchup manufacturers, is found to be the ideal solution to clean drinking water!

A team of scientists, led by India-born Prof V Suresh, Department of Chemistry, National University of Singapore, has claimed that its research has proved that tomato peel with its unique adsorption capability adsorbs all dissolved toxins and pollutants from water.

"Shaking of water with tomato peel led to purification without any chemicals, membranes or filters. We are working out the final modalities for transferring the know-how to society," Prof Suresh told The



Pioneer on the sidelines of an international seminar on nano technology organised by the KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengode near Coimbatore.

"There is no machinery, equipment or chemical processes involved in water purification with the tomato peel. The peel has a large surface area which can adsorb almost all the pollutants present



Arvind Kejriwal along with other members of the newly founded 'Aam Aadmi Party' addresses the media after a meeting in New Delhi on Saturday

Party name rubs Cong wrong way

Kejriwal calls his party Aam Aadmi!

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

The christening of Team Kejriwal as 'Aam Aadmi Party' (AAP) on Saturday triggered a showdown with the Congress, which objected to the usage of '*aam aadmi*' saying it has been its slogan for long and cannot be hijacked.

Political activist Arvinder Kejriwal and his team, however, said they would fight to ensure they got the right to use the name. Among others, the party said it will have provisions against domination by one family (read Congress); if one becomes a member of the State or National Executive Councils, his or her relatives will not find place in any councils; and it will have the Right to Recall, which will be implemented in the Councils right up to the district level. The new party is slated to make its electoral debut in the Delhi Assembly polls next year.

Though the Congress downplayed the launch of the new political outfit saying there were 1,453 political parties registered in India, however, objected to its nomenclature.

The *Aam Aadmi* (common man) is synonymous with the Congress since 1985 when the party came into existence. Therefore, nobody can either hijack or skycrap or bicycle-jack the intrinsic relationship between the Congress and the people of this country," Information & Broadcasting Minister Manish Tewari said in Chandigarh.

Congress general secretary BK Hariprasad said it showed that these outfits were copying the Congress even as they tried to deface it. Kejriwal countered saying the Congress hijacked the word *aam aadmi* earlier but they could not hijack the common man.

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back out of the tomato and apple peel better stay away from Prof Suresh. He is not going to share the hidden secrets behind the peel with them. "We are looking for NGOs who can train volunteers across India, may be three or four volunteers per village, who will teach the villagers how to purify the water with the peel. We have decided not to commercialise the technology," said Dr Suresh.

It was in early October that Prof Suresh and his team of young researchers proved beyond doubt on such interesting properties of the tomato peel.

"In addition to tomato peel, we can use apple peel or eggshell membranes for water purification. We checked the results with Indian as well as foreign apples. The results were exciting," he pointed out.

The team was in pursuit of a cost-effective and efficient material and method for water purification. "There are nano materials capable of water purification. But our objective was to find out a material which has efficient adsorption towards the toxic adsorbents. Beeswax, fruits and vegetables, usually considered as a waste, have this unique property," he said.

Though a proponent of nano science and nanotechnology, Prof Suresh cautions about the negative impact of nanomaterials in human anatomy. "We prefer to develop solutions using naturally available materials instead of the untested and uncertain materials."

Even eggshell membrane (the membrane found between the egg shell and the egg white) too has the unique capability of adsorbing the toxic and impure materials from water. "The reason is the same. Egg shell membrane too has large surface area which can adsorb impurities. Never ever throw away the eggshell membrane when you eat a boiled egg," he said.

Meat shops to remain closed today

Lucknow (PNS): All the meat shops and slaughter houses in the state will remain closed on Sunday in the wake of the birth anniversary of Sant TL Vaswani.

RESTIVITIES MARK NCC DAY PARADE

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW During the 64th NCC Raising Day celebrations, a NCC Day parade was organised at the AMC Stadium here in Lucknow Cantonment on Saturday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that I have changed my both sons name Himagra Rai to Himagra and Shalagra Rai to Shalagra for all purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my daughter I Sayed Shahkar Faizal solemnly declare that my daughter Zaina Azhar will be known by the name of Sayeda Zaina Azhar in future.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my daughter I Sayed Shahkar Faizal solemnly declare that my daughter Zoya Azhar will be known by the name of Sayeda Zoya Azhar in future.

AUCTION NOTICE

On 12-20-2012, 12.30 p.m. Mandi Parishad, Vilohiti Mandi, Gontli Nagar, Lucknow Unserviceable Computers & Related Accessories.

The parade was commanded by Senior Under Officer Shivnand Singh with the cadets in their finely turned out uniform marching to military precision.

The parade was reviewed by the Commandant, AMC Centre and College, OIC Records AMC and Colonel Commandant, Lt Gen SS Panwar, who graced the occasion as chief guest.

The parade was followed by a plethora of activities to include inviture ceremony, para-sailing, aero and ship model display, equestrian display, NCC song by the cadets and cultural programmes that added to the festive air of the occasion.

Cadets who had done the UP Directorate pro during the previous year were felicitated by Lt Gen Panwar who in his address said that NCC as a nationwide organisation had done much to build the character of the youth.

Similarly, Additional Director General (ADG), UP NCC Directorate, Maj Gen VM Kalra in his address to the gathering said that NCC, UP Directorate had trained over 1.22,300 cadets in the past year. It was the endeavour of NCC to help the cadets in character building not only through adventure sports such as gliding, trekking, rock climbing, mountaineering, para-jumping, para-sailing and also through social work and community service such as AIDS and cancer awareness generation, tree plantation drives, Pulse Polio immunisation, blood donation camps etc.

Maj Gen Kalra informed that the NCC UP Directorate had been performing commendably at inter-directorate competitions. He expressed the hope that the UP Directorate contingent would also continue to do well in the Republic Day Parade-2013 in New Delhi.

Maj Gen Kalra concluded his address by thanking Lt Gen Panwar for taking time out of his hectic schedule to



NCC Raising Day celebrations under at AMC Stadium on Saturday

grace this occasion and hoped that all cadets would strive to live up to the NCC motto of 'Unity and Discipline'. Those who won the Chief Minister's gold medal 2011-12 included cadets Dharmendra Singh, Mohd Waris, Gaurav Tyagi, Poonam Devi, Jyotika Bhatti and Anjali Singh.

The Chief Minister's Silver Medal for 2011-12 was won by cadets Azam Khan, Chandan Vishwakarma, Sanjesh Kumar, Sonia Chauhan, Arpita Tiwari and Pritika Bhoj.

The winner groups of inter-group competition for 2012-13, SD drill competition (Gorakhpur), SW drill competition (Gorakhpur), ID/JW drill competition (Gorakhpur), Guard of Honour (Gorakhpur), National Integration Awareness Programme (NIAP), Lucknow, Flag Area (Gorakhpur), cultural shared by Lucknow and Gorakhpur and best cadet (Gorakhpur).

'There is flavour on every street of Lucknow'

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Celebrity chef Harpal Singh Sokhi was in Lucknow on Saturday for the auditions of Secret Recipe.

Harpal selected few best recipes and the winners will be taken to Mumbai to cook with Master Chef Sanjeev Kapoor on the show 'Secret Recipe'.

The celebrity chef, who is also the host of 'Turban Tadka', while talking to 'The Pioneer', said that there was flavour on every street of the city.



"While I was in Kanpur, a small boy prepared 'Khus-Khus Zabo' and it was so good that I told him that I will highlight his dish," said Harpal. The chef was upbeat about the auditions. "I was mesmerised to see the enthusiasm for food among the people of Lucknow. I believe that each cooking experience is unique and there is something new to learn each time I don that job. The people of Lucknow definitely reinforced the passion of food in me," he said.

celebrity chef said. "Only those shows which make food simple will survive".

He calls this style of cooking KISS (keep it straight and simple) by using ingredients of the season and adding regional flavours to each dish. The chef also emphasised on unusual and healthy ingredients such as barley, also vera, sweet potato etc. 'Secret Recipe' will be featured in India's food lifestyle channel, a show that aims to discover the signature recipes of Indians across the country. The show will also delve into the intriguing stories behind these signature dishes.

The show is likely to go on air by early December this year. Through the show, the channel would recognise the hidden talent and delve into the memories and food stories that go behind each of these dishes.

EDUCATIONWATCH/JAGDISH GANDHI

Only education can bring world peace

Acceptance of oneness of mankind is the first fundamental prerequisite for the reorganisation and administration of the world as one country, the home of humankind. Universal acceptance of this spiritual principle is essential to any successful attempt to establish world peace.

Every child is potentially the light of the world as well as the cause of its darkness, wherefore must the question of meaningful (spiritual) education be accounted as of primary importance. "I uphold that school must strive to make every child both 'good and smart' so that every child coming out of the portals of the school should become a 'gift of God' to mankind, and a pride of the human race."

The school should strive to be ideal world citizens committed to the credo, "The Earth is but One Country and mankind its Citizens." World peace is possible only through education. Through education important issues can be highlighted in the minds of children and the spirit of brotherhood, community living, co-operation and spiritual values can be infused in them.

limited innovation to its margins. A school should lead others in society. As parents are increasingly unable to provide spiritual nourishment they once did, the schools must take on a new responsibility. They must both set and meet new standard of ethical conduct. By demonstrating the effectiveness of spiritual and divine knowledge to children, parents and society, a school can become a lighthouse model of values. In this new role, a school presents enormous new possibilities for the discovery of the transforming power of divinity for the individual and society.

School is like an oasis in the desert, a centre of respect and values that stands out not only among the students but with the society as a whole. As a teacher I have given my students a unique concept of the TQP (Total Quality Program), that is, a person who is balanced in all aspects of life, inside and outside. Students should aspire to perfection and school should teach them that God wants all to aim for perfection, both within and without.

By making excellence a value, students should show an internal desire to excel, to stretch the boundaries of their human and spiritual potential. By making this spiritual education experiment successful in academic sense there is a need for a spiritual education at all spheres of life. I place special emphasis on the learning of science as a vehicle to discover the inner mysteries and divine realities. With constant educational and spiritual development, children learn to articulate and begin to understand the more complex realities of life, discover the inner meaning of faith and worship, and develop a love for God. There is a natural connection between science and spirituality as two important and connected vehicles for the discovery of the world and its inner realities. And when teachers become exemplars and believe in the spiritual goals wholeheartedly, change will be real and permanent. Both family and society must be transformed in the process of educating the child.

(As told to Runa Srivastava by the founder-manager of City Montessori School)

Advertisement for DVR Cinemas featuring movies like 'Life of Pi', 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2', and 'Son of Sardaar'.

Advertisement for 'BOOK YOUR ADVERTISEMENTS IN CLASSIFIED & APNA BAZAR AT FOLLOWING CENTRES:' listing various locations and contact details.

Advertisement for Sharman croons 'All is well...' with city kids, featuring a photo of Sharman and a movie poster for 'Life of Pi'.

Sachan's wife files objection against CBI closure report

LAW REPORTER ■ LUCKNOW

Malti Sachan, wife of former deputy CMO YS Sachan, on Saturday filed objection against the CBI's closure report in her husband's death inside the Lucknow jail. The objection was filed in the court of Special Judicial Magistrate Neelmani Kant Tripathi.

Sachan, who was found dead in a prison under mysterious circumstances on June 22, 2011 was arrested on charges of orchestrating the murder of CMOs BP Singh, Singh and V K Arya.

Sachan had allegedly threatened to expose people behind the murders of two CMOs through a letter written 10 days before his death.

Taking cognisance of the objection, the court fixed the next date of hearing on December 15 and asked the CBI to file its reply.

Appearing on the behalf of Malti Sachan, counsel Vinod Kumar Shahi argued that Dr Sachan had died under mysterious circumstances inside the Lucknow district jail. He further submitted before the court that Malti had lodged a case of murder and criminal conspir-



Malti Sachan with the Gossainganj police on June 26 against unidentified persons. The counsel claimed that considering the circumstances in which the body of doctor Sachan was recovered and also the injury marks, prima facie it seemed to be a case of murder.

The counsel further submitted that the CBI was assigned to probe the murder mystery after a PIL seeking CBI probe was filed in the issue and during the hearing of the PIL, the High Court had ordered for a CBI probe into Sachan's death.

The counsel further submitted that a judicial probe by Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Rajesh Upadhyay was conducted into Sachan's death

before the CBI came on the scene and the CJM had submitted his fact-finding report on July 11, 2011.

The counsel argued that CJM report clearly mentioned that Sachan's death was a murder and contradicted that Sachan was under depression and had committed suicide. The counsel pointed out that the jail doctors, Rajesh Agrawal and Dr Yogesh Kumar, did not detect any symptoms of depression nor Sachan was given any kind of medicines to treat depression.

Malti's counsel alleged that the blade, which was recovered by the police after murder, was planted to create suicide theory.

The former deputy CMO's wife said that after murder the police claimed that a surgeon knife was found from the spot, but its recovery was never shown. She alleged that "the role of then IG (Prison) YK Gupta was suspicious", but CBI paid no attention towards it.

While doctor Sachan was in the jail, he wrote a letter to her expressing apprehension that he might be killed, but the CBI did not satisfactorily looked into that aspect, Malti

pointed out.

Malti's counsel tabled the statement of jail doctor, Dr Yogesh, who stated that, on June 10, a police officer had come in the pharmacy room in the jail hospital and he had taken a surgical knife from the room saying that he wanted to get it examined. Dr Yogesh also had stated that the police officer did not give any receipt nor mentioned it in the jail record and that the said surgical knife was yet to be returned.

The counsel further argued that then SO, Gossainganj, Sanjay had given the statement that an FSI team had recovered a half blade from a drainage, one end of which had blood stains. No other sharp-edged weapon or surgical knife was recovered during the search from the drainage after Sachan's death was reported. Shahi contended that the injuries on Sachan's body bore could not be inflicted by blade and that injuries that Sachan bore in his throat was ante-mortem.

He further contended that the CBI seemingly had proven the case taking suicide angle into account and did not even test the belt by which Sachan had hanged himself.

Medicos exhorted to serve people selflessly



Former KGMU V-C Prof Hari Gautam inaugurating the foundation day of the university on Saturday

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

An institution does not become famous by its gates, domes, walls or floors but it is the people (faculty and students) who ornate it with their good and virtuous deeds.

This was said by former Vice-Chancellor of the King George's Medical University (KGMU) Prof Hari Gautam on the occasion of 108th foundation day of the institution on Saturday.

Speaking as the chief guest at the foundation day programme, he appealed the medical students to take their profession as a gift of God. He also congratulated the students for undergoing their course at the institution properly.

A doctor has to shoulder a great responsibility. A doctor gives life to a patient so here people personally the God as doctors. The budding doctors at the university will have to keep this thing in mind. It is their responsibility to maintain this image," he said adding that the doctors should behave well with their patients.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the guest of honour of the programme Prof Devika Nag congratulated the student on their success.

Go with good and virtuous thoughts to serve people. These are the best days which you spend at the KGMU. All

the KGMU students should feel proud as they got a chance to get educated in one of the top 10 medical institutions of India. Serve people with noble deeds," she said.

As many as 115 persons including medical students, faculty members and the nurses were given prizes and medals by the chief guest and the KGMU V-C on the occasion.

The PG students who were honoured with the gold medal on the occasion included Dr Priyanka Tiwari, Dr Kiliank Saroha and Dr Manoj Kumar Shukla.

As many as 20 MBBS students of KGMU were given gold medals while 32 MBBS students were awarded silver medals. Similarly, 17 BDS students of KGMU were awarded gold medals while 37 BDS students were given silver medals.

Two nurses of the KGMU were also honoured on the occasion for their excellent service. Neomi Rani Singh was made Maharaja Balarampur Gold Medal for Nursing. She was adjudged the best nurse among all.

Padma Shukla was awarded SDK Distinguished Sister Award. Besides this, several faculty members of the KGMU were also honoured at the programme by their services. The faculty members who were honoured included Prof PK

Sharma from Anatomy department, Prof Vinith Singh from Ophthalmology department, Prof Shashi Awasthi from Paediatrics department, Prof Punita Manik from Anatomy, Dr Amita Pandey from Gynaecology department, Prof Narsingh Verma from Physiology department.

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Sea of mourners attend Shab-e-Ashoor procession

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The 'Shab-e-Ashoor' procession was taken out by a sea of mourners on 9th Moharram from Imambara Nazim Saheb, Victoria Street, on Saturday.

The procession passed through Tulsidas Marg and several other roads before culminating at Dargah Hazrat Abbas in Saadatganj.

The procession was taken out on the eve of 10th Moharram (*Zam-e-Ashura*) when Imam Hussain attained martyrdom in Karbala along with his 71 companions, including relatives and friends.

Barfoot and draped in black cloth, the mourners took part in the procession amid heavy security. Several Anjumanams performed *matam* and recited *mansoori*. People turned out in large numbers to join the solemn observance.

The mourners also performed *zanjir-ka-matam* and *qama-ka-matam* to feel the pain of Karbala martyrs.

