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### Peace meet held in Hauz Qazi; three nabbed

NEW DELHI  
A peace meeting was held in central Delhi's Hauz Qazi on Tuesday wherein residents agreed to "live cordially", an officer said. DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa said three persons, including a minor, have been nabbed for allegedly vandalising a temple in the area on Sunday after an argument broke out between two men over parking.

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## Won't tolerate bad behaviour, PM Modi warns BJP members

His reference was to Akash Vijayvargiya, arrested for assaulting govt. official

NISTULA HEBBAR  
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday sternly told BJP members that arrogance and misbehaviour would not be tolerated by him, "whoever they may be".

He was speaking at the BJP's parliamentary party meeting (the first in this session). While he did not name anyone, the reference was said to be to Indore MLA Akash Vijayvargiya, son of national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, who was arrested and released on bail last week after he assaulted a government official with a cricket bat. The senior Vijayvargiya was present at the meeting.

According to sources, Mr. Modi said, "Whoever it may be, whoever's son he may be... such arrogance, misbe-



Well done! PM Narendra Modi being felicitated at the BJP parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday. ■ SANDEEP SAXENA

haviour cannot be tolerated" and action should be taken against them. "Manmaani nahi chalegi [wilful behaviour will not be tolerated]." Speaking to reporters, BJP

MP and spokesperson Rajiv Pratap Rudy quoted Mr. Modi as saying such conduct was "totally unacceptable". Asked whether Mr. Modi also suggested disciplinary ac-

tion, he answered in the affirmative. "He said if somebody behaves in such a way, then action should be taken against him," Mr. Rudy said.

Other sources said the Prime Minister pointed out that BJP leaders had toiled hard for generations to bring success to the party, and such arrogance brought it a bad name.

The sources said Mr. Modi also made a reference to Mr. Akash Vijayvargiya's brazen defiance of his action with the boast "Pahle nivedan, phir aavedan, phir dana-dan" [first request, then application, then attack], saying such a conduct was unacceptable. "If somebody commits a mistake, there should be a sense of regret as well," he said.

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## Union Minister opposes U.P. move to shift 17 OBCs to SC list

Thawar Chand Gehlot says only Parliament can do it

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh government's move to shift 17 Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to the Schedule Caste list is unconstitutional, and it is a transgression of Parliament's jurisdiction, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thawar Chand Gehlot said in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

"This is not proper and not constitutional," he said in reply to Satish Chandra Misra of the BSP, who raised the issue during Zero Hour. Agreeing with Mr. Misra, Mr. Gehlot said that only Parliament had the right to alter the notified list.

"This issue came to Parliament a couple of times, but no consensus could be formed," he said, adding that if the government followed due process, it could be considered.

### Landing in trouble

Uttar Pradesh's proposal to merge 17 OBC communities into the SC list has run into trouble

- As per Census 2011, Scheduled Castes constitute 21.1% of U.P.'s population
- OBCs constitute 40% of the State's population
- On June 24, the Yogi Adityanath government included 17 OBC communities in the SC list
- The additions to the SC list are — Nishad, Bind, Mallah, Kewat, Kashyap, Bhar, Dhivar, Batham, Machua, Prajapati, Rajbhar, Kahar, Pottar, Dhimar, Manjhi, Tuhaha and Gaur
- Under Article 341 (2) of the Constitution, the power to make changes in the SC list lies only with Parliament

"I would request the State not to make caste certificates on the basis of such orders because they will be dismissed by courts and it will be of no help to anyone," he added. On June 24, the State go-

vernment directed District Magistrates and Commissioners to issue caste certificates to the 17 OBCs.

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## 22 dead as wall collapses in Mumbai

375.2 mm rainfall in 24 hours paralyses city, leaves many parts waterlogged

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

Incessant rain paralysed Mumbai on Tuesday, leaving many parts of the financial capital waterlogged and 22 dead and 94 injured in a wall collapse. In all, 35 lives were lost in rain-related incidents across Maharashtra overnight.

