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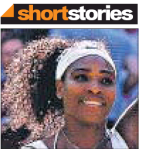
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Serena Williams after defeating Maria Sharapova in London on Thursday.

## SERENA WILL TAKE ON MUGURUZA IN WIMBLEDON FINAL

**LONDON:** Serena Williams reached the Wimbledon final with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Maria Sharapova on Thursday. She is now a match away from reclaiming her stranglehold on the women's game, a feat she will achieve for the second occasion if she beats Spanish Gamine Muguruza in Saturday's final. **SPORT**

## 13 Bills ready for passage in the Monsoon session

**NEW DELHI:** Braving the Opposition's threat of a wathout in the coming monsoon session of Parliament, the government has lined up 13 Bills for passage. The list includes key social sector and anti-corruption pieces of legislation, apart from the land bill and the constitution amendment bill to roll out GST. **HTC**

## Good news on OROP soon, says Manohar Parrikar

**LUCKNOW:** Defence minister Manohar Parrikar said on Thursday that there would be "good news" soon on the One-Rank, One-Pension (OROP) scheme, a long-standing demand of ex-Servikemen. "As far as the defence ministry is concerned, our work is almost over. This is taking time, but I can say that there'll be good news soon," he said. **HTC**

**weather today**

HIGH 30° | LOW 26°

**FORECAST:** Rains in some areas. Maximum relative humidity was 95%. Minimum 70%. Rainfall: 35.8 mm.

# Vijayam: Over to

**DIRECTIVE** SC declares it will not allow number of scam-related deaths to rise even by 1

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court ordered a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry on Thursday into all cases related to the snowballing, multi-crore-ruppee professional recruitment examination scam in Madhya Pradesh after allegations of a huge cover-up following a string of mysterious deaths connected to the scam.

The apex court also issued notice to the Centre, the state government and Governor Ram Naresb Yadav on a plea demanding that he face criminal prosecution for his alleged involvement in the multi-layered Vijayam exam fraud.

"In the petition, I see 36 (deaths). We won't allow the number to go up from 36 to 37," the Bench, headed by Chief Justice H.L. Datu, said days after chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan gave in to public pressure and asked for a CBI probe into the scam that has affected over 2.5 million students.

The Madhya Pradesh HC had deferred a similar plea for a CBI probe on Wednesday because the issue was pending in the Supreme Court — an order that anguished the top court. "It could have done something. Instead, the court said the bill was with the Supreme Court. The high court will not touch the Vijayam scam once we have ordered a CBI investigation. Not one more will die," the CJ said.

The apex court said the CBI would take over the cases on July 13 from the special investigation team (SIT), whose probe has been under a cloud for allegedly going soft on top officials and forest guards.

The verdict triggered calls for Chouhan's resignation, as the Opposition parties said he had lost the moral right to continue in office because "the scam and subsequent cover-up that triggered a bloody

trail" happened under his watch. "The victims must be given justice. It's very important for the chief minister to step down for a proper investigation to take place... since he controls the police. He may come back once he's cleared," Congress spokesman Tom Vadakkal said.

The probe into one of India's biggest corruption scandals has been dogged by a spate of deaths of witnesses and accused in the case, numbering about 40, with Chouhan facing the toughest crisis of his political career. For several years, hundreds of racketeers employed imposters and forged answer sheets to manipulate examinations held by the Madhya Pradesh Professional Examination Board, known as Vijayam in Hindi.

"It was much needed. The people who took money are roaming free and those who paid — the children and their parents — are in jail," senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh said, adding that he was grateful to the apex court. Ashish Kumar Chaturvedi, another petitioner who is also a whistle-blower in the case, said, "I'm now confident that justice will be done in the case."

The top court told Singh that his petition for a court-monitored probe would be considered on July 24 and issued notice to the CBI. "Let the CBI appear before us and then, we shall take a call," it said.

On May 5, the high court had quashed an FIR against the Governor, saying that he enjoyed constitutional immunity while in office and could not be prosecuted for allegedly taking bribes to recruit people as forest guards.

The Supreme Court, however, did not issue any order on a separate plea asking the court to remove the Governor. **(With agency inputs)**  
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**Madiya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan leaves the residence of late journalist Akshay Singh after meeting his family at Mayor Vihar, New Delhi, on Thursday.** PTI PHOTO

## Hundreds charged with gun-running, selling illicit liquor

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**BHOPAL:** A court-monitored special inquiry panel probing the multi-crore-ruppee, exam-rigging scandal, or the Vijayam scam, slapped identical charges against hundreds of accused students and parents, including allegations of gun-running and selling illicit liquor, an HT investigation has found.