Meanwhile, the district administration has ensured elaborate security arrangements for *Ashoora juloos* to be taken out on Sunday.

Meanwhile, in view of the procession to be taken out on the occasion of 10th Moharram falling on Sunday, the Traffic department on Saturday announced diversions on various routes.

No traffic will be allowed on Kaila

move towards Bulakiada via Meena Bakery. It will be diverted towards Rajajipuram (E block).

Traffic from Mawaiya will be diverted towards right from Bhusa Mandi trisecton. Besides this, the Traffic department also made diversion in various areas coming on the route of 'Tazia' procession.

Roadways and city buses going towards Badshah Nagar from GTI will be diverted towards Gomti Nagar.

Traffic from Hazratganj, Gole Market, Post Office Mahanagar trisecton will not be permitted towards Badshah Nagar and will move via the headquarters of 35th PAC battalion. Traffic towards Badshah Nagar from Central Bank trisecton will be diverted towards Chhannial crossing.

Wireless crossing, Similarly, traffic coming from Kukrali bridge will be diverted towards headquarters of 35th PAC battalion from India Nagar and Lekhranj and going to Badshah Nagar will be diverted towards GTI and reach their destination via Gomti Nagar.

Roadways, city buses and normal traffic from Telibagh bridge will not be allowed towards Telibagh market as this would be diverted in the direction of Bangla Bazar bridge. Traffic coming from Subhani Khera will be diverted towards Devi Khera.



People taking tazia for Moharram on Saturday. Pioneer

Nehru crossing-Patanala route, Nakkhas-Tudiyanj, Kishbagh-Tudiyanj via Haiderganj trisecton and on Victoria Street.

Traffic from Alambagh, Langara Phatak will not be allowed towards Ranjeet Singh building. Traffic will be diverted towards Rajajipuram (A block) from Jalapur road crossing.

Traffic from Rajajipuram will not

The mushaira will see the participation of Wasim Barieli, Ibrahim Ashik, Sakil Azmi, Tanvari Gaazi, Majid Devyand, Shef Bahbar, Malkizada Jafid, Imran Pratapganj, Abid Wala, Raees Ansari, Shyam Singh Shaba, Shaba Aziz and Tariq Qumari.

There will be seven hundred stalls—300 commercial and 400 for artisans from nearly 20 states participating in the handicrafts exhibition. There will be 60 pavilions, 40 food stalls and 40 kiosks. The pavilions will showcase Tourism department, NBRI, SUDA, the telecom sector and the corporate sector. The farmers will get appropriate representation in the Kisan Mela.

The other events to be held include Ekka Tonga, Kite competitions, boat rally, vintage car rally and wrestling which will see participation from several age groups. The cycle rally will be flagged off from Lohia Park on December 2.

The Lucknow Parivahan Seva will provide 100 Lucknow Mahotsava special buses for those visiting the city's mega event. This will be in addition to autos and maxicabs service up to the Mahotsav venue.

The officials said adequate security arrangements had been made for the Mahotsav where CCTVs and 1,000 policemen would keep a close watch on the venue.

The daily entry ticket will be available at Rs 10 and the seasonal one for ₹50. Officials said arrangements were being made for sale of tickets in bus also.

The Mahotsav is a joint endeavour of the district administration, police department and Lucknow Development Authority.

Tortured by husband, in-laws, woman commits suicide

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Failing to withstand the torture allegedly at the hands of her husband and in-laws, a woman ended her life consuming poisonous substance at her house in Nagram.

Victim's family lodged a case accusing her husband and in-laws of abetment to suicide.

On his complaint, the police registered a case of dowry and abetment to suicide and started the probe. The victim was married to Raju five years ago and was facing torture since then. Her brother claimed that several efforts were made to settle the dispute but to no avail.

UP Govt to start e-payment in all districts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The state government has decided to adopt the e-payment system for all kinds of payments across the state. Hardoi will be the first district of the state to start e-payments.

This was disclosed by Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Mittal here on Saturday. He said in the e-payment system, money would be directly credited in the account of the recipient. Mittal said in the first phase, payment of

salaries of employees of several departments and pensions would be made through the e-payment system.

He also said that pensioners would submit their life certificate in their banks.

The Divisional Commissioner said that from December 1, salaries of all employees in Hardoi district, out of 67 DDOS, 65 have completed their work relating to e-payment system.

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Rang Jaloos sets the tone for Lucknow Mahotsav

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Rang Jaloos, a procession taken out by two hundred odd artists on Saturday to herald the start of Nya Mahotsav, set the tone for Lucknow Mahotsav.

The Rang Jaloos was flagged off by additional district magistrate OP Pathak and in keeping with the solemnity of Moharram, it was taken out without much pomp and show.

The artists, dressed through Hazratganj, Press Club and Baradari before returning to the Rai Umamahi Bal auditorium.

The first play staged at this year's Nya Mahotsav was Aadab Art Hai, written originally by Maulik and translated into Hindi by Salim Atri. The play, staged by the Manchritri theatre group, was directed by Sangam Bahuguna.

'Aadab Art Hai' is a comedy that depicts the revenge of the wife of a tailor who is often beaten up by her husband. The woman takes the servants of a Sheikh that her husband is a doctor but would not admit this until he is given a good beating. The Sheikh has a daughter who is dumb and so his men catch hold of the tailor. What follows is a hilarious comedy.

Meanwhile, the city geared up for the Lucknow Mahotsav, which will be formally inaugurated by Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav at Smriti Uparan in Ashiyana on November 26.

The closing ceremony on December 6 will be attended by Governor BI Joshi. With the event drawing closer, the ongoing work at the Mahotsav grounds has gained momentum.

The opening ceremony will see children of City Montessori School present a



Preparations underway at the Lucknow Mahotsav venue on Saturday. Pioneer

colourful programme on the Mahotsav's theme—'Ekta Ki Virasat'.

The classical presentation on the opening day will be by well-known flautist Hari Prasad Chaurasia and well-known vocalist Girja Devi.

The main cultural stage of the Lucknow Mahotsav will see performances by artistes famous across the country as well as the local ones.

The artists invited for the extravaganza include Gurdas Maan, Remo Fernandes, Manoj Tewari, Bhupendra and Mitali, Wadali Bandhu and Abhijit Sawant.

The Hindi Kavi Sammelan is being organised by the Hindi Sansthan and it will see the participation by Gopal Das Neeraj, Ashok Chakradhar, Kunwar Bechar, Son Thakur, Budhinath Mishra, Satish Sharma, Vinay Vishwas, Gajendra Solanki, Surrya Kumar Pandey, Ragini Charurvedi, Pramod Tewari, Shashank Prabhakar and Suman Dubey.

CME on challenges for AFMS inaugurated

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A two-day continuing medical education (CME) by Army Medical Corps (AMC) Centre and College on Physician Executives: Challenges and Perspectives for Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) began at Major Lashram Jyoti Singh auditorium, AMC Centre and College, here in Lucknow Cantonment on Saturday.

Commandant, AMC Centre and College, OIC Records AMC and Colonel Commandant, Lt Gen SS Panwar graced the occasion as chief guest.

In his inaugural address, Lt Gen Panwar said that the CME would be recommending requirements to optimise all aspects of human resources, development and organisation effectiveness. It would provide necessary inputs for viable and sustainable roadmap for physician executive in AFMS.

The conference began with inaugural address by Commandant and Chief



Instructor, Officers Training College (OTC), AMC Centre and College, Maj Gen D Pathania who welcomed the chief guest and dignitaries attending the CME.

Healthcare provisioning, including hospital management systems, have undergone significant changes in the recent past. These are likely to witness more diversification and development in the years to come.

"In order to achieve effec-

tiveness, it is essential that doctors take up leadership roles in policy-making, operational and strategic thinking and functioning of hospitals. It is to address these issues and challenges that the armed forces doctors encounter or are likely to encounter in war and peace time scenarios that Senior Armed Forces Medical Services officers from Lucknow and outstation will be taking part in the deliberations and panel discussions.

Govt's appeal to Haj-2013 pilgrims

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

State government appealed the people planning to go on Haj-2013 to get their passports done from the regional passport office before the announcement of the pilgrimage.

President of the Haj Committee Azam Khan asked the pilgrims to check whether they had a valid passport for Haj-2013.

He said that the pilgrims who did not possess a passport should get it done from the regional passport office before Haj-2013 announcement.

He also appealed the pilgrims to ensure that their passport was valid till March 31, 2014 and the card had at least two empty pages. If the card is not renewed, it should be done before the announcement of Haj-2013.

He also appealed the pilgrims to open their accounts in such banks which possessed IFS code.

The pilgrims will have to attach a cancelled copy of the cheque along with IFS code of the bank on the Haj application form.

Aamir impressed with Women Power Line

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Famous film actor Aamir Khan surprised everyone working at the recently set up Women Power Line on Saturday. He was among the female constables to get a feel of the working of the cell.

Aamir later met DIG, Lucknow, Navti Sikera. After reaching the venue, Aamir visited the counselling centre and attentively heard the counselling taking place there. Impressed by the process, Aamir congratulated the officer present there for sensitively addressing the problems of women.

Aamir also congratulated Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav for taking the initiative and setting up a cell to address the problems of women. He stressed the need of similar cells in other states also.

Aamir assured the officials to include some problems being dealt with by the Women Power Line in the second edition of his famous serial Satyamev Jayate and also invite the Women Power Line team in the show.

Several police officers were present on this occasion.



Bollywood actor Aamir Khan visiting the Women Power Line in the state capital on Saturday

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CII, UP govt to organise Rozgar Mela on Nov 27

LUCKNOW (PNS): In order to establish an effective link between industry and skilled talent pool, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), in partnership with Government of Uttar Pradesh will organise a Rozgar Mela for ITIs along November 27 at IIT Aliganj, Lucknow.

The objective of this initiative is to bring in employers from different regions and provide employment avenues for the youths in Uttar Pradesh who are passing out from ITIs.

The Rozgar Mela will factor in requirements and expectations of the industries, potential of ITI students, and challenges faced by them. This initiative targets to ensure inclusiveness and provide youth an opportunity to be a part of the mainstream economy.

The Rozgar Mela will be attended by 3,000-5,000 ITI passport students from all the districts of Lucknow region. Registration forms carrying entry passes have already been sent to the respective employment offices and ITIs.

Children's Science Congress concludes

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The 20th state-level NCSC concluded on Saturday on the campus of Sagar Institute of Technology and Management, Barabanki, with the announcement of the best projects that will represent UP at the national-level next month.

The chief guest Dr Sarvendra Vikram Bahadur Singh from Education department, spoke on the need for scientific temper among the young generation. He said that the race for degrees should stop and only if one goes in the field that interests him or her, could one excel.

He also released the compilation of the abstracts of the children's projects submitted during 2011. Dr Singh presented the certificates given by the NCSC committee to the district coordinators, guide teachers and inspectors of schools whose districts recorded highest participation during the year 2011.

The DIOS, coordinator and guide teacher from Aligarh all earned citation and mementos for their excellent performance.

Scientist Dr CM Nautiyal said that one should go back to the essence of the message from the speeches of Dr Kalam and Prof Yashpal that asking questions to oneself was important. Citing an anecdote from the life of famous scientist Gauss, he said that the young Gauss could add num-

bers from 1 to 100 using a simple logic that the number two ends of the sequence always were adding to 101 and there will be 50 such pairs. He emphasised that a little extra thinking before rushing with the routine process would be of immense help.

Executive Director of Sagar Group Madhu Agarwal, was also presented a memento on behalf of the state organising committee by Dr SK Singh, who announced the names of the selected students. About 250 projects from about 70 districts were presented during the Science Congress and the best ones will be presented at the national level December at BHU during December 27-31.

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SCHOOLSCAN

Annual Function



Lucknow Public School, Jail Road, celebrated its annual function at Rajapuram branch of the school. Students of the school performed in several cultural events and left the audience spellbound. State Minister, Sports and Youth Welfare Society, Kam Karan Arya was the chief guest of the function.

RLB

Annual Day of Rani Laxmi Bai Memorial Senior Secondary School, Indira Nagar branch was organised with much fanfare on Saturday. Students of the college presented several cultural programmes on the occasion.

EUREKA International-2012

Student teams from India and abroad continued to arrive at Lucknow to participate in the four-day International Literary and Cultural Festival 'Eureka International-2012' being organised by City Montessori School, Anand Nagar campus. This international festival will begin on Sunday at CMS Kanpur Road auditorium. CMS staff and students gave a warm reception to the participating students' teams from Iran, Nepal, Sri Lanka and various parts of India who arrived here at Lucknow on Saturday to participate in Eureka International-2012. The young students were happy and enthusiastic on reaching Lucknow and seemed very impressed by the welcome they received. Students' teams which arrived on Saturday included Shahid Mahdavi Primary Smart School, Iran; Malpi International School, Nepal; Survarabhumi Vidyalaya, Nepal and Children's Art Circle, Colombo, Sri Lanka etc. 'Eureka International-2012', a four-day International Literary and Cultural Festival is being organised by City Montessori School, Anand Nagar campus from November 25 to 28 at CMS Kanpur Road auditorium in which over 500 students from Sri Lanka, Iran, Nepal and various states of India will be participating.

International Young Mathematicians' Convention

At the opening ceremony, Housing Commissioner PV Jagan Mohan will be the chief guest while CMS students will present colourful educational-cultural programmes in honour of participating students of India and abroad. During Eureka International-2012, students from India and abroad will exhibit their outstanding talents and skills in various interesting contests viz Framed, Rhetoric Bards, Pop Art, Rendezvous Vis-a-vis, Footloose, Toss, Jolly Shadow, Merry Queries, Tintinnabulation in Wall Street, Radio Play-writing, A Zero Carbon City Campaign etc. These competitions will be organised in primary and junior categories.

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CRIMELINE

Found dead

A woman, identified as Geeta (40) of Kakori, was found dead at her house on Saturday. She was residing with her husband Ramesh Chandra Yadav who had married her after the death of his first wife. The police are investigating the case.

Body recovered

A woman's unidentified man was recovered in Malhabad on Saturday morning. The body was lying near a paan kiosk and was spotted first by Nand Kishor of Malhabad.

Injured

About two dozen persons suffered injuries when the tractor trolley they were travelling

overturned when one of its tyre burst all a sudden in Mohanlalaganj on Saturday afternoon. While some of the victims were given medical treatment and were discharged other were admitted to the hospital.

Fraud

Assistant Professor of Aryakul College of Pharmacy, Lucknow, Awadhesh Kumar Yadav lodged a case of illegal withdrawal of a cash of ₹5,000 from his account. In his complaint, Yadav said that he got a message of withdrawal of the same on his cell phone on November 19 and when he checked he found that cash had been debited from his bank account with Bank of Baroda, Cant Road. He alleged that the officials did not solve his case and requested the cyber cell to help him out.

CITY BRIEF



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Inauguration

Dr RB Lal inaugurated a two-day long agricultural exhibition on Agricultural Science Confluence-2012 at Indian Sugarcane Research Institute, Director, Indian Sugarcane Research Institute, Dr S Solomon, Director Fisheries, Dr JK Jena and Director, Mango Research Institute, Dr Ravi Shanker inspected the stalls at the exhibition.



Play 'Aad Ar Hai' being staged at Rai Unnathi Bai auditorium as part of the Nova Mahotsav on Saturday

SP Govt has failed to deliver results: Jayant

'Opposition has hijacked Parliament'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Hitting out at the Samajwadi Party government, Rashtriya Lok Dal general secretary and parliamentarian Jayant Chaudhary said on Saturday that the people of the state were feeling cheated as the Akhilesh Yadav government had failed to deliver results despite having full majority in the Assembly.

Jayant Chaudhary was in the state capital to launch the state membership drive in the state.

Questioning Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav's concern for farmers, the RLD general secretary said that under the influence of private sugar mill owners, the state government was delaying fixation of profitable cane prices and this was brewing anger among cane growers.

"If cane prices are not announced soon taking into consideration the increased cost of farming, the state government may face a strong

farmers' agitation," he warned.

The RLD general secretary asked party legislators to corner the state government in the ongoing Assembly session for the delay in fixation of cane prices.

Chaudhary said the RLD would continue to fight for fair prices of agricultural produce and would also mount pressure on the Centre for fixing minimum support price of wheat.

Lashing out at the Samajwadi Party leadership for forgetting its poll promises, the RLD general secretary said the state government had put too many conditions for availing the benefits of welfare schemes, including unemployment allowance and waiver of agricultural loans of farmers.

"The transfer and posting industry is flourishing as it was during the previous Bahujan Samaj Party regime and law and order was deteriorating with each passing day," he said.

The RLD general secretary accused the opposition parties of "hijacking Parliament and said debates on important issues were not taking place then to it. "The situation is that Parliament has been hijacked literally. Important issues on which debate should be held, like Land Acquisition Bill, are pending because there is no

discussion in the House," he said.