In the other rain-related incidents in the last 24 hours, 6 persons died in a Pune wall collapse, two were drowned after their car was submerged in the Malad subway, three persons died as a school compound wall collapsed in Kalyan, one died of electrocution in Vile Parle and one in a wall collapse at Mulund.

The 375.2 mm deluge in 24 hours till 8 a.m. on Tuesday threw flight operations out of gear. Local train services were badly hit. After the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast heavy rain for July 2, the author-



Caved in: Rescue workers recovering the bodies at the site of a wall collapse at Pimpripada. ■ ARUNANGSU ROY CHOWDHURY

ities declared a holiday in the city and adjoining regions.

Twenty-two persons died and over 94 were injured as a wall collapsed in Malad. The northern suburb received 183 mm of rain between 10 p.m. on Monday and 1 a.m. on Tuesday.

**Train stations inundated**  
The Central Railway was operating trains only up to Thane on the Central Line

and Mankhurd on the Harbour Line, and all local services to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CST), Dadar and Kurla remained suspended in the morning. They resumed only at 4.30 p.m.

Thane, Mulund, Kurla and Sion stations became waterlogged from late on Monday owing to the heavy rain.

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## 54 flights diverted

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI

Heavy rain caused a large-scale disruption to flight services at the Mumbai airport. Since Tuesday morning, many incoming international flights were diverted.

Due to inclement weather, 54 flights were diverted and 52 cancelled. The diversions were on account of the closure of the main runway after a Spicejet aircraft skidded and got stuck at the edge of the runway. This forced the airport authorities to move flight operations to the secondary runway.

Poor visibility and excessive flooding of the runway forced the authorities to close the airport for over an hour.

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR  
BIRMINGHAM

India qualified for the World Cup semifinal after a thrilling 28-run victory over Bangladesh in a league clash at Edgbaston here on Tuesday. The Men in Blue scored 314 for nine and bowled out Bangladesh for 286 in 48 overs. With 13 points in their kitty, Virat Kohli's men moved closer to table-topper Australia (14), while Bangladesh crashed out.

At a venue abuzz with Indian fans thumping their drums and Bangladeshi followers holding onto their oversized tiger dolls, the final roar belonged to Kohli's men. The much-needed win found its initial base when the Indian skipper opted to take first strike and found his rewards as Rohit Sharma scored his fourth hundred (104) in this World Cup.

The opener and his partner K.L. Rahul (77) added 180 for the first wicket and that,



Hitman at it again: Rohit Sharma celebrates his century with K.L. Rahul. ■ REUTERS

along with Rishabh Pant's fluent 48, helped India go past 300 despite a stutter in the closing stages.

Rohit's was a knock to savour, rich in shots that lesser mortals can never play, and as always it was dished out in

his laconic style. Bangladesh struggled all through, constantly losing wickets and was always well behind the required run-rate. Its hopes rested on Shikib Al Hasan but the southpaw's 66 and Mohd. Saifud-

din's unbeaten 51 proved to be pockets of futile resistance. For India, Jasprit Bumrah bagged four wickets and Hardik Pandya three.

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## Sri Lanka's suspended police chief, ex-Defence Secretary arrested

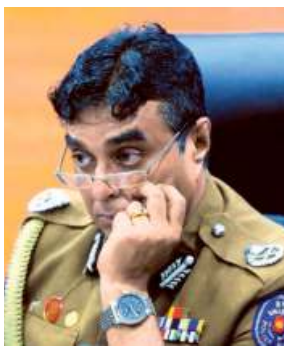
Charged with failure to prevent the Easter Sunday attacks

MEERA SRINIVASAN  
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's suspended police chief and former Defence Secretary were on Tuesday arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department for their alleged failure to prevent the Easter Sunday bombings that claimed nearly 260 lives.

The arrest of Inspector-General Pujith Jayasundara and former Defence Secretary Fernando comes a day after the Attorney-General termed their alleged failure to act on security warnings a "crime against humanity".

