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BY K SUJATHA RAO  
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**Gujarat BJP chief targets Congress: Recognise the haramzada**

**KAMAAL SAIYED**  
SURAT, APRIL 8

**TARGETING THE** Congress while seeking votes for his party in Surat, Gujarat BJP chief Jitu Vaghani told voters to "recognise" the "haramzada" (those born illegitimately) who have "sinful minds" and only want to "harass" people.

Speaking in Amroli where he was inaugurating a party candidate's election office, Vaghani said: "Hu rajya ni janata ne chetava"  
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**BUSINESS AS USUAL**

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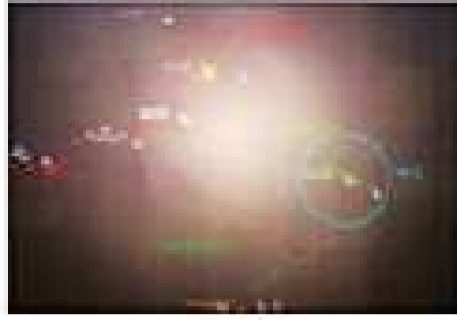


## IAF puts out radar images to show how it downed Pak F-16

**RAHUL TRIPATHI**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

GOING PUBLIC with radar images of the February 27 aerial engagement for the first time, the Indian Air Force (IAF) Monday said it had "irrefutable evidence" of a Pakistan Air Force F-16 being downed by an IAF MiG-21 Bison. It also cited radio intercepts, Indian Army sightings and statements by the Pakistan ISPR to underline that the PAF lost an F-16.

Air Vice Marshal R G K Kapoor told reporters: "IAF has irrefutable evidence of not only the fact that F-16 was used by PAF on February 27, 2019 but also that an IAF MiG 21 Bison shot down a PAF F-16... I have more credible evidence that is clearly indicative of the fact that Pakistan has lost one F-16. However, due to security and confidentiality concerns, we are restricting the information be-



The F-16 track (top) goes missing (below).

ing shared in the public domain." The IAF statement comes days after a report in the *Foreign Policy* magazine cited US government officials saying that

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP chief Amit Shah and Finance Minister Arun Jaitley at the release of the BJP manifesto in New Delhi, Monday. Neeraj Priyadarshi MORE REPORTS PAGE 8

## PM underlines nationalism, BJP promises to scrap Art 35A in J&K

**LIZ MATHEW**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

WITH PRIME Minister Narendra Modi declaring "nationalism is our inspiration", the BJP Monday promised to remove Article 35A, a decades-old order that grants special rights to the people of J&K, oust illegal immigrants by

implementing the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in a phased manner in the country, and turn into law the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill.

It is the first time that the party manifesto has mentioned Article 35A, calling it "an obstacle in the development of the state".

As the BJP released its Sankalp Patra, Union Finance

Minister Arun Jaitley said it had not been "prepared with the *tukde tukde* mindset" or "Ivy League mindset" but with a "strong nationalist vision... rooted in Indian reality".

The party stuck to its core issues such as construction of a Ram temple, abrogation of Article 370 and drafting of a

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## Rs 9,000-CR MONEY LAUNDERING

# Mallya loses, moves closer to extradition

UK High Court rejects his appeal, he has five days to seek an oral hearing

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, APRIL 8

THE MOVE to bring Vijay Mallya back to India has taken another step forward, with the UK High Court rejecting the fugitive businessman's written application seeking permission to appeal against his extradition order in connection with a money-laundering case of over Rs9,000 crore.

Mallya's application was rejected by Justice William Davis on April 5, and he now has five business days to apply for oral consideration of his appeal, according to a spokesperson for the UK judiciary.

The next step involves a brief oral hearing, during which Mallya's legal team and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), representing the Indian government, can renew their respective claims to determine if the matter should proceed for a full hearing. The process can take well over a month to conclude, said sources familiar with the development.

If the UK High Court turns down Mallya's oral application and approves his extradition, Mallya can make a representation to the UK Home Secretary to prevent extradition on the grounds of human rights within 14 days of the order.

On December 9, 2018, the

**EXPLAINED**

### Full hearing may delay process

THE UK High court can accept his plea for oral consideration and allow a full hearing on the appeal, which will further delay his extradition. If the court turns down Mallya's appeal or approves his extradition after a full hearing, he can make a representation to the UK Home Secretary to prevent extradition on the grounds of human rights, within 14 days of the order.

Westminster Magistrates' court had ordered the extradition of liquor baron Mallya. On February 4 this year, the UK Home Secretary signed the order for the extradition. Subsequently,

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## Opposition arithmetic weighs heavy on BJP in western UP

**COOMI KAPOOR**  
MUZAFFARNAGAR, APRIL 8

THE BJP is clearly nervous as eight constituencies in western UP, Saharanpur, Kairana, Muzaffarnagar, Bijnor, Meerut, Baghpat, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar go to the polls Thursday. There is a lot riding on the outcome.

Three Central ministers, General V K Singh, Mahesh Sharma and Satyapal Singh, and one former minister, Sanjeev

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Balyan, are fighting to retain their seats. Farmer leader Chaudhary Charan Singh's son Ajit Singh and his grandson Jayant Chaudhary are battling equally fiercely to keep alive the legacy of the family's leadership of the Jats.

The April 11 poll will be the first major test of whether the gathbandhan of Mayawati's BSP, Akhilesh Yadav's SP, and Ajit's RLD actually works on the ground. Whoever gains the upper hand in the first phase automatically gets a psychological

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## I-T claims Rs 281-crore racket after Kamal Nath kin raids, BJP has advance estimate

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, BHOPAL, APRIL 8

A DAY after the Income Tax Department conducted pre-dawn searches at premises of relatives and aides of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, the Central Board of Direct Taxes claimed it had detected "widespread and well-organized racket of collection of unaccounted cash of about Rs 281 crore", including transfer of Rs 20 crore to the

"headquarter of a major political party in Delhi".

In a statement mailed Monday night, the CBDT said the searches were carried out by 300 I-T officials at about 52 locations in four states. It claimed these searches "yielded unaccounted cash of Rs 14.6 cr so far, besides

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### Rs 8 CR SEIZED FROM TELANGANA BJP: POLICE

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