Jayant Chaudhary said the opposition's work was to put forth its view and let the government do its job. "Now the politics is of stalemate... If it becomes the prime objective of the opposition, then it will be difficult," he added.

The RLD general secretary said that if opposition wanted a discussion on the issue of foreign direct investment (FDI), it should go forward. "But the policy decision government has taken... if you think that there should be vote on every policy decision and accordingly it is reversed then it is not possible," he said.

"On the FDI issue, I will say that let us watch what situation emerges. The state governments have been given free hand. Provisions have been made in the policy for local industry and how new job opportunities are created," he said.

"The question is that for any decision which benefits the local producer, who are farmers, and small and medium industries and consumers get to it. "The situation is that Parliament has been hijacked literally. Important issues on which debate should be held, like Land Acquisition Bill, are pending because there is no



RDL general secretary Jayant Chaudhary addressing party leaders at the launch of membership drive in state capital on Saturday

states and had raised the issue in Parliament.

"Our struggle will continue, but in democracy it is not possible that if you are in the government you twist things accordingly," he said.

Launching the party's membership drive at the RLD state headquarters here, Chaudhary asked party work-

ers to raise the problems of the common man in their area and prepare ground for a strong agitation by ensuring participation of all farmers.

Speaking on the occasion, RLD state exhorter Munna Singh Chauhan addressed party office-bearers to spread the base of the RLD to new areas.

He asked the party's state

leaders to take up the membership drive at booth level in all districts to strengthen the organisation before the next Lok Sabha election.

Chauhan asked the state leaders to make RLD a party of common people and give priority to Dalits, minorities and deprived sections of society in the membership drive.

SP reiterates opposition to FDI in retail

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

Citing the recent revelations about Wal-Mart, the Samajwadi Party has reiterated its opposition to foreign direct investment (FDI) in retail sector saying it will harm the interests of farmers and retailers.

SP spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary said on Saturday that the recent information about Wal-Mart confirmed the concerns of their party supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav who believes that global retail outlets would only care for their profits and harm the interests of the nation, particularly its farmers and retailers.

Chaudhary said that Wal-Mart had also been exposed on ethical grounds as it offered bribes to the officers in India after adopting the same malpractices in Brazil, Mexico and China that are under investigation.

"The argument of the Congress that the FDI in retail will increase job opportunities

is without substance, as is evident from the demonstrations in front of Wal-Mart stores in the US," he said, adding: "We should not allow the repetition of the East India Company in lure of foreign investment."

Meanwhile, in a stern disciplinary action, the SP removed the state secretary of Samajwadi Yuvjan Sabha, Shriyansh Bahadur Singh Yadav, from the post.

Yadav, a native of Rae Bareilly, has also been served a notice for his expulsion from the party.

SP workers for fielding Prateek from Azamgarh

Meanwhile, a group of SP workers on Saturday demanded that party supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav's son Prateek replace Balram Yadav as the party's candidate from Azamgarh seat in the 2014 Lok Sabha election.

SP member Durga Prasad Shukla said Prateek would be the best choice for the seat.



Lakhs of people took holy dip in the Ganga on the occasion of Devashani Ekadashi and also solemnised the symbolic marriage of deity Tulsi in Varanasi on Saturday

S-I commits suicide

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

A police sub-inspector shot himself dead in his room in Alhapur area of Badaun district sometime on Friday night.

The incident came to light on Saturday morning when some constables went to the sub-inspector's room to inquire when the latter did not report on duty in the morning.

According to reports, Sub-Inspector Balveer Singh, a native of Etah district, was living alone in a room adjacent to the Miyapur police outpost of which he was the in-charge.

Singh had gone to his room but on Friday night. When he did not come to the out-post on Saturday morning, some constables went to his room and found Singh lying in a pool of blood. They also saw Singh's service revolver lying near him. The constables immediately informed the district police chief about the incident and a police team was rushed to the spot for investigation. Police said that Singh shot himself dead with his service revolver, probably due to depression.

In Kanpur, a brother-sister duo were killed and their bodies were thrown into a well on the outskirts of Binor village. Suraj (6) and his sister Khushi (4) went missing from their home in Sachendi area on Friday evening. After prolonged search, their bodies were found from a well situated outside the village. Police suspect personal enmity to be behind the murder.

3 die after inhaling poisonous gas

PNS/PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Three persons were killed due to methane gas leakage in the distillery plant of a sugar mill in Bijnor district on Friday.

According to reports, turbine operator Jagdish Prasad, Lokesh Kumar and security guard Pradeep Kumar fell unconscious and later died while trying to stop leakage of methane gas from a turbine of the distillery plant of the sugar mill in Seohara on Friday.

Two guards, Kashinath and Vijay, also became unconscious and were rushed to a hospital from where they were referred to Moradabad.

Executive president of the mill, Sukhveer Singh, announced that the widows of the deceased employees, Jagdish and Lokesh, would continue to receive salaries of their husbands and an interim relief of ₹ 1.25 lakh and due

compensation would also be paid to them.

The police registered a case.

Meanwhile, a woman was killed and her two sons were injured when the roof of her India Awas house collapsed in Musson area of Hathras.

According to police, Savitri Devi (55) was killed and her two sons, Jai Pal (15) and Jassu (10), were injured when the roof of her house collapsed in Nagla Sindh village on Friday.

The injured were referred to Aligarh for treatment.

In Ballia, one person was killed and eight others were injured when their vehicle overturned after colliding with a school bus in Phephana area on Saturday.

Gauri Shanker (45) was killed after his jeep overturned near Piyaria village on Saturday morning. The injured were admitted to the district hospital.

QUICK TAKES

UPCC body demands CBI probe into Faizabad clashes

Lucknow (PTI): The anti-communal front of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) on Saturday demanded a CBI probe into the violence at Faizabad last month, alleging a "nexus" between the state government and communal forces behind the clashes. "There appears to be a larger design in the violence in Faizabad indicating a nexus between the state government and local administration as well as communal forces, and we will request CBI probe into it," president of UPCC Anticommunal Front, Amarendra Mishra, told reporters here. Mishra said he would submit his report on the findings on the Faizabad incidents to senior Congress leader and in-charge of party's UP affairs, Digvijay Singh. He claimed, the incidents in Faizabad had "similarity with Gujarat communal incidents" and there could be an attempt to vilify the atmosphere before the Lok Sabha election in 2014. Two persons were killed in the clashes in Faizabad during immersion of the idols of Goddess Durga on the occasion of Vijay Dashmi on October 24.

take private tuitions from the lady teacher at his residence. But she was forced to discontinue the tuition after facing harassment by Agrawal. In her complaint on the 1090 helpline, the woman also accused Agrawal of sending her indecent SMSes. She said that even after she had quit giving tuitions to his grandchildren, the accused persisted with his offensive behaviour.

Tension in Babupurva

Kanpur (PNS): Tension gripped Babupurva on Saturday following the demolition of a religious place. The quick action of the district authorities defused the situation. A huge police force has been deployed in the area in view of Moharram. According to reports, Manchanda wife of late Bhakhu of Khatkha area under Babupurva police station, was carrying out some construction at a roadside temple. This was protested by a tea stall owner Bilal, Aslam and Raju, who said the construction was illegally extended by four feet. The DIG finally got the construction demolished and the issue came to an end.

Man killed in shoot-out

Lucknow (PNS): A man was killed while two others were injured in a shoot-out over a land dispute in Shalihalpur district. According to reports, two groups of villagers had a dispute over a piece of land in Dadiyara village under Sidhali police station. On Friday, both the groups came face to face and during a verbal duel, both the sides opened fire on each other. In the shoot-out, Khushiram was killed on the spot while Shiv Kumar and Sukhal suffered injuries and were admitted to hospital. Later Kamlesh lodged a report against Shiv Kumar and nine others.

64-year-old held for molesting teacher

Kanpur (PTI): An elderly businessman has been arrested for allegedly molesting a lady teacher here, police said. The accused Suresh Agrawal was arrested on Friday on molestation charges. Kanpur DIG of Police, Amitabh Yash, said on Saturday, adding that protection would be given to the victim. According to district police spokesperson, Agrawal is a prominent city businessman whose grandchildren used to

15-year-old school boy ends life

Meerut (PTI): A 15-year-old school boy allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself at the terrace of his residence in Preet Vihar colony, police said on Saturday. Victim's parents told police that the boy, who was not going to school since Diwali, was tense at not being able to complete his home work. No suicide note was recovered from the site.

Several hurt in clash

Meerut (PTI): At least two dozen people were injured when a clash broke out between two groups of Muslims during a Moharram procession in the district, police said. The clash broke out between two groups of minority community at Abhalpura village on Friday, after one side asked the other to stop beating drums during the procession as a *majlis* (religious gathering) was going on. SSP K Satyanarayan. The argument soon turned violent as the two sides exchanged fire and pelted stones at each other, prompting authorities to deploy police force in the district. Police are interrogating the persons arrested in connection with the violence. SP (Rural) RP Pandey said. A hunt is on to nab others. The situation is under control now.

No suspension for victimisation: CM



PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has directed all heads of department not to suspend anyone with the intention to victimise him or her.

The Chief Minister issued this

order after the case of an assistant teacher was brought to his notice during the Janata Darshan.

According to an official spokesman, assistant teacher Leena Walia of Gopal Balika Junior High School at Kakarkhera in Meerut, met the Chief Minister and complained that the school management had suspended her with the intention to victimise her.

The Chief Minister had directed the officials to inquire into the matter. The officials inquired about the details of the case and found Walia's complaint to be true. She was given justice and her suspension was revoked.

Walia thanked the Chief Minister through an e-mail.

Goons moving around as SP activists: BJP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday alleged that anti-social elements and miscreants all over the state were moving around freely in the garb of Samajwadi Party activists by flouting the flag of the ruling party and its

sticker of Mission 2014 on their vehicles.

Talking to media persons at party's state office here on Saturday, BJP spokesman Manoj Mishra said that while such elements struck fear among the common man by their anti-social activities, the officials of police and district administration preferred to remain mute spectators due to the protection given by ruling party leaders to such elements.

The BJP spokesman said that during the 8-month rule of the SP government, the graph of all crimes had shot up and no people were repenting at bringing in the SP to power with absolute majority.

"The presence of administration and police is not visible anywhere and it appears they have become non-existent," Mishra said.

The BJP spokesman demanded immediate check on use of SP sticker of Mission 2014 and party flag by unauthorised persons.

कॅनरा बँक Canara Bank DEMAND NOTICE

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This Demand notice is hereby given under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, inviting the Borrower/Guarantors to repay the amount with further interest and incidental expenses, cost, etc. for the credit facility granted to them on their guarantee within 60 days from the date of this notice. Failing which, the Bank will initiate the sale of the secured assets without prejudice to any other rights available to the Bank under the said Act and/or any other law in force and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the bank may have including further demands for the sum found due and payable. Details of Borrower/Guarantors, Credit facilities, property secured, date of NPA and Liability are given below:

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| Sri Ram Swaroop Mathe S/o Shri Kishor Chand, H. No. 358, Main Nagar, Robin Triangle, Lucknow-226004 | | Residence Address: Sri Ram Swaroop Mathe S/o Shri Kishor Chand, Sagar South House of Chakkar Pathak | | | |

Place: Lucknow, Date: 24.11.2012 **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

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Important Notice

Ref.: Employment Notice No.: NER/RC/Group D/Catering/03/2012 Dt. 28-01-2012

For Catering Section of Commercial Department Group D/ Head Waiter/Head Bearer posts in payband ₹ 5200-20200, GP ₹ 1800 for which written examination was held on 04-09-2012 & Physical Efficiency Test (PET) was conducted on 31-10-2012 followed by Document Verification and Medical Examination on 06-11-2012, following candidates have been selected provisionally for empanelment:-

| Sl.No. | Roll No. | Name of Candidates | Father's Name | Category |
|--------|----------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1. | 13400073 | Dinesh Singh Patel | Sri Vikram Singh Patel | OBC |
| 2. | 13400151 | Ram Raj Meena | Sri Ghanashyam Meena | ST |
| 3. | 13400174 | Sita Ram | Sri Purnamshya | SC |
| 4. | 13400287 | Jyoti Singh | Sri Pyarelal | OBC |

Total 04 (Four) Names Only
Above selected candidates shall be informed about further course of action later.
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Who's gunning for Namdhari?

SUNIL KUMAR ■ DEHRADUN

Cacked Uttarakhand Minorities Commission chairman Sukdev Singh Namdhari was arrested by Delhi Police from Bajpur, Udhamsinghnagar, on Friday. He was taken to Delhi by changing three vehicles at three different places. It has raised question mark that with whom Namdhari is facing threat and why? Who can eliminate Namdhari as per the Delhi Police? During *The Pioneer* investigation a senior police officer on condition of anonymity said that 14 cases were lodged against Namdhari in various parts of the State.



Sukdev Singh Namdhari after being arrested by Delhi Police. File photo

Namdhari was earlier working as truck driver and running truck of Bazpur Mandi Committee chairman Jaswinder Singh Gill

hospital. Ponty was my good friend. I never had any business relationship with him. I know him since 1994-95 and I have nothing to do with the dispute between the two brothers, Namdhari delhi before leaving to Delhi with Delhi Police on Friday. Namdhari was taken to Ponty Chadha since 1994 and in the mining business he was known as the slum liquor baron's face in the State. After Uttarakhand was created out of Uttar Pradesh in 2000, Namdhari was given mining leases which helped him establish his monopoly in the mining trade in the State.

Over the last few years he had become close to politicians as well. He said to have been close to the previous BJP Government in the State and become Minorities Commission chairman in 2010. As he realised that BJP Government will not allow KGF to become another more dumpyard, Shettar expressed strong objections to the Centre's decision and blamed the Union Government for not sharing any information.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by Bangalore south MP and senior BJP leader Ananth Kumar met the Karnataka Governor HR Bhardwaj, on Saturday and submitted a memorandum to stop dumping of nuclear fuel waste at KGF. He

Most of these cases registered against Namdhari in Rudrapur and Bajpur areas of Udhamsinghnagar district were disposed of within a year after they were lodged due to his connections with 'influential people'. In a few cases, he was acquitted by the courts and in several others the police filed closure reports. Interestingly, his acquittals by the lower courts were never challenged by the police in higher court.

Namdhari was earlier working as truck driver and running truck of Bazpur Mandi Committee chairman Jaswinder Singh Gill. Later Namdhari was allegedly accused of murdering Iank Raj Sharma S/o Gurvachan Lal Sharma, who was known as Sher-e-Tera before inception of Uttarakhand.

Namdhari had allegedly gone underground after the high-profile murder on November 17. Although he himself had lodged the FIR with Delhi Police after the incident. He was arrested under Section 307, 452, 368, 397, 395, 342 and 341/20 B of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). He was charged with attempt to murder, hatching criminal conspiracy, dacoity and entering the farmhouse for causing harm. 'Yes, I was with Ponty Chadha on that day and when he was injured in the shootout. I took him and admitted in the



Kashmiri vendors sell vegetables at the floating vegetable market on Dal Lake in Srinagar on Saturday

BJP opposes nuclear waste dump at KGF

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BANGALORE

The submission by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) to the Supreme Court to bury the spent fuel from Kudankulam nuclear power plant in Tamil Nadu at the now defunct Kolar Gold Fields (KGF), has become a major political issue.

The ruling BJP has opposed the idea and Karnataka Chief Minister Jagadhish Shettar made it clear that his Government will not allow KGF to become another more dumpyard. Shettar expressed strong objections to the Centre's decision and blamed the Union Government for not sharing any information.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by Bangalore south MP and senior BJP leader Ananth Kumar met the Karnataka Governor HR Bhardwaj, on Saturday and submitted a memorandum to stop dumping of nuclear fuel waste at KGF. He

said, "The people of Karnataka and the ruling BJP will not allow dumping of spent fuel from Kudankulam nuclear power plant in deep mines of KGF, as proposed by the Centre".

The Centre has filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court that the nuclear waste will be dumped at KGF. This can be dangerous and hazardous to the people and livestock in the area," he added.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to categorically assure that KGF was not used as a dumping ground.

"We will raise the issue in Parliament on Monday and prevail upon the Union Government. It is unfortunate that Union Ministers from Karnataka except KH Muniyappa had not bothered to react to the issue," he remarked.

However, the Union Minister from Karnataka M Muniyappa, who hails from KGF, said in New

Delhi that he met the Prime Minister who told him that there was no proposal to dump nuclear waste in KGF. Deputy Chief Minister and BJP State President K S Edwarappa, who was also in the delegation, condemned the Centre's move and said the people of Karnataka, will launch a struggle to safeguard their land from being made a nuclear waste dump. In fact, on Wednesday the NPCIL has submitted to the Supreme Court that no danger would be caused by spent fuel after being discharged from the nuclear reactor. Solicitor General Rohinton Nariman, in a submission made before the bench of justices KS Radhakrishnan and Dipak Misra said, "Spent nuclear fuel was the 'used fuel after desired energy had been extracted."