"The two officials should be brought before a magistrate for their criminal negligence to prevent the April 21 attacks," Attorney-General Dappula de Livera told the acting police chief in a letter. Earlier, the state prosecutor named nine police offic-



Pujith Jayasundara

ers as suspects, who needed to be prosecuted for their "role" in the security lapses.

**Testimony**  
After the attacks, Mr. Jayasundara was sent on compulsory leave when he refused to take responsibility and step down as ordered by President Maithripala Sirisena. Mr. Fernando resigned. Mr. Jayasundara and Mr.

Fernando were undergoing treatment at two different hospitals, when the police arrested them, according to police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekera.

**Serious gaps**  
In June, Mr. Jayasundara and Mr. Fernando testified before a parliamentary panel probing the blasts and pointed to the serious gaps in acting on intelligence.

Confirming that intelligence on a possible attack was available since April 9, they said it was shared among top police and defence officials, on the eve and morning of the bombings.

Meanwhile, addressing an event to mark the National Drug Prevention Week, Mr. Sirisena said: "The hand of international drug dealers is behind the Easter Sunday attacks."

## Police on toes after bomb threat to BJP MLA in M.P.

Security stepped up in Vidisha

SIDHARTH YADAV  
BHOPAL

The Vidisha district police have stepped up security at the railway station, government hospital and bus stand in Ganj Basoda, whose MLA Leena Jain received an anonymous letter on Monday threatening to blow up her and the Union Home Minister.

"As a preventive measure, a bomb disposal squad reached Vidisha from Bhopal on Monday. Four to six officials with hand-held metal detectors are randomly screening people entering the public facilities. We have also deployed a tracker dog," said Vidisha SP Vinayak Verma.

The hand-written letter was received by the BJP MLA at her office at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, she confirmed. Besides the leaders, it threatened to blow up public places.



BJP MLA Leena Jain

"I had filed a complaint with the police after receiving the letter. I don't suspect anyone for the threat as I don't have any adversaries," Ms. Jain told *The Hindu*.

"Prima facie, the letter appears to have been written from within Ganj Basoda. Its ostensibly non-serious language indicates the writer is clueless about what he wrote. For instance, it has been underlined by 'Bomb banany wala', which doesn't indicate anything. Yet, it could be a threat to public security," added Mr. Verma.

## SC pulls up Kerala on Malankara church row

State has not implemented 2017 ruling

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday lashed out at the State of Kerala, asking whether it was "above the rule of law" and admonished the Chief Secretary for not implementing its 2017 judgment resolving a prolonged dispute between the Orthodox-Jacobite factions over the management of the Malankara's numerous parish churches.

The Supreme Court had upheld the 1934 constitution of the church and dismissed a dozen review petitions filed by the Jacobite faction in a decision which impacted over 2,000 parish churches and 30 million followers of the Malankara church across the world.

The observations were made by Justice Arun Mishra, who was leading a Bench comprising Justice M.R. Shah, on a plea filed

by the Orthodox faction for police protection to worship in the Kattachira and Varikkoli churches.

**Police protection**  
The appeal was made before the apex court after the Kerala High Court decided that police protection was necessary only in case of a law and order problem.

However, Justice Mishra considered the situation and said it suggested that the State was "making a mockery of the justice delivery system".

Justice Mishra said there have been two judgments from the Supreme Court itself resolving the issue, and the court would not intervene again.

The judge asked why the State still finds it difficult to implement court orders.

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## U.K. High Court allows Mallya to appeal



Vijay Mallya

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
LONDON

The U.K. High Court on Tuesday allowed embattled liquor tycoon Vijay Mallya to appeal at least on one of the five grounds against his extradition order signed off by the U.K. Home Secretary to face alleged fraud and money laundering charges amounting to ₹9,000 crore in India.

A Bench of the Royal Courts of Justice comprising Justices George Leggatt and Andrew Poplewell made the conclusion after hearing the arguments.

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