About 2,000 people have been arrested in the scandal — more than half of them students and parents accused of trying to bribe their way into jobs and medical schools with the help of an organized racket in Madhya Pradesh.

While documents with HT helped track multiple instances of people facing identical charges, a senior official from the special task force (STF) probing the scam confirmed that about 400 accused faced exactly the same charges, including under the Arms Act and the MP Excise Act.

"My daughter who shoulders to hold a vegetable knife in her hands now faces charges under the Arms Act and Excise Act," Syed Ishaq Ali, a resident of Indore and an accused along with his daughter, told HT. "The same sections of the Acts were imposed on me, too. We're scared as hell about what'll happen in future because these are harsh charges," he added.

The accused face charges under sections of the Arms Act that deal with manufacturing and selling firearms and a section of the MP Excise Act that deals with manufacturing and selling liquor.

**HT SPECIAL**

# Bangla Bhai set up jihadi bases in state in 2005

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**KOLKATA:** Bangla Bhai, once a "most wanted" terrorist who was executed in Bangladesh in 2007, had come to Bengal in 2005 and spent three months in the state, during which he travelled across several districts to set up bases for his outfit, Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

National Investigation Agency (NIA) officers investigating the Khargachar blast in Burdwan on October 2, 2014, learnt how the terrorist prepared the ground for his outfit's network that got exposed only nine years later after the accidental explosion on the first floor of a house in Khargachar.

Siddique ul-Islam alias Bangla Bhai had first entered India through Dhanbad in Murshidabad and settled in the district.

"In 2005, JMB leaders sent Bangla Bhai to Murshidabad as it served the twin purpose of setting up a base for JMB on this side of the international border and providing him a shelter to avoid the dragnet of the security forces of Bangladesh which were hot on his heels," an NIA officer told Hindustan Times.

NIA has already submitted a charge sheet in the Burdwan blast case where it has mentioned that JMB was expanding its network in states like Bengal (especially in Nadia, Birbhum, Burdwan and Murshidabad districts), Jharkhand (Sahibganj district) and Assam. He worked on the plan for quite some time.

With the discovery of the role played by Bangla Bhai, it has now become clear that efforts to spread the JMB's roots in India



**Siddique ul-Islam, alias Bangla Bhai (above), travelled across Bengal between 2005 and 2006, before being executed in Bangladesh in 2007.** FILE PHOTO

had started in 2005 or before. Bangla Bhai was also the military commander of the banned Bangladesh outfit Jagruto Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) that was an affiliate of al-Qaeda. The JMJB and the JMJB were working in tandem to establish a caliphate in Bangladesh.

Bangla Bhai also had played a key role in spreading the JMB network in Bangladesh. Along with Akbar Rahman, a top JMB leader, he had set up camps in remote areas of the country to give arms and explosives training to all recruits.

He was involved in the simultaneous blasts in Bangladesh in 2005 that targeted judges and lawyers with the aim of replacing the existing judicial system with Sharia law. He was finally arrested in 2006 from one of his hideouts in Bangladesh and was subsequently tried in a court of law and executed the following year.

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# Fifty years on, family wants Lal Bahadur's death files declassified

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**NEW DELHI:** Lal Bahadur Shastri's family appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday to clear the air on his death, 50 years after India's second PM died under suspicious circumstances in the former Soviet Union where he had signed a peace pact with Pakistan a few hours earlier.

The Congress leader's relatives demanded old files pertaining to his death be declassified two days after Modi paid tribute to "the proud son of India" before a baresteed in Shastri's memory in Uzbekistan's capital Tashkent. According to official records, Shastri, then 61, died of a heart attack in Tashkent a day after he signed a peace agreement with Pakistan President Ayub Khan on January 10, 1966, some four months following the end of a second war between the two countries. However, his family members suspect he was murdered.