The said 'spent fuel' after being discharged was being re-used to produce electricity through recycling technology," he said.

No such plan: Narayanasamy

Chennai: The Centre on Saturday made it clear there was no plan to dump Uranium waste from the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in defunct gold mines at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) in Karnataka.

Amid media reports that Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd has decided to dump the uranium waste in KGF, minister of state in PMO V Narayanasamy said the waste will not be taken to KGF. He also noted that the chances of getting nuclear wastes from the Kudankulam plant in Tamil Nadu were very less.

"I had spoken about this matter to Central minister K H Muniyappa (who hails from Kolar district) and also discussed with senior officials of my department. On behalf of the department, I strongly say that the Uranium waste will not be taken there," he told reporters at the Airport here.

Life came to a standstill in Kolar Gold Fields on Saturday following a bandh call given by various political parties to protest the Centre's reported move.

JK Gujral admitted to hospital in serious condition

Former Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral has been admitted to the Medcity Hospital here with a lung infection and his condition is said to be 'serious'. Gujral, 92, who has been unwell for some time, was put on the ventilator on Saturday after his condition deteriorated. He was on dialysis for over a year and had suffered a serious chest infection some days ago. His son and MP Nareh Gujral said he was not well and was serious. Hospital sources said Gujral's condition is 'near stable'.

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are to be arrested," the prosecutor said. The police are yet to recover the weapon used by Namdhari. However, while coming out of the court premises Namdhari told reporters that he did not fire at Hardeep. "I just want to say that it was just an accident and the FIR was lodged by me, his case, I called police myself," he said.

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Ref: Employment Notice No. 22/2010.

Provisional result of Physical Efficiency Test held at Vadodara from 28.10.2012-08.11.2012 has been uploaded on the website. Document Verification followed by Medical Examination of all candidates who have provisionally qualified the PET is scheduled to be held from 4.12.2012 to 13.12.2012 at Mumbai, Vadodra, Ahmedabad, Ratlam, Rajkot & Bhavnagar Divisional Headquarters. Call letters for the same have been despatched by SPEED POST. Candidates who are not in receipt of their call letters may download the same from RRC website mentioned above from 26.11.2012 onwards and present the same at the venue along with valid ID proof. Candidates are advised to bring all their original documents (age proof, Xth certificates, caste proof, other certificates, etc.) along with two sets of self-attested Xerox copy of their certificates. They must bring 04 passport size coloured photographs as pasted in the application form. Candidates are advised to be prepared for more than one day stay at the venue of document verification. The dates of medical examination will be advised by the Venue In-Charge where the document verification is to be held. No change in Venue or Date for Document Verification shall be entertained by RRC.

Deputy Chief Personnel Officer (RRC)

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(CORRIGENDUM NO.3)

NAME OF WORK: REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR CIVIL WORK AS DAM SAFETY WORKS OF KUKADI PROJECT YEDGAON DAM

CONTRACT
Contract No.1
(KUK-2/Y-1/1)

PERIOD OF SALE OF BIDDING DOCUMENT
FROM 27/09/2012
TO 11/10/2012
(Extended upto 14.12.12)

DATE
01/10/2012
(Extended upto 5.12.12)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE
TIME: 12.00 HOURS
DATE: 12/10/2012
(Extended upto 15.12.12)

FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS
TIME UPTO 12.00 HOURS
DATE: 12/10/2012
(Extended upto 15.12.12)

TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF BID
TIME: 12.30 HOURS
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PERIOD OF COMPLETION WORK
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(Construction Organisation)

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Karnataka HC restrains Navy from using Netrani Island

KESTUR VASUKI ■ BANGALORE

In a significant boost to the efforts of environmentalists, the Karnataka High Court has restrained Indian Navy from using biodiversity hotspot Netrani Island (pigeon island) for target practice. The Netrani Island on the western coast in Uttara Kannada district, near Karwar has been used by the Navy as its base, Project Seabird in Karwar, for its target practice.

Based on a petition by ANI Karthik and P Manjunath, a division bench of Chief Justice Vikramjit Sen and Justice B V Nagarathna, on Friday restrained the Navy from using the island as a target practice area, until the disposal of the petition. The petitioners had sought directions from the court to pre-

vent Navy from using the pristine island which is a biodiversity hotspot. The counsel for the Navy sought an adjournment of the matter stating that the court directions from higher authorities to act. However, the bench refused to accept the argument

ACTIVISTS SCHEER

and sought an undertaking that the Navy will not use the island. But, the counsel said that such a submission or undertaking cannot be made as it requires clearance from higher authorities. "Till further directions, the respondents (Navy) are directed not to use Netrani Island for target practice," a division bench headed by Chief Justice Vikramjit Sen said in its brief

order. The bench then adjourned hearing of the PIL filed by AN Karthik and others to January 29, 2013. "Netrani Island is situated approximately nine nautical miles from Bhatkal. The island is being bombarded by the naval authorities as part of their target practice. Who gave them permission is unknown. The island is a proposed national biodiversity site to protect the rich coral reefs and islets in the waters. Apart from its coral eco-system, the island is also home to two species of fish - Chelilinus Undulatus (endangered) and Rhinoptera Typhas (vulnerable). Blue Whales, Sperm Whales, and Long Nose Sharks are also found here," the petitioners said. Navy had demanded the exercise.

CM kicks off panchayat poll campaign in Assam

PNS ■ Guwahati

Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Saturday officially launched a campaign for the next panchayat poll in the State that is scheduled for early 2014 and said that the Congress will win the elections in most of the panchayats of the State.

"The works of our Government in the last 11 years proves that Congress is the only party which could bring in all-round development to the State," said Gogoi while addressing the public meeting and appealed all the voters to strengthen the party by voting it to power in the panchayat poll. He also said that the Congress will be the party to serve the people of the State by reducing poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and other burning issues plaguing the State and bring in all-round development, while the political leaders of other parties are interested in 'individual development', said Gogoi.

He also made a scathing attack on BJP President Nitin Gadkari, who had recently said that one day a Bangladeshi will become the Chief Minister of Assam, and said that only genuine Indian citizens will become the Chief Minister of Assam in future. The BJP President had made the comment in Assam, and said that only genuine Indian citizens will become the Chief Minister of Assam in future. The BJP President had made the comment in Assam, and said that only genuine Indian citizens will become the Chief Minister of Assam in future. The BJP President had made the comment in Assam, and said that only genuine Indian citizens will become the Chief Minister of Assam in future.

Party name rubs Cong wrong way

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In a bid to expand its base, KGF has been implementing the Assam Accord by which the

contesting elections, providing grant sabbas more say in law making, and making higher judiciary accessible - common name, and establishing Swaraj. Kejriwal did not miss out to point out that his AAP will continue to strive for the Lokpal Bill - which pickhocked him into the national arena - even as he claimed his party will change the way politics and political parties function in the country. Flanked by his national executive members like Prashant Bhusan, Kuma Vishwas, Gopal Rai, Ashok Aggarwal, Christina Sany, Manish Sisodia and Yogendra Yadav, AAP's national executive has 23 members as of now. The party will have two kinds of members - ordinary and active members and anyone can enrol as an ordinary member by paying 10 to fee for three years and an ordinary member who works for the nation and party tirelessly for four months then he will be made active member.

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|--------|------------|---|-----------------|--|---|--|-----------------|
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Cracks in MP Cong after Sonia meet

ANNAPURNA JHA ■ NEW DELHI

Deep fissures within the Madhya Pradesh Congress came to the fore on Saturday when after a meeting of the 15-member State Coordination Committee Sonia Gandhi spared time only for the about half-a-dozen senior leaders — mostly Ministers — to discuss about the party in the State. This infuriated other leaders like Ashraf Khan, who left in a huff, and even lashed out at the high command for being involved only in the interests of the rich while neglecting sections like Scheduled Castes, Minorities and women.

"We were called all the way from Bhopal for the meeting with the Congress president and she just chose to meet a few rich leaders while neglecting those belonging to SC/STs, minorities and women. This

has hurt our conscience as it shows the bias of the party leadership towards the rich and influential sections," Khan said.

The former Minister said that this elitist approach of the leadership is responsible for the Congress remaining out of power for past 10 years in the State. Moreover, neglect of minorities, who constitute 30 per cent of the population, has been reflected in the dismal per-

formance of the party in States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Khan was very agitated as Coordination Committee chairman BK Hariprasad along with AICC general secretary Digvijay Singh, Union Ministers

STATE LEADERS SAY SHE MEETS ONLY RICH AND INFLUENTIAL

Kamal Nath and Jyotiraditya Scindia, PCC president Kantilal Bhuria, Ajaya Singh Arun Yadav and Suresh Pachauni got to meet Sonia at her residence 10 Janpath while he along with seven other leaders, including two women, were left waiting at AICC headquarters 24, Akbar Road.

Significantly, Sonia's message to the leaders was that they should resolve differences among various factions and

activate the party State unit to defeat the BJP in the Assembly polls to be held in November, 2013. But from Khan's infatuation, it appears that instead of uniting the various factions of the MP Congress, the Congress president's meeting had opposite effect of creating resentment and further dividing the party.

Hariprasad, however, made light of Khan's claim and said that since the Congress president had other engagements so she chose to meet only a few select leaders. Moreover, the meeting was called by him so there was no point in Khan complaining against not meeting Sonia, he pointed out and said tribal leader Bhuria was among those who met Sonia so there was no substance in Khan's claim that leaders representing SC/STs and backward sections were ignored.

But this did not pacify

Khan. He said that that now he would "show the party leadership its support base in the State" and prove that people belonging to poor and backward sections and minorities could not be ignored. But Khan parried questions regarding whether he was considering quitting the party or floating his own outfit. Hariprasad also asked questions about whether the party will take disciplinary action against Khan.

Meanwhile, Sonia has asked party leaders to hold Coordination Committee meeting every month to sort out various issues and make a strategy to prepare the party for elections both assembly and Lok Sabha. The next meeting of the Committee has tentatively been fixed for December 22 in Bhopal. The party has decided to hold training camps in every division district and block by May 2013.



Defence Secretary Shashikant Sharma pays homage at Amar Jawan Jyoti on the 64th anniversary celebrations of National Cadet Corps in New Delhi on Saturday. NCC DG Lt Gen PS Bhalla is also seen

IN SHORT

UPA ABUSING CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, SAYS VENKAIAH NAIDU

Hyderabad: Demanding cancellation of the appointment of Ranjit Sinha as the CBI Director, senior BJP leader Venkaiah Naidu on Saturday alleged that UPA Government was trying to use the constitutional bodies to gain political mileage. Speaking to reporters, Naidu said the manner of Sinha's appointment, which was made before the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha tabled its report, indicated that the Government wanted to preempt the Committee's recommendations. Congress tried to undermine or defame institutions whenever it faced trouble, Naidu said, dubbing Sinha as "yes-man".

11 KILLED IN HP ROAD MISHAP

Shimla: At least 11 people were killed and nine injured when an overcrowded multi-utility vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur district Saturday, police said.

SALEM PREFERS 'JAIL TREATMENT'

Mumbai: Jailed gangster Abu Salem, who is suffering from malaria, has refused to get admitted to a hospital, preferring treatment inside the prison, said a hospital official Saturday.

CLEEMIS INSTALLED CARDINAL

Kochi: Major Archbishop Moran Mar Basileos Cleemis Catholics, head of the Kerala-headquartered Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, was on Saturday installed as Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI in a pious ceremony in Vatican. His elevation as Cardinal was announced by the Pope on October 24. Five others were also installed as Cardinals along with Mar Cleemis on Saturday.

MIG CRASHES IN GUJARAT, PILOT SAFE

New Delhi: A MiG-21 Bison aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed near the Noida air base in Gujarat during a routine sortie on Saturday. The fighter plane crash-landed 30 kilometres from the air base in an open forest area, media reports said. Officials said the pilot safely ejected. He received minor injuries. There have been no injuries on the ground. There was no fire in the plane when the Bison came down. The last MiG to crash was in December last year. This is the second aircraft post April 2012.

MHA to CRPF: Buy UAVs through global tendering

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Ministry has advised the CRPF to buy the best available unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) through global tendering instead of solely relying on public sector major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) for procurement of the spying machines that are being used in anti-Naxal operations in the affected States.

At a recent meeting of the CRPF, Union Home Secretary RK Singh said the need to have a UAV plan and emphasized that "by having our own UAVs, we will be able to reduce dependency on NTRC/Indian Air Force."

"CRPF should carry out the evaluation considering all relevant factors such as resolution, ceiling, payload, flight time, night vision, functionality, projectile requirement and also the topography of the area in which these UAVs are likely to be deployed," Singh said.

Singh also directed the top brass of the paramilitary. Singh agreed to a CRPF

18 of marriage party killed in Udhampur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

At least 18 members of a marriage party died and 47 others were injured, in Duda Basantgarh area of Udhampur district, on Saturday, when their bus fell into a 300 ft deep gorge around 4.30 pm.

According to police, the ill fated passenger bus bearing registration number JK02 1735 was barely 200 yards from the Duda police post.

At least 65 members of a marriage party were returning from Chenani, when the driver lost control over the wheels after portion of the sharp curve came in, police said. The bride and groom were travelling in a separate vehicle when the accident took place.

Sub Divisional Magistrate, Duda Basantgarh Krishan Lal Sharma confirmed to The Pioneer, "18 members of the marriage party were killed and 47 others were shifted to the hospital for medical treatment". Chaos prevailed as the injured were first shifted to PTC Lati, but in the absence of adequate medical care facilities, the critically injured were referred to Jammu medical college and Udhampur district hospital.

BJP set to trounce Cong in Gujarat again: Opinion poll

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In line with popular perception, the BJP in Narendra Modi-ruled Gujarat is yet again set to trounce the Congress in the upcoming Assembly polls.

An ABP News-Nielsen Opinion Poll has found that BJP will bag a majority of 124 seats in the 182-member assembly, a gain of 7 seats since 2007. Modi has been asserting of a better performance than 2007.

In terms of gains and losses, the Congress which won 59 seats in the 2007 polls, is seen languishing with just 51 seats this time around. It means a drop of 8 seats compared to the last state elections.

While in terms of vote percentage, the BJP is expected to get 47 per cent of votes, Congress 38 per cent while other parties are projected to get 15 per cent of popular votes.

However, contrary to assumptions that Keshubhai Pate's new political party will eat into the BJP's vote base, his party can merely hold three seats, according to the survey.

| Party | Actual vote % in the 2007 assembly elections | Actual seats in the 2007 assembly elections | Vote Share% as per the opinion poll Oct '12 | Seats as per the opinion poll Oct '12 |
|--------|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| BJP | 49.32 | 117 | 47 | 124 |
| INC | 38.00 | 59 | 38 | 51 |
| GP | | | 2 | 3 |
| Others | 12.68 | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| Total | 100 | 182 | 100 | 182 |

2007 Others (4 seats) - NCP(3), IJ(1), IND (2)
Oct 12 Opinion Poll Prediction Others (4 seats) - NCP (2), IJ(1), IND (1)

The findings followed a survey of 16,384 voters across 91 constituencies in the state. The complete field work was carried out between 16th and 29th October 2012.

In Saurashtra-Kutch, the survey says BJP is likely to garner 39 seats - the same it captured in 2002 but a loss of four seats since 2007. The Congress is expected to bag only 11 seats. Others are projected to get four. It is here that Keshubhai's Gujarat Parivartan Party can grab 3 seats.

In Central Gujarat, BJP can occupy 50% of the seats while the Congress is running close enough to take away 18 out of the total 40 seats. In North Gujarat, out of the 53 seats, BJP is said to walk away with 39 seats with the Congress likely to manage only 14. The Congress which put up a tough fight in the 2002 and 2007 elections, however, seems to have lost the plot in South Gujarat.

Out to rebut, NSG itself gets exposed

NEW DELHI: While the Government has said that all cheques sent in the name of NSG commandos, who were involved in the 26/11 Mumbai operations, were returned, one instance indicates that cheques worth ₹10 lakh were handed over to individual officials.

The NSG, which is headed by the NSG, in the same breath, had said in today's statement that a personal cheque of ₹2 lakh for Suresh Singh was returned to the sender. Both the NSG and the Army, in their statements, had categorically stated that on the instructions of their respective Ministers (Home and Home), personal cheques were never taken and they were returned with an appeal that these could only be accepted if they are issued in the name of "NSG welfare fund".

Jethmalani slams BJP's stand against Govt over CBI chief

New Delhi: BJP MP Ram Jethmalani on Saturday criticised his party's attack on the Government over the appointment of the CBI director alleging that the move was "instigated" by the "most undesirable rival".

Jethmalani also had a word of praise for the Government action in the appointment of Ranjit Sinha as CBI director and contended that the decision "for a change, has averted national calamity".

