

EXPRESS ADDA WITH LARA DEFERRED



The Express Adda with Brian Lara, which was scheduled to be held in Mumbai on Wednesday, has been deferred. The West Indies batting great was on Tuesday admitted to a hospital in the city after complaining of chest pain. He later said: "I am fine and will be back in my hotel room tomorrow". The Indian Express looks forward to welcoming him to the Adda soon. **DETAILS, PAGE 25**

Jaishankar, Pompeo to meet today, set stage for Modi-Trump talks

Firm on S-400 deal, India to push for waiver; trade, terror also on agenda

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

AS THE visiting US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on Wednesday, New Delhi will stay firm on the S-400 deal with Russia and seek waiver under the US law.

Jaishankar and Pompeo will prepare the groundwork for the Prime Minister's meeting with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Osaka. Though the timing has not been finalised yet, it is likely to be held on June 28.

Jaishankar is scheduled to accompany the Prime Minister for the G-20 summit, just like Pompeo will join Trump in Japan. This is a departure from the past, as then External Affairs **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Chance to mend India-US ties

US SECRETARY of State Michael R Pompeo's visit to India will be the Modi government's first opportunity to discuss issues of concern, from trade to defence, terrorism to visas. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's first test will be to bring the Indo-US ties back on track, and the fact that he will accompany the PM for the Japan visit signals the trust he has earned.

FIRST ADDRESS TO LOK SABHA AFTER RE-ELECTION

Cong rose so high, unable to see ground, lost roots: PM in House

Asks all parties to work together to solve water crisis

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

TARGETING THE Congress in his first speech in Parliament after winning the Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday said it has never recognised the efforts of anyone except members of the "family" and that its leaders have "risen so high" that they have lost touch with the country's roots.

Replying to the Motion of Thanks in Lok Sabha, Modi, while underscoring that the Congress had no right to repeatedly criticise him, attacked the Congress on the Emergency, for failing to empower Muslims and



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Lok Sabha, Tuesday. ANI

for ignoring its own leaders. "From 2004 to 2014, not once did you mention the name of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. There are some people who feel only a few names contributed to national progress. They only want to hear those few names and ignore the others," he said. "We think differently, we feel

each and every citizen has worked for India's progress... Did they ever speak about the good work of Narasimha Raoji? In this Lok Sabha debate, the same people did not even speak of Manmohanji." The Prime Minister also said that he was not happy making **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Arif Khan: Rao said if Muslims want to stay in gutter, let them

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

DURING HIS speech in Lok Sabha Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi quoted a former Congress leader as having said that it was not the duty of their party to uplift Muslims and "if they want to lie in the gutter let them be". He did not name the leader. But soon, the phones started **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Choksi's citizenship will be revoked: Antigua PM

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IN A new twist to the PNB scam case, Antigua Prime Minister Gaston Browne has said that the citizenship granted by his country to one of the accused, fugitive diamond trader Mehul Choksi, can be revoked and that he will be extradited to India.

In comments reported by Antigua Observer, a local daily, Browne said his country will not provide "safe harbour for criminals, for those who are involved in financial crimes". "Choksi's citizenship was processed, he got through. We do have recourse, the reality is that his citizenship will be revoked and he will be deported to India," the newspaper quoted Browne as saying. Speaking to reporters, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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JHARKHAND ATTACK

Victim had head injury, went undetected: Post-mortem team

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SARAIKELA-KHARSAWAN (JHARKHAND), JUNE 25

THE DEATH of 22-year-old Tabrez Ansari, days after he was attacked by a mob that accused him of theft in Jharkhand, was "in all possibility" caused by a brain haemorrhage triggered by **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Sadar Hospital, Saraikeela

In suicide video, Rajasthan farmer says Cong govt's loan waiver failed

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JUNE 25

A DEBT-LADEN farmer from Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan consumed poison to commit suicide Sunday, and left behind a video in which he alleged that the Congress state government's farm loan waiver scheme had not benefited farmers.



Sohan Lal Kadela killed self on Sunday

In the video uploaded to social media, Sohan Lal Kadela, in his mid-40s, is heard saying that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's

government gave compensation to farmers but that it has not benefited farmers till date and that banks trouble farmers too.

He also declares in the video that he is going to commit suicide and no one is to be blamed, but that this is a warning to the Gehlot government. Before bidding goodbye to fellow farmers, he says farmers should **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

RS: SC rejects Cong plea against separate bypolls

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday rejected a plea filed by the Gujarat Congress challenging the Election Commission's decision to hold separate bypolls for the two Rajya Sabha seats which fell vacant in the state following the election of BJP leaders Amit Shah and Smriti Irani to the Lok Sabha.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai told the petitioner, Paresh Dhanani, Congress Legislature Party leader in the Gujarat Assembly, that he could challenge the election process by filing an election petition.

"The Constitution says file an election petition," Justice Khanna told Senior Advocate Vivek Tankha, counsel for the petitioner, who argued that **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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