"My mother, who died in 1980, always believed that he was killed," said the former PM's younger son, Anil Shastri, a member of Congress. His elder son, BJP MP Saurabh Shastri, echoed his father's claim. Anil Shastri told HT that his entire family visited the Tashkent hotel, where his father died, on the invitation of the then Soviet premier, Alexei Kosygin, who sent a special aircraft for them. "There was negligence with regard to his place of stay. Why was he kept up



**Lal Bahadur Shastri**

"There was no phone or cell bill in his room. He had to walk up to the doctor's room." A key figure in the independence movement, Lal Bahadur Shastri took over as Prime Minister following Jawaharlal Nehru's death in 1964. Anil Shastri recalled the then Indian ambassador had told the family that a cook named Chand Mohammad had been appointed to cook food for his father in Tashkent. "My mother wanted to meet Chand Mohammad but Soviet authorities told us that he was not available," Anil Shastri said. "Shastri's post-mortem was not done because in case of heads of state, it is done in the host country. The request for post-mortem should have gone from the government of India. Why was no such request made?"

Sunil Shastri told HT that his mother had demanded an inquiry into his father's death when Gulzarilal Nanda and Indira Gandhi came to meet her on separate occasions while they occupied the PM's chair. "But, nothing was done. We had the best times that



**PM Narendra Modi with other world leaders at the BRICS summit in Ufa, Russia, on Thursday.** PTI PHOTO

# Day after Modi's protest, China defends its move on Lakhvi

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**BEIJING:** China said on Thursday its decision to block India's move for UN action against Pakistan over the release of 26/11 terror attack mastermind and senior Lashkar-e-Taiba (LT) commander Zakir Rehman Lakhvi was based on facts, objectivity and fairness.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, on Wednesday, conveyed to Chinese President Xi Jinping India's disappointment over Beijing's move during a meeting of the UN sanctions committee in June. The two leaders are in the Russian city of Ufa for the BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summits

held on and in Beijing.

"As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), China always deals with 1267 (sanctions) committee matters based on facts and in the spirit of objectivity and fairness," Hua Chunying, foreign ministry spokeswoman, said at a media briefing.

She was responding to a question on why China had blocked the move although it claimed it was against terrorism. "China has maintained good communications with India and other parties on related issues," Hua said.

A week earlier, a senior Chinese diplomat, too, had defended the stalling of India's move. India had told the UN that

world body's 1267 resolution, which freezes assets and limits travel of senior figures linked to the Taliban, al-Qaeda and LT. China, which shares close ties with Pakistan, had sidestepped the argument, saying Delhi had failed to provide sufficient information.

The 55-year-old Lakhvi was arrested in December 2008, a month after 2008 Pakistan terrorists held Mumbai hostage for three days and left 166 people dead. A year later, Lakhvi and six others were charged with planning and executing the audacious attack.

A Pakistani court, on April 9, ordered Lakhvi's release on bail and, recently, he was also exempted from personal appearance in the case.

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# Threat tweet forces Jet's Dubai flight to land at Muscat airport

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**MUMBAI:** A mischievous tweet forced a Jet Airways flight with 60 people on board flying from Mumbai to Dubai to make an emergency stopover at Muscat airport on Thursday. The incident occurred 48 hours after a Turkish passenger plane made an unscheduled landing at Delhi after a bomb threat.

According to airline officials, a person named Saurabh Partap put out a tweet saying a bomb was planted on the Dubai flight. "Bombs spotted in Jet Airways flight 9W-536 from Mumbai to Dubai dep at 12:45 from GMR..."

"Operation India," the tweet said. Although Partap's whereabouts could not be ascertained till the time of going to press, his Twitter profile said he was a Ludhiana resident.

By the time the Jet Airways social media team noticed the tweet, the flight to Dubai had departed from Mumbai. The airline's ground staff immediately alerted the Mumbai air traffic control (ATC), which in turn relayed the message to the 9W 536 flight.

Jet Airways flight 9W 536, which departed from Mumbai at 12:45 hrs for Dubai, was diverted to Muscat due to a bomb threat. The aircraft with 54 guests and 7 crew members on board landed safely in Muscat at 2:50 pm. All guests and crew disembarked without any incident and were taken to the airport terminal. Oman security agencies carried out a thorough search of the aircraft, baggage and cargo," a Jet Airways spokesperson told Hindustan Times.

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# Machine that listens to your organs

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**KOLKATA:** Imagine a matchbox-sized device that "listens" to your organs to come up with the abnormalities they are developing and the diseases they are nurturing. No needles and no exposure to harmful rays — yet a quick, accurate diagnosis! And all of this coming at a highly affordable price.

Incredible as it may sound, IIT-KGP has already developed the device, which has been acclaimed as a "breakthrough machine" by several science journals across the globe. It

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