"I was astonished to read that the BJP has attacked the Prime Minister and the Congress for what the party calls the last tasked appointment of Ranjit Sinha as the director of the CBI," the veteran Parliamentary stand in a letter addressed to BJP president Nitin Gadkari, copies of which were marked to the Prime Minister and the media.

"I regret that this criticism is a result of complete ignorance of relevant facts and has been instigated by a most undesirable rival party," Jethmalani said in his petition before the CAT on Friday as a result of the appointment. "Jethmalani

Shatrughan Sinha joins anti-Gadkari chorus

Patna: BJP Lok Sabha member Patna Sahib Shatrughan Sinha said that he is ideologically on the side of senior party leaders Yashwant Sinha and Ram Jethmalani, who have sought resignation of BJP president Nitin Gadkari over allegation of corruption.

On Saturday, Sinha visited Roshan Kumar's house, who lost three family members in the recent stampede at Adalat Ghat during Chhath.

PNS

Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraaj, leaders of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha respectively, had written letters to the Prime Minister, saying that appointment of the new CBI director should not have been done when the Rajya Sabha Select Committee had recommended that such appointments should be done through a collegium. **PTI**

proposal seeking authorization-con-provision sanction for procurement of 10 mini UAVs besides expenditure for anti-Naxal operations of two Skyhawk mini UAVs.

On a CRPF proposal to wet lease two Dauphin SA 365N helicopters from public sector undertaking Pawan Hans, the Home Secretary directed the Naxal Management division of the ministry to put up the case for approval. Singh also told the paramilitary officials that two helicopters are being provided to the Union Home Ministry by the Air Force and the same can be made available to the CRPF.

Singh also directed the police modernization division

Swamy's probe plea 'frivolous'

Prosecutor asks judge to dismiss application as there is no clear evidence against PC

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Janata Party chief Subramanian Swamy's plea seeking a probe into the alleged rape of a woman by a police constable in the 1987 mass killings in Meerut in Uttar Pradesh was opposed by the public prosecutor at the case in a city court on Friday saying that he has no "locus standi" to move the application and no further investigation can be ordered at the behest on frivolous and farcical insinuation.

The prosecution has requested Additional Sessions Judge Rakesh Siddhanti to dismiss his application with exemplary costs saying that clear that no evidence has been brought on record against the constable. A petition against the case record, stating that the witnesses as examined in court

as also the cross examination conducted on behalf of the accused persons, makes it amply clear that no evidence has been brought on record against Chidambaram, stated Special Public Prosecutor Satish Tanta in his reply.

Swamy has said that Chidambaram, who was then the Union Minister of State for internal security, visited Hashimpura area of Meerut just before the incident in which about 40 Muslims were allegedly killed by the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) and sought direction for further investigation in the case. "That Swamy, the applicant in the present case has sought to thrust himself into these proceedings, notwithstanding the fact that he has no 'locus standi' to be a party in these proceedings. A criminal trial based on a charge sheet does not entitle any person other than the state to move an application of this nature," the prosecution replied.

Tanta said that such applications can be moved through the public prosecutor as he has

the right to conduct the prosecution. He added that reasons are not even clear for moving this application as Swamy is neither connected with the case nor has he been separately represented by other counsel nor even a defaulto conduct.

Swamy then apprised the court that in August 1987 he undertook a fast unto death at the Boat Club in central Delhi to demand an inquiry. However Tanta requested court to dismiss the application on the ground that at this late stage of the trial, no further investigation can be ordered at the behest on frivolous and farcical insinuations, not base as any tangible evidence. He said that Swamy application has not mentioned any provision of law under which it is being filed.

Nitish blames rivals for ruining his efforts to improve Bihar's image

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar along with his deputy Shashi Kumar Modi at the release of the report card of his Government's performance on completion of seven years of rule, in Patna on Saturday

During a ceremony to mark the release of the Report Card-2012 in Patna on Saturday Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar accused the RJD and his other political adversaries of working towards ruin his efforts in improving the image of the State by bringing economic prosperity to its people and also maintaining its improved law and order situation. The ceremony is an annual exercise to highlight the performance of various departments of the Government during the last one year. Nitish Kumar made a statement in which he said that certain people are circulating misleading propaganda to halt the State's constant march on the path of development.

He said that some forces are actively working to ensure that Bihar's image does not improve outside the State as well as the country. Remaining consistent on his part that law and order situation is good in Bihar, he said that certain people are circulating misleading propaganda to halt the State's constant march on the path of development.

| Sl. No. | Description of Works | Tender Reference No. | Approx. Cost in Lacs |
|---------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) | MAU-Shahganj section: Improvement of L-sings as per IRPWAM between Azamganj (Shahganj 300 No.) | 26-2012-01 | ₹ 45.65 Lakh |
| | | Earnest Money: ₹ 91,300/- | |
| | | Cost of Tender: ₹ 3,000/- | |
| (2) | Rehabilitation of Washable apron on line no. 1 in Ballia station yard. | 26-2012-02 | ₹ 28.18 Lakh |
| | | Earnest Money: ₹ 56,400/- | |
| | | Cost of Tender: ₹ 3,000/- | |
| (3) | Improvement of L-sings as per IRPWAM between Chhapra-Thawe (Sec Total 30 L-sings) | 26-2012-03 | ₹ 76.19 Lakh |
| | | Earnest Money: ₹ 1,50,000/- | |
| | | Cost of Tender: ₹ 5,000/- | |

• Date of opening of tender: 28-12-2012 for Sl. No. 01 to 03
• Full details of eligibility criteria, Earnest Money, other conditions, Tender Notice, and other documents may be seen in tender documents and also in North Eastern Railway website: www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in and www.tenders.gov.in

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7 killed in Pak blast during Moharram procession

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

At least seven people, including four children, were killed and 30 others injured on Saturday when a Shia procession was targeted with a powerful roadside bomb in Pakistan's restive northwest, the latest in a slew of attacks against the minority community during the Islamic month of Moharram.

The bomb, hidden in a mound of garbage, went off as the procession from Imam-burgah (Shia prayer hall) on the outskirts of Dera Ismail Khan was on its way to the main procession in the city, witnesses and police officials said.

They said seven persons, including four children, were killed by the powerful blast. Two children and a policeman were among the 30 injured, who were taken to a nearby hospital.

Police officials said the bomb contained an estimated 10 kg of explosives and ball bearings. Footage on television showed the walls of several houses had been pitted by the ball bearings.

Soon after the blast, authorities further beefed up security in Dera Ismail Khan in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

The army was called out in the district. Officials said over 4,000 security personnel had been deployed in the area.

The attack occurred despite extensive security arrangements put in place by Interior Minister Rehman Malik, including the suspension of mobile phone services in nearly 50 cities and towns, including Karachi, Lahore and Quetta, and a ban on pillion riding in dozens of places.

In the southwestern city of Quetta, authorities imposed a complete ban on the riding of motorcycles. In Islamabad, authorities used helicopters to mount surveillance of Shia processions.

Despite widespread criticism from the public, Interior Minister Malik on Friday directed authorities to suspend mobile phone services in Karachi and Quetta and parts of Islamabad, saying mobile SIMs had been used to trigger explosives in "90 per cent" of recent terror attacks.

Mobile and wireless phone services were suspended in 49 cities on Saturday. The suspension will continue till Ashura, which falls on Sunday.



Shias organise huge processions on Ashura to mourn the martyrdom of Imam Hussein in 680 AD.

The Taliban have carried out attacks despite the security arrangements.

AFP adds: The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast against the Shiite community, spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan said after the explosion.

He said the Taliban had dispatched more than 20 suicide bombers across the country for attacks against the minority community.

Security beefed up in Lahore



Police officers keeping a strict vigil in Lahore

PTI ■ LAHORE

In the wake of bombings and suicide attacks targeting Shia processions in different parts of Pakistan, over 25,000 policemen have been put on high alert in the capital city of the most populous province of Punjab for Ashura, the tenth day of the Islamic month of Muharram.

For the first time, a four-tier security plan is being introduced for the main Zulfikhar processions to be taken out on the ninth and tenth day of Muharram on Saturday and tomorrow respectively.

Lahore police chief Aslam Tareen convened a meeting of various departments, including the Operations and Investigation wings, Counter-Terrorism Department and Special Branch, on Friday to review security arrangements.

Tareen said police will use all resources to maintain law and order and provide security to Shia mourners.

He directed police officials to perform their duty with commitment and foil the designs of terrorists.

Officers would be present at all points along the routes of Shia processions with policemen, and any officer found absent would face action, he said. No irrelevant person should be allowed

near the routes of Zulfikhar processions, while a vigilant eye should be kept on balconies of houses located along the routes, he said.

Tareen directed officials to remove all temporary encroachments on the routes of the main Zulfikhar procession and to conduct a thorough search of streets adjacent to the route.

A certificate should be obtained from residents of all buildings along the routes that no stranger or any guest who was not their blood relative was staying with them, he said.

He said CCTV cameras were being installed on the route of the main Zulfikhar procession with the cooperation of the city district government, while complete video coverage of the procession had also been arranged.

Seven persons were killed and 18 injured when a Shia procession was targeted with a roadside bomb at Dera Ismail Khan in Pakistan's restive northwest today.

On Thursday, 23 people were killed and more than 60 injured when a suicide attacker targeted a procession in the garrison city of Rawalpindi.

Another suicide bomber blew himself up close to a Shia prayer hall at Lakki Marwat in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa on Friday night, injuring two persons.

Anger boils over in Egypt, judges join chorus against Morsi

PTI ■ CAIRO

Egypt's judiciary on Saturday slammed President Mohamed Morsi's move to assume sweeping powers as an "unprecedented attack" on its independence, as tensions flared up in the country where courts went to strike and tear gas was fired to disperse protesters.

The presidential decree issued on Thursday brought pro-democracy protesters back to Cairo's Tahrir Square as unrest spread to all corners of the country over Morsi's attempt to assume what many see as absolute and pharaoh-like powers.

Joining in the chorus, Egypt's highest judicial authority on Saturday criticised the decree that makes Morsi's decisions immune to judicial oversight.

The new constitutional declaration is "an unprecedented attack on the independence of the judiciary and its rulings," the Supreme Judicial Council said in a statement.

Courts and prosecution offices in the Delta governorate of Qalshubya as well as in Egypt's second-largest city, Alexandria, went on strike demanding the cancellation of the constitution.

The Judges Club of Alexandria announced "the suspension of work in all courts and prosecution administration in the provinces of Alexandria and Beheira" and



Protesters storm an office of Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood Freedom and Justice party and set fires in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, Egypt, on Friday

said it will "accept nothing less than the cancellation of (Morsi's decree)".

At Tahrir Square, a group of Opposition activists spent the night and erected some 30 tents. But when more demonstrators attempted to join them this morning, police fired tear gas canisters, forcing them to retreat.

Nearly two years after a popular unrest spurred former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's fall, people have taken to Egypt's streets in the past days to once again call for a revolution, this time to oust the "new pharaoh" Morsi.

US voices concern over Morsi's bid to assume sweeping powers

S RAJAGOPALAN ■ WASHINGTON

The United States has expressed concern over

Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi's push to assume sweeping powers through a decree, cautioning him that concentration of too much power in the hands of one person or institution would go against the spirit of the revolution that triggered the political change in Egypt. Amid growing protests over the issue, the Obama administration has called for resolving the issue peacefully through dialogue, commenting that "the current constitutional vacuum in Egypt can only be resolved by the adoption of a constitution that includes checks and balances and respects fundamental freedoms, individual rights, and the rule of law consistent with Egypt's international commitments".

Washington's gentle warning on Friday came just two days after it lauded Morsi for his personal leadership to help de-escalate the situation in Gaza by brokering a cease-fire between Israel and the Hamas. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was in Cairo on Wednesday for a meeting with Morsi over the efforts to end the Gaza violence.

While the truce in Gaza is holding, Morsi has surprised Washington and others by coming up with his presidential decree just a day later, granting himself expanded powers that immediately brought tens of thousands of protesters on the streets and prompted critics to dub him "a new pharaoh". Senior judges have since attacked his move as an "unprecedented assault" on the independence of the judiciary.

"The decisions and declarations announced on November 22 raise concerns for many Egyptians and for the international community," the State Department said.

Pope elevates 6 Cardinals to choose successor

AP ■ VATICAN CITY

Six new Cardinals, including San Indian, on Saturday joined the elite club of red-robed churchmen who will elect the next pope, bringing a more geographically diverse mix into the European-dominated College of Cardinals.

Pope Benedict XVI presided over the ceremony in St Peter's Basilica to formally elevate the six men, who hail from Colombia, India, Lebanon, Nigeria, the Philippines and the United States.

As Benedict read each name aloud in Latin, cheers and applause erupted from their families and members in the pews.

The ceremony was both joyful and emotional: Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio



Newly elected Cardinal Basileios Cleemis Thoralakal of India, at centre wearing a black skull cap, is greeted by cardinals during a consistory inside the St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, on Saturday

from his eyes as he returned to his place.

Abuja, Nigeria Archbishop John Olorunfemi Oluayekan, meanwhile, seemed to want to sit down and chat with each one of the dozens of cardinals that he greeted in the traditional exchange of peace that follows the formal elevation rite.

Benedict has said that with this "little consistory" he was essentially completing his last cardinal-making ceremony held in February, when he elevated 22 cardinals, the vast majority of them European archbishops and Vatican bureaucrats.

Benedict said on Saturday that the new cardinals represent the "unique, universal and all-inclusive identity" of the Catholic Church.

32 killed in two gas explosions in China

KJM VARMA ■ BEIJING

At least 32 people have been killed and 47 others injured in two separate gas explosions in China, including a blast inside a restaurant which caught diners unawares.

Eighteen people were killed and five others remain trapped underground on Saturday when a gas explosion rocked a mine pit in southwest China's Guizhou Province. The accident took place at the Xiangshui Coal Mine in Panxian County of the coal-rich Liupanshui City.

In all 28 miners were trapped underground when the accident happened, according to provincial government and Panjiang group sources. Eighteen were killed in the accident.

Five miners had been rescued while five others still remained trapped. Rescuers were searching for them, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

In another accident, 14 people were killed and 47 others injured after an explosion at a restaurant in China's northern Shanxi Province last night.

The explosion triggered a fire at the Xiyangyang (Happy Sheep) Hot Pot Restaurant in Shouyang County of Jinzhong City. Initial investigations showed the explosion was caused by a gas leak.

Hot pot, the Chinese counterpart of 'fondue', is a kind of stew cooked using a metal pot kept simmering by charcoal, electricity or gas. The powerful explosion shattered the windows of the two-storey restaurant and some neighbouring shops as far as 20 metres away, from gates of some shops were twisted by the force of the explosion.

Witnesses said that there was nothing unusual before the explosion happened. "Suddenly, there was a big bang and the hot water ensued," said Yuan Heqing, who was dining in the restaurant with his wife and friends when the explosion happened.

The whole room was engulfed in black smoke and I had to use my sweater to cover my mouth before I managed to jump from the second-floor window," Yuan, who suffered slight injuries, said.

PTI

Arafat body to be exhumed for poison tests

AFP ■ RAMALLAH

The body of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will be exhumed on Tuesday to undergo poison tests, the head of the Palestinian inquiry team said on Saturday.

"The tomb will be opened on November 27 and experts will take samples the same day within a matter of a few hours," Tawfiq Tirawi told reporters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. He said a reburial ceremony would be held later the same day.

Arafat's family members had earlier said that the exhumation would probably go ahead on Monday. Tirawi did not explain the apparent delay while stressing the exhumation was not necessary to establish the truth of allegations that Israeli may have poisoned the iconic Palestinian leader.

"November 27 will be one of the most painful days of my life for personal reasons as well as patriotic, political and religious ones," the Palestinian inquiry chief said.

Protest in Thailand against government

PTI ■ BANGKOK

Thailand on Saturday witnessed the first major protests against Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's government, with thousands of demonstrators taking to the streets demanding her overthrow for being "a puppet" of her brother — deposed premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

The rally was called by royalist group "Pik Sam" (Protect Thailand) led by retired general Boonlert Kaewpraisit who accused the administration of corruption and not cracking down on those disrespecting the monarchy.

As thousands swarmed the Bangkok's Royal Plaza and tried to break down the barriers, police fired tear gas shells that the irate protesters leaning many injured, the BBC reported.

The police had to call for an additional re-inforcements to keep the situation from blowing out.

Earlier in the day, Kaewpraisit called for the removal of the government. "I promise that Pik Sam will succeed in driving this government out," former Gen Boonlert Kaewpraisit said in his address to the rally, the report said.

Anti-govt protesters flee from tear gas fired by police in Bangkok on Saturday



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Globetrotting

Rosie Huntington-Whiteley obsessed with fashion at teenage



London: Model and actress Rosie Huntington-Whiteley's obsession with fashion began at her teenage - she used to decorate her room with images of models. "I was obsessed with that, what happened behind the scenes. How you create that glamour and mystery and the theatrical nature of the picture - that was what really interested me and my bedroom was just full of pictures of models and tear-outs from magazines," she said.

Huntington-Whiteley said when she started modelling at the age of 17, she mirrored herself on supermodel Gisele Bundchen, reported Vogue online. "I really looked up to Gisele, because I think that was when she was in her heyday - well, it's always been her heyday - but she was never at that time. And Kate Moss too, of course. She's just iconic," she said.

Stewart spends Thanksgiving with Pattinson's family



London: After months of speculation about their relationship, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart reportedly enjoyed a Thanksgiving holiday in the actor's hometown here. Instead of spending some quality time with her family in

the US, the 22-year-old actress took a break to reconnect with Pattinson's family. The couple are trying to get back together after Stewart's fling with married director Rupert Sanders became public, reported Daily Mail online. They were spotted standing in line at Heathrow airport for a flight back to New York. Stewart sported black rimmed glasses and her brown hair was pulled into a high ponytail as she carried a shoulder bag through the terminal. Like her boyfriend, she wore jeans and trainers and completed her casual look with a grey wool cardigan under a black blazer.

Pattinson kept his sunglasses firmly on, even after the couple stepped out in the dark evening to their waiting vehicle. An excited fan who was on the same flight to JFK posted a picture of the couple getting out of a car, and entering the airport. "Look who's on my plane! Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart!" They were not the only celebrities boarding the plane to the Big Apple though as the eyewitness continued writing, "I can't believe that! So excited! New York City here I come with Pattinson and Stewart and Paul McCartney!"

LeT founder Saeed offers funeral prayers for Kasab

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

LeT founder Hafiz Mohammand Saeed led a gathering of thousands in offering funeral prayers for Ajmal Kasab, the lone surviving terrorist involved in the Mumbai attacks who was hanged earlier this week, a media report said on Saturday.

Saeed, mastermind of the 2008 assault on Mumbai, offered 'ghaybana namaz-e-



MASTERMIND: Hafiz Mohammand Saeed

janaza' (funeral prayers in absentia) for Kasab at the conclusion of a two-day training session of the Jamaat-ud-Dawah at its headquarters at Muridke near Lahore.

The event was attended by thousands of people, the Urdu newspaper Daily Express reported. It did not say when the event was held.

Kasab, 25, who was part of a team of 10 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists who killed 166 peo-

ple during three days of carnage in Mumbai four years ago, was hanged in a Pune jail on Wednesday.

The Pakistani Taliban have threatened to target Indians to avenge Kasab's execution.

The LeT has described Kasab as a "hero" who will inspire more terror attacks. Shortly after Kasab's hanging, the JuD refused to comment on the issue.

"We have decided not to

issue any statement on the hanging of Kasab as we think it is not appropriate," Habibullah Sali, a member of the JuD's media arm, told PTI. The JuD claims it has no links with LeT.

Following the Mumbai attacks, the UN Security Council had declared the JuD a front for the banned LeT.

SEE IT COMING

Talaash

★ing: Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Rani Mukerji, Raj Kumar Yadav



Seeing reflections of Mumbai under the red light, *Talaash* is a tale of love lost, fatal attraction and above all the quest to solve a perfect crime. Suspense is its core. The movie explores Mumbai's underbelly like never before.

Aamir Khan plays the role an investigation officer (Inspector Shekhawat) who receives a phone call early in the morning informing him about death and an accident and how everything starts to unfold from there. The case turns into a life-altering chase for Inspector Shekhawat when he is forced to reel under the repercussions of a broken married life with wife Roshni played by Rani Mukerji and come face to face with his grief.

In the midsts of his investigation and fighting out his personal problems, Inspector Shekhawat meets a sex worker Rosie played by Kareena Kapoor who adds shades of mystery to the puzzle that Inspector Shekhawat is trying to solve.

"What looks like a simple car accident turns into a haunting mystery as the investigations show many anomalies attached to the death of the victim."

Ram Sampath, who gave peppy numbers in the movie *Delhi Belly* has composed for *Talaash's* five original tracks and one remix. The lyrics have been written by Javed Akhtar.

The film is written by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti. Reema has also directed the movie. Farhan Akhtar, Aamir Khan and Ritesh Sidhwani have produced the film.

SHOW TIME WITH MEENAKSHI RAO

Multi-level stunner

Ang Lee's *Life of Pi* is a stunning masterpiece on many levels, an unusual story told in a manner defying known standards of imagination. First and foremost, it is an unprecedented visual treat, the likes of which will be rarest of rare in Hollywood's future too. Second, though no less importantly, it stuns you with a compelling screenplay on a book that most bigwigs in Hollywood, including Lee himself, flicked aside saying it was a subject impossible to put on screen. It is an adventure story with so many thrilling twists and turns that the slowness of the proceedings does not even once make its presence felt, not even when most of the film pans out on a boat with a boy and tiger in the middle of an ocean. And just when you settle down thinking it is an adventure fantasy, the filmmaker forces you to introspect on many a profound question. While he is doing so, he also gives you a new look of 3D and computer generated imagery which makes the animals look more real than reality.

So, will you say this one is a philosophical take on life — yes it is. But it is also a fantastic take on the religious journey of a child who experiments with religion as much as he wants to experiment with the tiger and its human instincts.

Lee does well to throw these serious life-



altering questions that you in between flying fish, blue whales passing by in the middle of a placid ocean, floating islands, a tiger, zebra, an orangutan, a hyena and a boy who struggles for survival as no other castaway has done so far on Hollywood footage. Tom Hanks was another kind of castaway too focused on survival to think of religion or philosophy.

Suraj Sharma, the Stephanian who plays Piscine Molitor Patel, often confused



LIFE OF PI
★ Irfan Khan, Suraj Sharma, Tabu, Adil Hussain, Gerard Depardieu
At: Delite Diamond & others
Rated: 8.5/10

as 'Pissing' by his schoolmates till he confounds them even further to win the name Pi from them, is chiselled to perfection by Lee as a pugnacious kid who grows up in Pondicherry to honour his father's tenets as much as he gains adulthood on his own groping of life in all its hues and questions which he throws at you gently while ship-wrecked. By general standards, this shipwreck is an unending

one and should, thus, have been vulnerable to ennui and tediousness. Nothing of the sort here. Lee's shipwreck story, adapted from Booker winner Yann Martel's book, is aggressively compelling and forces you to be on the edge of your seat till the very last frame.

The humour that floats around is just the marination you would have been looking for, propelled by subtlety by Irfan Khan's delightful brand of poker-faced histrionics. The only thing more genteel than humour is the background score which comes with a captivating folk Indianness. On the whole, this one is for the Oscars on all counts, the grandest, imagination soiree ever to take your heart.

Too slow, too complacent

Well, the best thing about *Breaking Dawn Part II* is that the saga is over — over for good. That is, if Stephenie Meyer does not get compulsively greedy and gives in to a one last one from her in the *Twilight* series — the same story but from Edward Cullen's point of view, not Bella's, this time.

The trailers looked good, the fire in Bella's eyes seemed to make up for the lack of colour in her personality otherwise the expanse of snow-ridden heights were captivating — but all that was in the trailer. The movie is a disappointment on many counts.

It fails to hold on to your interest as the romance between Bella and Edward is a pale shadow of its former self. Even the antics that could have livened up the newborn



THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PART II
★ Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Mackenzie Foy, Michael Sheen, Billy Burke, Ashley Greene, Nikki Reed, Jackson Hale, Kellan Lutz
At: PVR & others
Rated: 4.5/10

vampire in Bella are merely customary. Their daughter looks computer generated for quite sometime into the movie. Even the fight with the Volturs, which is not part of the book, turns out to be fake. Jacob, who has since imprinted on Bella's daughter, is still fighting the urge to hit on Bella though he does look handsome when he turns into his real werewolf

self! One hears that the end saga has made its money, much beyond expectations. That may be the case but for Twihards, as *Twilight* fans are known, this one was a disappointment despite its promised bliss. Perhaps, the director should not have focussed so much on Aro, the Volturi head, and his fears of losing dominance. Perhaps, more flesh should have gone into the Edward-Bella togetherness. At best, Edward was made into a showpiece which is an unforfeitable sin in public perception. This one, too slow, too complacent!

'Am a mother & a guru'

Singer KAVITA KRISHNAMURTHY tells SANGEETA YADAV that she is not done

More than 500 Bollywood songs in kitty, Kavita Krishnamurthy is not ready to retire, yet. Best known for lending her voice to Madhuri Dixit in *Dola re dola* (*Devdas*), Krishnamurthy has sung for many popular actresses. A feat she is proud of. "Although, I have sung for all the top actresses, I feel that my voice best suits Manisha Koirala.

She is a very talented heroine and I am honoured to have lent my voice to her. It is very difficult to choose which ones are my favourite but, personally, I really liked *Aaj main upar* (*Khamoshi*) and *Paar hua chupke se* (1942: *A Love Story*). Even *Hum dil de chuke sanam* and *Nimbooda* (*Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam*) were chart toppers," Krishnamurthy takes you down a memory lane. The singer took a much needed break from commercial cinema to work with her husband and ace violinist, L Subramaniam in the classical fusion genre.

"Besides being a doting mother, I'm their guru too. My youngest son Ambi (violinist) like his father is very keen to pursue the classical and western music genre, whereas Indu, my daughter has and made her career in law. Ambi always give his own interpretation to the ragas and lyrics."

Krishnamurthy tells you, she feels secure to pass on her learning to her children. "Although Narayanan my second son, is not too interested in this art, he is a patient listener and a great critique. He is a practising doctor," the dotting mother tells you.

The talented family paid a tribute to 100 glorious years of Bollywood at India China Musical Festival recently.



Upside down

There are clubs and then there are clubs, but this 'ulta-pulta' club takes the cake. SHIBAJI ROYCHOUDHURY gives you an on-sight view of this architectural quirk



The Caracalla Club at Indrapuram is upside down. No, that description is not a metaphor — it's really upside down. Residents tell you that the unique architecture is the main reason why the complex is being sold like hot cakes.

Apart from being a stand-alone miracle, the club also intrigues onlookers who unconsciously twist their heads to try and deal with this sudden inversion. A part of the luxury housing project, Orange County, built by the Meriton Group, Caracalla has been in the news ever since the design was first introduced.

Inspired by the WonderWorks "inverted amusement parks in Tennessee and Florida in the US, the club was designed differently in order to attract buyers and tourists. The amusement park caught Anish Agarwal's fancy so much so, that the entrepreneur wanted to replicate the structure back home. And thus was born the inverted club in Indrapuram. "A number of people end up buying houses which are in Noida even though Indrapuram is closer to Delhi. This club was aimed to boost the image of Indrapuram. It is a landmark for both Delhi and Indrapuram," Agarwal, the director of Meriton group, says.

Named after the first club built by the Romans, Agarwal is happy that his efforts have been hailed. For first-time viewers, however, this experience is nothing short of an embarrassment. "The first time I visited the building, I was not sure where to enter from. And I made quite a fool of myself by asking a bystander for directions on how to get into a club. My children thought the idea was quirky but scary too," Abhinav Kukreja, a resident of the Orange County says. He adds that apart from

the humungous structure, the facilities are also worth a mention.

"If you manage to make your way inside the lounge you are baffled by the wall size home theatre. For a minute you are not sure whether to believe your own eyes. That like the main entrance even the lounge has some secret architectural design to baffle you. But you are assured that normalcy awaits.

For the fitness enthusiasts there is much on offer — a mini-gym and a snooker point on the first floor. In the basement, there are separate spas, sauna, steam and a jacuzzi for both men and women. There is also a swimming pool, a tennis and basketball court present on the outside of this club," Jindal tells you excitedly, adding that the club is only accessible to 900 families residing in the complex who are charged a yearly fee of ₹9,000.

Evil eye

Sony TV brings in a *hatke* love story in *Anaamika* where the vamp is supernatural. The show replaces *Byah Hamari Bahoo Ka* which did not do too well in the 8 pm slot despite the initial hype. MANJARI SINGH reports that this one, however, comes pregnant with possibilities

Indian history is steeped in supernatural folklore. The belief that being too happy attracts the evil eye is a common one. Keeping this premise in mind, Sony Entertainment Television has come up with a love story with a twist — there's a girl and a boy madly in love with each other. And then there's a *chudail* who is continuously haunting them with her *buri nazar*. Though the concept may sound a tad bizarre, this is not the first time that the Indian telly has shown an incident that took place in Punjab a few years ago. It will be replacing family drama *Byah Hamari Bahoo Ka*.

From the promos already on air, the show comes across as a supernatural thriller but producer Manesh Bahoo, who is also the scriptwriter, prefers to call it a family drama-cum-love story. "The story is about Jee (Mudit Nayar) and Kano (Annie Gill) who are childhood sweethearts and how a *buri nazar* affects their life," Pandey tells you.

"It's an out and out love story. I would call it a love story with a twist," Gill says, adding that there's no vamp except the evil eye that follows their love. What or who this *buri nazar* is all about, one gets to see in the clippings that read *Chudail ki nazar utarehi nahai utari?*

"The promos show a woman with only one eye and the rest of her face covered with her locks. Doesn't she look pretty?" asks Gill with a laugh. Jokes apart, she explains it's all about



Simran Kaur Bhatia who plays the supernatural vamp in *Anaamika*

OFF TRACK

Anaamika replaces *Byah Hamari Bahoo Ka*, a show that despite its twists and turns failed. "When BHBK's promo came on air, the audience had already started sending mails predicting the storyline," says producer Jee Majethia. "Since the story became predictable, we had to keep changing track which didn't quite work for the 8 pm slot. But I'm glad the show was on air for six months. It's quite an achievement," Majethia concludes.

good and bad omen. "Whether we believe it or not, when our elders ask us to do certain things at certain times, we tend to do as told because we respect them and the belief they have in the concept of *nazar*," Gill says. Her sentiment is shared by Pandey. "There is good energy and bad. When we fell sick as children being

thought that 13-year-old Anandi would rule the living room in the era of *saas-bahu* serials," Pandey points out, adding that if presented well, Indian audiences accept anything. He also says that he has tried to ensure that the show is as real as it can get.

"There are some serials on TV that have a very different concept and are still doing well. *Bade Ache Lagte Hai* is a classic example," Pandey says.

Agrees Gill: "Someone has to take the initiative and start something different." Citing the example of *Kyon Ki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*, she says it was a show that gave birth to *saas-bahu* genre.

"And then there are characters that connect with the audience deciding the success of the show," Gill, who is working on a daily soap for the first time and was seen in *Khatron Ke Khiladi 3*, says.

Anaamika goes on air on November 26 at 8 pm.



India on edge for Day 3

Pietersen joins Cook party as visitors put up 178 for 2 against hosts' 327



FULL OF PATIENCE: England's Alastair Cook plays a shot on Saturday in the second Test against India in Mumbai

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Skippier Alastair Cook continued to torment India with yet another gritty batting display while Kevin Pietersen returned to form with an unbeaten half-century to give England a slight advantage in the second Test here on Saturday.

After dismissing India for 327 in the first innings, England moved to a comfortable 178 for two in 65 overs before the stumps were drawn on the second day, with the visitors trailing by 149 runs. At close, the left-handed Cook, who had scored a big century in the first Test, was unbeaten on 87. The more aggressive Pietersen was batting on 62 after a stay of 127 minutes during which he faced 85 balls and hit nine fours.

Cook batted for 251 minutes and faced 209 balls, striking a six and ten fours in the process. The

third wicket duo has so far put up 110 runs in 186 balls. For the record, Cook has batted for 960 minutes in all in the three innings he has batted during the series.

With three more days left in the second game of the four-match series in which India are 1-0 ahead, a result is on the cards on a track that is aiding the spinners.

England, though, looked to have a slight advantage with a settled and experienced pair at the wicket and some more batting to follow. On a wicket where the spin duo of Monty Panesar and Graeme Swann ran through the star-studded Indian batting line-up in which Cheteshwar Pujara (135) and Ravichandra Ashwin (68) stood out, the trio of home team spinners looked largely clueless against the determined Cook and Pietersen.

Barring the twin strike by left-arm spinner Pragnan Ojha in the

SWANN'S DOUBLE TON

► Graeme Swann became the 14th English and 60th bowler overall to take 200 or more wickets in Tests on Saturday

► By doing so in his 48th Test, Swann became the fourth quickest England bowler to reach the landmark after Ian Botham (41 Tests), Alec Bedser (44 Tests) and Fred Trueman (47 Tests).

► Cheteshwar Pujara's 382 runs are the third most by any Indian batsman under 20 dismissals. Only Sachin Tendulkar (497 runs in 2004) and Rahul Dravid (473 runs in 2000) have aggregated more runs than Pujara.

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space of 11 balls just before tea, the home side's spin attack looked far less menacing than both Panesar (five for 129) and Swann, who ran

I think this innings was better than the Ahmedabad one. This was more satisfying than the double hundred. We were in trouble and the team needed a score on the board. Even the wicket was difficult to bat on. Yes it was satisfying to score a hundred in a difficult situation

Cheteshwar Pujara

through the tail today to end up with figures of four for 70.

Cook again showed monumental patience to lift his side's



PTI ■ GRIITY: England's Kevin Pietersen played with authority

SCOREBOARD

INDIA VS ENGLAND — MUMBAI

INDIA 1ST INNINGS (overnight 301 for 4)

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| C Pujara | st Prior b Swann | 135 |
| R Ashwin | lbw Panesar | 68 |
| H Singh | lbw b Swann | 21 |
| Z Khan | c Bairstow b Swann | 11 |
| PP Ojha | not out | 0 |
| Extras: (LB-1, NB-1) | | 2 |
| Total: (115.1 overs) | | 327 |

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-52, 3-60, 4-118, 5-119, 6-169, 7-280, 8-315, 9-316, 10-327

Bowling: James Anderson 18-3-61-1, Stuart Broad 12-5-60-0, Moiny Panesar 47-129-5, Graeme Swann 34.1-7-70-4, Samit Patel 4-1-6-0.

ENGLAND 1ST INNINGS

England 1st Innings:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| A Cook | bating | 87 |
| N Compton | c Sehwa b Ojha | 29 |
| J Trott | lbw Ojha | 0 |
| K Pietersen | bating | 62 |
| Extras: | | 0 |
| Total: (For 2 wks in 65 overs) | | 178 |

Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-68.

Bowling: R Ashwin 22-5-54-0, Pragnan Ojha 21-3-65-2, Zaheer Khan 8-4-12-0, Harbhajan Singh 14-0-47-0.

shots but played cautiously against Ojha, who had dismissed him twice in the first game.

Pietersen, however, survived a catch off Ashwin when he was on 45 in a team score of 146 for two. Umpire Aileen Dhar, who gave a wrong decision to send back Zaheer Khan in the morning by leaving the field and seek medical attention. He did not come out to field after tea.

Substitute fielder Ajinkya Rahane, too, had to duck at times to avoid getting hit by the England captain's sweeps. He eventually received a painful blow on his left elbow by Kevin Pietersen's powerful sweep off Harbhajan Singh.

Pietersen, who looked in a hurry in the opening game, adopted a slightly different approach. He dispatched Harbhajan with lofted

singles

INDIA BEAT PAKISTAN 5-2

Perth: India defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 5-2 in an inconsequential round robin match to register their first win in the Lancashire International Super Series hockey tournament here on Saturday. India were by far the dominant side on display in the battle between the two supercontinent giants in the nine-a-side format of the game. India pumped in three goals in the first half and two after the break from the sticks of V R Raghunath (7th minute), S V Sunil (9th, 33rd), Akashdeep Singh (15th) and Manpreet Singh (29th). Pakistan, on the other hand, scored a goal in each half through Shafiq Razaol and Muhammad Rizwan Sr. The win will act as a morale booster for India ahead of Sunday's third-fourth place play-off match against the same opponents.

JEVY EQUALS COURSE RECORD

Dubai: Neither the injured under finger on his right hand nor the news of his injured mother needing a surgery back home, could stop Jevy Miikka Singh from equalling the course record of eight-under 64 on the third day of the DP World Tour Championships, here on Saturday. Jevy exploited into action with nine birdies against one bogey to tie seven-under 209 and over tied 25th place, up from 50th overnight. Overnight co-leaders Rory McIlroy and Luke Donald shot 66 each and shared the 54-hole lead at 177 under three after the South African duo Louis Oosthuizen (68) and Charl Schwartzel (67).

HARIKA OUT OF WORLD C'SHIP

Khanty Mansiyak (Russia): Grandmaster D Harika bowed out of the world championship after playing a draw in must-win second game with former Bulgarian world champion Antoaneta Stefanova in the semifinals, which she lost 0.5-1.5 here. After losing the first game of semis as black, the Indian was under tremendous pressure to score a comeback victory and the situation did not help as Harika could not find anything worthwhile and stood where when she signed the peace in the return game.

EAST BENGAL THRASH ONGC 5-0

Kolkata: The confidence one would expect from a side playing at home was abundantly in display as East Bengal toyed with giant-killer ONGC FC-5 in a seventh round match of the I-League at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday. Eden Chidi, Orj Penn, Manandeep Singh, and substitutes Lalrindika Ralte and Robin Singh completed the sequence of scoring process as East Bengal cruised to their third successive win.

BOLT IS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Barcelona: Jamaica's Usain Bolt won the IAAF World Athlete of the Year award for the fourth time on Saturday over United States hurdler Aries Merritt and Kenyan runner David Rudisha. United States sprinter Allyson Felix took home the women's World Athlete of the Year award. **SP/Agencies**



(Left) South Africa's Jacques Kallis in pain. (Right) He displayed his bravado by hitting 58

Courage under fire

Kallis braves hamstring injury to save SA from follow-on; Adelaide poised at 60-40 to Oz

AP ■ ADELAIDE

Rory Kleinveldt took three top-order wickets to help drag South Africa back into contention in the second Test by restricting Australia to 111-5 at stumps Saturday, a lead of 273 with two days to play.

The Australians had a 162-run cushion after dismissing South Africa for 388 at tea on day three, and were coasting at 77 without loss in the second innings until Kleinveldt triggered a collapse.

The two-Test paceman dismissed David Warner (41) and Rob Quiney — who had a pair of ducks in the match — within three balls and then bowled Ed Cowan (29) as Australia slipped to 91-3.

Dale Steyn chipped in with the wicket of Ricky Ponting (16), who dragged a ball back onto his stumps to make it 98-4. And night watchman Peter Siddle was caught behind off Morne Morkel as the Australians slipped to 103-5 two overs before stumps, bringing Mike Hussey to the crease with skipper Michael Clarke. The same pair put on 272 for the fifth wicket on day one to help Australia to 550 in the first innings.

Clarke, who has scored double centuries in back-to-back innings against South Africa, was nine not out at

stumps and Hussey was unbeaten on 51.

It was a day of wild momentum swings, with South Africa losing 5-17 in a morning session collapse and Australia losing 5-26 late.

After resuming Saturday at 217-2, South Africa lost established batsmen Jacques Rudolph (29) and Graeme Smith (122) on 233, then needed a 93-run eighth-wicket stand between a wounded Jacques Kallis (58) and Test rookie Faf du Plessis (78) to take the threat of the follow-on out of the equation.

Just when Australia had laid the foundation to set South Africa a massive victory target, Kleinveldt and Co. changed the momentum again. "What we did tonight in the last session was exactly what we needed to still have a sniff in the game," du Plessis said. "So we're still in there for another day, which is great, because if they just went 4-1/2 runs an over with no wickets, we would have been under massive pressure. At the moment, we're still in there."

Brief Scores

Australia: 550 and 111/5 (D Warner 41, M Clarke 9 not out; R Kleinveldt 3/14) lead South Africa: 388 (G Smith 122, du Plessis 78, J Kallis 58, B Hilfenhaus 3/69, N Lyon 2/91) by 273 runs at stumps on Day 3.

AMIT CHAUDHARY ■ NEW DELHI

Tamil Nadu captain Lakshminath Balaji must be regretting his decision to ask Delhi to bat first after winning the toss. The Ferozshah Kotla's grassy pitch, contrary to Tamil Nadu's expectations, turned out to be a batting paradise as Delhi, grabbing the opportunity with both hands, piled on 287 runs at the cost of just one wicket on day one of their Ranji Trophy match on Saturday.

Both the openers, Shikhar Dhawan and Unmukt Chand, scored centuries in their 205-run stand for the first wicket. Interestingly, for both of them, it was their first Ranji Trophy century in last two years. For Dhawan, last century came in November 2010 while Unmukt got his last ton, which was also his maiden hundred, in December 2010.

The centuries have brought huge relief to them. If, for Dhawan, it was taking the pre-season form to the main tournament, for Under-19 World Cup winning captain Unmukt, it was the culmination of a learning curve. For long, Unmukt has been wasting the good starts but his unbeaten 134-run inning in the presence of national selector Vikram Rathod on Saturday, has surely put him in good stead.

Both the openers, Dhawan and Unmukt started the innings cautiously. They scored only 28 runs in the first hour of play. But, as the false impression of grassy pitch ebbed away and the ball lost its shine, Delhi opened up the ante against Tamil Nadu bowlers. Unmukt hit Balaji for three bound-

Delhi's left & right at centre of things

Dhawan & Chand score centuries to lift hosts to 287 for 1 against TN



Delhi's skipper Shikhar Dhawan plays a shot

'ALWAYS SPECIAL TO GET 100 FOR DELHI'

New Delhi: Shikhar Dhawan was a relieved man after scoring his first century for Delhi in last two years here at Ferozshah Kotla on Saturday.

Though he has scored five centuries during that period, all of them were for other teams like North Zone and West of India. He last reached three-digit figure for Delhi in November 2010 when he scored 149 against Gujarat at his home ground.

"It's a relief. Scoring runs for Delhi is always special for me. I have been scoring runs but they weren't for Delhi," Dhawan told *The Pioneer*.

Often-times, Dhawan has failed to take his pre-season form to the main tournament, that is, Ranji Trophy. This season also he scored 621 runs before playing his first match of the season for Delhi.

"Earlier I wasn't scoring runs consistently. I used to score in one or two innings and then a few innings with runs. But this year, when IPL, my consistency has improved. In West Indies I couldn't score but after that, from Challenger to Duleep, I have scored in every inning. Against Odisha also I scored a 50 to help my team earn seven points," he said.

— Amit Chaudhary

RANJI TROPHY — ROUND FOUR

DAY ONE

GROUP A

- **Mumbai:** 325/2 (Shah 154*, Rohit 102, Tare 62) vs **Hyderabad.**
- **Madhya Pradesh:** 322/5 (Ojha 99, Burdela 61, Biria 50) vs **Bengal**
- **Saurashtra:** 90 (Sandeep 7/25) trail **Punjab:** 125/5 (Jwanjoti 61) by 35 runs vs **Punjab**
- **Gujarat:** 117 (Parthiv 55, Bangar 51/2) trail **Railways:** 145/2 (Paunikar 85) by 28 runs vs **Railways.**

GROUP B

- **Haryana:** 221/5 (R Dalai 106, R Patel 2/54) vs **Bardola**
- **Odisha:** 202 (Behra 61, Sahoo 45, Akshay 4/40, Kumar 3/31) lead

Karnataka: 16/0 by 186 runs vs Karnataka
 Maharashtra: 227/3 (Awate 10, 111, D Altikar 45, S Bahutule 2/55) vs **Vidarbha**

GROUP C

- **J&K:** 153 (Sahabuddin 5/33) lead **Andhra:** 113/4 (Mazumdar 60, Sumanth 40; Dayal 2/26) by 35 runs.
- **Jharkhand:** 176/5 (Tiwary 106, 65, Gupta 105, Dhawan 3/32) vs **HP**
- **Goa:** 281/4 (Kamat 107, Bisla 74) vs **Goa**
- **Assam:** 182 (Singh 29; Yadav 4/58) lead **Servicos:** 11/0 by 177 runs.

aries in an over and then Dhawan joined him with couple of fours off off-spinner M Ranganathan to put up 100 runs on the board before taking the lunch break.

Post lunch, they continued in the same fashion and reached their respective centuries. While Dhawan (104) took 165 balls and 18 boundaries to get to his 100. Unmukt reached the 100-run mark in 166 balls, with 15 fours and an over six. After depriving the opposition any success for more than four hours, Dhawan got out just before

the tea while attempting to cut left-arm spinner R. Aushik Srivastava. Another left-hander Mohit Sharma joined Unmukt in the middle and took the hosts to a dominating position by the end of the day. However, the job is still not done. "I am relieved after scoring my first century of this season but the job starts tomorrow again," Unmukt said.

Brief Scores

Delhi: 287/1 (S Dhawan 104, U Chand 134 no, M Sharma 40 no) against Tamil Nadu.

Bangladesh keep up the fight

AP ■ KHULNA (BANGLADESH)

Chakib Al Hasan made 97 runs and Nasir Hossain smashed an unbeaten half-century to help Bangladesh reach 226-6 at stumps Saturday after a slow start on the fourth day of the final Test match. Bangladesh were 85-5 at tea but Shakib and Nasir fought back to yield a 144-run, sixth-wicket partnership at the end of the day after the West Indies declared in his first innings at 648-9 just 10 minutes into the second session with a 261-run lead.

At stumps, Bangladesh still trailed the visitors by 35 runs.

Nasir was not on 64 after Shakib was out three runs

shy of a century.

Shakib took 117 balls including 10 boundaries and one six to reach his total.

Tino Best returned figures of 3-26, while Veerasammy Permaul took 2-51 and Fidel Edwards took one wicket to put the West Indies on course to sweep the two-test series 2-0. Best removed opener Taimim Iqbal (28), Shahriar Nafees (21) and Naem Islam (2), before taking the final wicket. Chandernaul scored an unbeaten 150 before the declaration that left the West Indies ahead five sessions to dismiss Bangladesh in a bid to sweep the two-test series 2-0 after claiming the first test by 77 runs.

At the break, Shakib Al Hasan was unbeaten on 20 with Nasir Hossain not out on 1.

After resuming on the overnight score of 564-4, the West Indies lost four wickets to Shakib Al Hasan for 146 runs in the morning. Two of the dismissals came in the last over before the lunch interval. The last wicket was taken by Sohag Gazi (3-167). Shakib's four-wicket haul gives him 102 test wickets.

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Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan plays a shot

'I want youngsters to be better than me'

Since her record feat of bronze at London Olympics, **MC MARY KOM** has been living a dream. Brand endorsements and presentation ceremonies have been a day-to-day affairs for her. Now, she's playing a dual role, one where she plays mentor to youngsters so that the future has many more Mary Komms on the way, and, the other is of the boxer who wants another shot at the Olympic gold in four years time. **ABHISHEK PUROHIT** tries to find out if the five-time world champion pugilist has it in her to go the Rio 2016 distance

CHATSHOW

MC Mary Kom
Boxing



■ You're one of India's most talked about sportspersons and public functions and congratulatory ceremonies have been the order of the day since Olympics. You must be on cloud nine.

I'm extremely happy about it. Many people have been doing it (hosting congratulatory ceremonies) for me in all parts of the country. So, it feels good. Also, during the Olympics, many people had supported me and even prayed for my success. I had received accolades after winning the world championship. But, winning medals at the Olympics is an altogether bigger. So, I am extremely happy about it.

■ National Championships are going to start on Sunday in Guwahati but you've decided to skip them?

I'll not compete in the national championships this year because I want youngsters to come up. I want to give scope to them to have a good competition and grow as boxers at the national stage. That's the reason why I've decided not to take part in the nationals.

■ In your name, there is an academy here at the

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MC MARY KOM

Upcountry townships. Then you have your own academy in Manipur. Also, you will train for future competitions. How will you manage all this?

My primary aim will be to train myself for the upcoming competitions. Besides, if I am free, I can manage all of it. I know, I can't make regular visits but I will come on a quarterly or monthly basis. And about my



MC Mary Kom holds a traditional Assamese Japi, a traditional headgear, during an event to felicitate her in Guwahati. AP

own academy, Manipur state government has given me three acres of land to set up an academy. Right now, it is in the open field. After some time training in the academy will take place in a fully completed structure. Then, I will spread the academy to the other parts of north-east and then to the rest of India.

■ Can we see you doing

full-time coaching after retirement?

Yes, I will train young talent. I want to share some attributes of my technique. Although I'm not a very good boxer, but, I would like to contribute to the game that I love so much by helping young kids to raise their game. I also want to promote sports. I want to see better boxers than me from India.

■ How do you think India can win more medals in the Olympic Games and improve as a sporting nation?

Awareness is the first thing to do. Parents should be aware about it. So that they can tell their kids to play sports. Sports should be promoted in a proper manner. We need infrastructure. If we can't give good

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facilities to our kids, they can't train in the best of ways and won't be able to win big. For the infrastructure, a lot of sponsors need to come forward to help and help not only boxers but also other sports as well. We have plenty of talent. We need to nurture them.

■ When do you resume training for the upcoming compe-

titions like Commonwealth games at Glasgow in 2014 and then the big 2016 Rio Olympics?

I have not been training after the 2012 London Games and there are no major competitions this year. I needed some rest. Especially, after putting a lot of hard work prior to the Games. Rest is required. For me, spending time with my kids and family are also important. So, I am doing that. Next season, I will start my practice early and will start my preparations for upcoming competitions as per the schedule.

■ As you have said earlier that you are not very happy with a bronze and will go for gold at Rio Games. It is still too far but how positive are you of putting up a good show in 2016?

Yes, I am not that happy with the bronze. But, I am optimistic about winning gold in 2016. I have heard that, International Boxing Federation (AIBA) has decided that they will be putting six categories unlike three in 2012. So, I am excited about it. If that happens, I will shift to 48 kg category and surely go for gold. Unless, I will stick to it (51kg category) and try my best.

It's still a murky business

The bitter rivalry between the contestants ahead of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) elections continues to get increasingly acrimonious by the day. Amidst the flurry of allegations and mudslinging, many of those responsible for the sad state of Indian sports continue to hold sway. **AJEYO BASU** takes a look

Whatever be the performance of Indian sportsmen at the Olympics, there is no doubt that we take the gold medal by some considerable margin as far as narrow politics by our revered officials is concerned.

When the country's top sports administrators go to polls on December 5 to elect the office-bearers of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), there will be a blend of friends becoming fierce opponents and former rivals sharing the same platform.

This year's polls will be something of a milestone as it will be the first time in almost three decades that the disgraced Suresh Kalmadi who was arrested after the Commonwealth Games (CWG) scam, will not be in the running for the post of IOA president.

However, Kalmadi's absence — although desirable for the well being of Indian sports — will not bring too much cheer for sports lovers. Indeed, several of those involved in the CWG scandal will be contesting the upcoming polls, and the allegations and mudslinging between the warring factions do not throw up a positive picture for the future.

On the one hand, we have Randhir Singh, the reigning secretary general of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), who had earlier announced his intention to call



Abhay Singh Chautala (left) and Randhir Singh are locked in an acrimonious battle for the post of president of the Indian Olympic Association. File Photo

it a day after 28 long years as a sports administrator, but has now made a complete u-turn and has decided to contest the post of IOA president left vacant by the disgraced Suresh Kalmadi.

Singh's rival for the top job in Indian sports officialdom, Abhay Singh Chautala, the chairman of the Indian Boxing Federation (IBF), is his former ally. The duo had joined forces during the IOA elections in 2000 in a futile bid to topple

Kalmadi from the post of president. Although Chautala's dream of becoming the IOA president came a cropper back then, he seems to be the overwhelming favourite this time round as the first IOA elections in the post-Suresh Kalmadi era increasingly seems to be something of a one-sided affair.

Chautala's cause has been further bolstered by a series of defections from Randhir Singh's camp. After the defections of Indian

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IOA ELECTIONS 2012: TIMELINE

- MAY 23:** IOA's constitution amendment committee brings back the State Olympic Association into prominence, nullifying the amendments made in Ranchi in February, 2011.
- JUNE 13:** IOA Special AGM decides to meet the Prime Minister and apprise him of the objections against Sports Bill.
- SEP 24:** IOA executive board decides to hold elections on November 25.
- OCT 18:** SGM authorizes acting president to set up election panel.
- OCT 23:** VK Malhotra names three-member election panel headed by SY Qureshi.
- NOV 15:** IOC asks IOA to conduct elections as per IOA constitution.
- NOV 16:** Top contenders including Abhay Chautala and Randhir Singh file nomination. Malhotra writes to IOC president reiterating that it opposes the sports code.
- NOV 17:** Qureshi resigns as poll panel chief, scrutiny postponed.
- NOV 19:** Anil Dev Singh appointed IOA's new EC chief.

Fencing Federation (IFF) president Durga Das Boro and Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) chief Harish Kumar, an even bigger blow

came Randhir's way when one of his trusted aides Anil Khanna, the chief of the Amateur Indian Tennis Association (AITA), changed allegiance and went over to the Chautala group.

Interestingly, Lalit Bhanot, who has spent a year in Tihar jail after being arrested by CBI in CWG scam, is making a comeback. Bhanot is in the fray for the post of secretary general despite strong objections from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who had issued a directive to keep tainted officials away from elections. Bhanot, who was arrested along with Suresh Kalmadi and VK Verma for their alleged role in the CWG scam, said he could contest as he was yet to be convicted of the charges. He is being backed by Chautala. Now in about a week's time, the man charged with the CWG scam, could well become the new secretary general of the IOA, a promotion of sorts no doubt for him.

It is being feared that the entire old disgraced order could be back. Team Chautala, who has issued another version of Team Kalmadi. What Indian sports needs more than anything else is a change in management. Unless the various federations could boast of honest and sports loving officials, Indian sports, despite its immense potential, would continue to wallow in mediocrity.

Naresh unable to shoot down the woes

Ace paralympian shooter **NARESH KUMAR SHARMA** competes in both disabled and able-bodied competitions and has more than 50 medals on his mantle. But, life is difficult and struggles continue, unnoticed by his federation. **MANJARI SINGH** chats up this special performer who is being honoured by **CNN-IBN** as a super idol today

He is not sure how he became a 40 m rifle shooter but he makes sure he enjoys every moment of it. With more than 50 medals in the cabinet in both national and international tournaments, this Delhi-based 40-year-old Paralympic shooter and Arjuna Awardee Naresh Kumar Sharma is far from done. He has represented India in four Paralympics, London 2012 being the latest.

The most striking fact about him is that he also competes in the able-bodied category. "The reason why I play under the disabled category is because I want to set an example for the disabled. I want to tell them I can do it, so can they," he says.

The 40-year-old started his training under Australian legend Tibor Gonczol in 1994. "That time I started with pistol and then even-



Naresh Kumar Sharma during practice. Pioneer Photo

When I got the Arjuna Award in 1997, an English newspaper headline said: 'Naresh steals thunder from Sachin'. But I am sure Sachin's driver must be earning more than me Naresh Kumar Sharma, Paralympic shooter

tually moved to 50m rifle," he recalls. After that he was trained under Manfred Kurzer, the German coach who is still with him. "Soon, I was counted one of the best shooters both in able and disabled categories in India and was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 1997," Sharma, who was struck with polio at age four, tells you.

But despite all these achievements, he doesn't seem to be happy with the way the sport federations treat Paralympians. His sighs are set on the 2014 Asian Games in South Korea and, the Rio Paralympics in 2016. "I wish the federations had been as adamant for victories as I am," he says. "I have filed a case against the PCI because our coaches were not given entry to London Paralympics Games Village," he tells you in anger. He blames this

faux pas by the officials for his poor performance at London. "That was my worst performance ever. I was not even among the top 10 whereas at the Beijing Olympics, I ended up being fifth," he tells you. "The Government should not expect athletes to win medals with this kind of treatment. I am sure this would not have happened at Olympics with able-bodied shooters," he feels, adding that the Government is biased towards able-bodied athletes. "Regular camps are conducted for them but that's not the case with us," he says. "I am neither provided with sponsors nor the job for that regular flow of income," he adds.

The shooter, who is being honoured by CNN-IBN for this year's Super Idols IV, lives in Dwaraka and drives daily to the Jawahar Lal Nehru stadium for practice. "At

least I should be provided with some conveyance. I obviously can't commute on public transport on a wheelchair. I end up spending a lot on diesel," he tells you.

Naresh is married and has two children. Asked how he manages his expenses, he says, "I live in a joint family which bears most of my expenses. Shooting is my passion and I have to keep it going. It's nobody's concern whether I shoot or I don't, winning a medal is a glory that lasts for only a few days," he adds.

He says not even the Arjuna Award could make his fate any better. "When I got it in 1997, an English newspaper headline said: 'Naresh steals thunder from Sachin'. I am sure Sachin's driver might be earning better than me," he says with sadness in his voice.



Talktime

KIRTI KULHARI
She comes from a Navy background but Kirti Kulhari prefers the glitz and glamour of Bollywood. She was busy with four new projects which are to be released in the next couple of months, she tells SANGEETA YADAV

'Don't like to be in the news'

After *Shaitan*, you vanished...
I don't like to be in the news unnecessarily. I want people to know me for my work alone. I had disappeared from the radar because I was busy working. I have been shooting non-stop for my upcoming four films to be released soon. *Rise of the Zombie* is the one I am most excited about. This is touted to be the first ever zombie horror film in India, starring Luke Kenny. Another film that I have enjoyed working in is a romantic comedy, *Single Chakravarti* from where I am a treat from Mumbai who falls for a simple boy from Bhopal. We have already finished production for this film which is slated for a early January release. The third project that I was shooting for is a film titled *Jai* where I'm a typical village girl. The fourth film is called *Sopor Se Sopor* with Vir Das where the audience will see me as Gulabo, a Rajasthani dancer.

What is *Life of Zombies* all about?
It is a thriller and my role (as a *Zombie's* girlfriend Vinny) is a very challenging one. She is a girl from Andhra and is in a live-in relationship with Neil (Luke Kenny). The story is about a normal person who gets accidentally transformed into a zombie. The transformation happens at physical, emotional and psychological levels. The real reason why he becomes a zombie is the suspense in the film.

Shaitan got you into the fray...
Shaitan was very well received by the audiences and other industry people. I prefer to do different and interesting roles. It feels nice when people don't believe that I'm the same Parineet from the TV series *Khichdi*. It's the variety of roles that makes your profile interesting. Every project that I get, I give enough time and space to do justice to it. No matter how happy you may be after shooting or doing good work, but real satisfaction comes when your hard work is noticed and appreciated by the audience and critics who review it.

Tell us about your childhood?
Since my father was in the navy, my siblings and I have been brought up in the typical defense atmosphere. Everybody was very protective. Since *Class III*, I started playing badminton and was the National champion. My mother is a housewife. My eldest sister Kirron is a teacher in Jaipur and Sanchan, my second sister is a Major in the Indian army. My brother Sandeep is also in the navy. I'm the only odd one out.

Tell us about following your father's footsteps?
I did when I was growing up. But when I got a few modeling assignments in college, I found that very interesting. This is when the acting bug bit me. I asked my parents to give me two years to pursue my dream so that tomorrow I don't have any regrets. When I send my portfolio to advertisement agencies within ten days I got my first assignment. That was it.



The Choprati

At the People's Choice Awards to be aired on Colors channel later today, the Chopra sisters (Priyanka and Parineeti) are all set to dazzle.
While it has become a habit for the *Pureishan* actor to grab awards in the debut category in every award show, her elder cousin Priyanka also enters the debut bracket. Piggy Chops was honoured with the 'Favourite International Music Debut' award. And according to the promos already aired on TV, Parineeti who will be hosting the show along with Ayushman cheers the loudest for her dear sister. That is when Priyanka signs off saying, "Teh loh Chopra nite ho gaye".
While all this stermance was going on in the stage there

Jats the way

When it comes to adorning new avatars, no one can beat Imran Khan — heard wala style in *Delhi Belly*, innocent guy-next-door in *Meri Brother Ki Dulhan* and the stud who did not believe in marriage in *Broke Ke Band* — Khan has been there and done that.
And, if you thought all these experiments were staid, Khan is out there to prove you wrong. As a modern Haryana jat in his upcoming film, *Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola*, he is hoping that his new look will go down well with his woman following.

The film has already created quite a buzz with its quirky title, the out-of-the-ordinary look of its characters, the puns-embellished dialogues and the chemistry between Matru and Bijlee. The entire movie is a piece of quirky art. Vishal usually sets the stage pretty realistically and his films are slightly larger than life. Since the story is set in Haryana, the script demanded crisp and wacky costumes. I went to Rothak to research about the dressing style and looks of the locals there. It took me more than a month to bring out the final cut," Payal Saluja, costume designer of *MTBKM*, tells you.
According to the designer, Khan's *hatke* look in this one will take him places. He has tried to step into the shoes of an out-of-the-box character. "He is known for his urban, cute and chocolate boy looks, but the film defines his style. I am sure his fans will find him macho and rustic-sexy too," Saluja, who has worked on him for the first time, tells you.
She says that working with a star for the first time gives the designer a lot of freedom to experiment. "For his hair, we have stuck to short length with curls falling on his forehead. The idea was to give him a soft but rugged look and the crew loved it the first time they saw him. As for his beard, it took us more than two months to finalise it," Saluja recalls.
But not everything went smoothly during the look test of Khan. "Haryana jats like to sport earrings in a different way, called *marki*. While working on his look, I had pierced, his ears with a silver *marki* for a long time. We had to wait for days to get him out of that. I am a before trying again. As for his clothing, we gave him the usual

If you are waiting for some madness in your life, Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola promises you just that! From the costume, to the dialogues, to the title, this one has quirk written all over it. SANGEETA YADAV reports



After signing the film, I went to Vishal's office and was doing our first reading. That's when I realised that I have made a big mistake by signing. I couldn't read a single Haryana word properly. I asked Vishal 'are you sure that you want me to do this film'. He replied, 'if you work hard, I'll promise you that you will do it!'
— Imran Khan

WHEN I SAW IMRAN CARRYING A MOUSTACHE AND BEARD IN DELHI BELLY, I LIKED IT AND THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD SUIT THE BEST IN THAT RUGGED LOOK. IMRAN WAS VERY PATIENT AND HE GREW HIS BEARD AND HAIR FOR TWO AND A HALF MONTHS. AT FIRST WE EVEN THOUGHT OF GIVING HIM THE SHAVEN LOOK, BUT THAT WAS NOT LOOKING TOO GOOD
— VISHAL BHARDWAJ



kurta and pants with boots, *gamcha* and sunglasses a la jat style," Saluja adds.
Khan's troubles did not end with just having to carry the look. He had to put in a lot of effort to get the mannerisms right too.
"To get into the skin of the character, Imran took a month's training from NK Sharma who runs the Act 1 theatre group in the Capital. He was also asked to hang out with only jats to imbibe their language and mannerisms," the designer who is the only one willing to speak on the movie, tells you.
When it comes to oddity, Bijlee is not far behind. "She is a very bold and outspoken girl who has travelled around the world. Vishal has portrayed a very strong female character through Anushka in this film. For Bijlee's look, I have done a mix-match of grunge with traditional elements of Haryana. It used to take three people to make her wear the long and heavy Haryana skirt which was paired with a spaghetti top, mojris and boots," Payal says.
As for the tattoo, *Dekho Magar Pyar Se*, on the lower back of Bijlee, it has caught eyeballs. Saluja justifies it as something that goes in sync with the character.
"I have experimented with truck art via her tattoo for the first time. I think Anushka carries it off fantastically. She looks gorgeous in her streaked hair too," Saluja concludes.

'Need to unite to fight terror'

After becoming a household name for the show *Na Aana Is Des Laado*, Shikha Singh is back with her second project, *26/12*. She speaks with SANGEETA YADAV about her new venture wherein she plays a terrorist

went into your role?
I didn't need to prepare too much as I'm very much like Shahana in real life. I just had to work on my accent. *26/12* is not like any daily soap where the sets are ready and shooting is continuous. We have shot 80 per cent episodes outdoors which is tough.
Does the show come with any kind of message?
It aims at creating awareness among people. We unite after terror attacks but why can't we stay united so that

such acts don't take place at all? Today, nobody is safe. A terror attack can take place anywhere. The show doesn't just talk about a terror incident, but also about how it can be prevented. Through the show, we are trying to tell people that even a small contribution can be helpful.
Kasab was hanged after four years. Your reaction.
Of course, anger. I feel, he should have been executed much earlier. But then India is one country that has a system where even a terrorist is given a fair trial!

motive. There is an amazing change in Shahana's character as the story unfolds. It's a very unusual role. *26/12* has everything in it — action, thrill and emotion

Is it based on 26/11?
No, it's a fiction. But it talks about what may happen after 26/11 but on a much larger scale as far as destruction is concerned.

The show took time to go on floor...
I signed the contract in May and it took five months to finalise everything. It's a very sensitive topic, therefore, there was a need to take care that it didn't hurt sentiments. Moreover, we are shooting with the equipment used for films and have good graphics. Till now, we have shot just six episodes in two months. A lot of hard work has gone into this show and I want the viewers to like it.

Tell us about your role in the new show *26/12*?
I play Shahana, a mother, a loving wife and a woman next door. But circumstances force this woman to become a terrorist. I believe that nobody's born a terrorist. It's only the situation that makes one. The character chooses to be a terrorist not for the sake of killing but for a

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Bieber on Oprah show

A special episode where Oprah Winfrey interviews Justin Bieber will be aired on Monday, November 26 at 8 pm on TLC. Winfrey and Bieber sit down for a revealing discussion — one of the most in-depth interviews the singer has ever agreed to do. Bieber opens up to Winfrey about his growth as an artist, the pitfalls of fame and living in the spotlight.

Aamir ki nayi Talaash

Aamir Khan has taken to the small screen to promote his film *Talaash*. He appeared on TV series, *CID* as Inspector Shekhawat to help ACP Pradyuman and Inspector Abhijeet to crack the case. Apart from *CID* on Sony TV, Aamir will also shake a leg with popular telly ballad from shows like *Diya Aur Baati Hum*, *Saathiyas*, *Is Pyar Ko Kya Naam Doo* for a special programme *Nayi Soch Ki Talaash Aamir Ke Saath* on Star Plus on November 29, 2012 between 8pm and 9pm. This is the first time that Aamir is promoting a film on the small screen. Earlier, he has been on TV to promote his nephew Imran Khan's film *Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Nu* in 2008. For the promotion, he appeared on Salman Khan's show, *Dus Ka Dum*.