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Indian Muslims will live and die for India: Modi

Indian Muslims will live and die for India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, maintaining that they will not dance to the tunes of terror outfit al-Qaeda. "My understanding is that they are doing injustice towards the Muslims of our country. If anyone thinks Indian Muslims will dance to their tune, they are delusional." "Indian Muslims will live for India, they will die for India - they will not want anything bad for India," he told CNN in an interview.

He was also put a question about the remarkable phenomenon that out of the



170 million Muslims in India, there seemed to be no or very few members of al-Qaeda even though it is in Afghanistan and Pakistan. "What is it that has made this community not as susceptible?"

Mr. Modi answered that

first he was not the authority for doing a psychological and religious analysis on this. "But the question is whether or not humanity should be defended in the world. Whether or not believers in humanity should unite. This is a crisis

against humanity, not a crisis against one country or one race. So we have to frame this as a fight between humanity and inhumanity, nothing else," he said. Ahead of his visit to the U.S. next week, Mr. Modi said it was possible for the U.S. and India to develop a genuinely strategic alliance. "I have a one word answer, and with great confidence I say - yes. Let me explain - there are many similarities between the U.S. and India. If you look at the last few centuries, two things come to light - America has absorbed people from

around the world, and there is an Indian in every part of the world. This characterises both the societies.

Asked if he feels there is a genuine desire from Washington to try and upgrade the relationship with India substantially, the Prime Minister said relations between India and America should not be seen within the limits of just Delhi and Washington. "It is a much larger sphere. The good thing is that the mood of both Delhi and Washington is in harmony with this understanding. Both sides have played a role in this," he said.

Centre joins hands with Gates for universal sanitation



With the objective of addressing sanitation related health concerns, the Urban Development Ministry and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have agreed on a partnership to promote user friendly toilets to ensure universal sanitation in the country. During a meeting with Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi, Mr. Gates

enquired about the government's sanitation initiatives. Mr. Naidu apprised Gates about the government's initiatives to ensure housing for all by 2022 and that 'Swachhh Bharat Mission' would be launched on October 2 this year, under which every household is to be enabled with toilet facility by 2019.

Mr. Naidu said that under the new housing initiative, every affordable house to be constructed in urban areas would be provided with toilet facilities. He said at present about 12 million urban households do not have toilet facilities.

China pledges to cut carbon intensity by 2020

China has pledged to reduce its carbon emission intensity by 40-45 per cent by 2020 from the 2005 level in a new plan unveiled just ahead of a UN climate summit in New York. The plan, approved by Chinese cabinet, maps out major climate change goals which China intends to meet by 2020. It also aims to bring the proportion of non-fossil fuels to about 15 per cent of its total primary energy consumption. Other targets include increasing forest coverage by 40 million hectares within the next five years.

China will speed up efforts to establish a carbon emission permit market, under the plan, which



also calls for deepened international cooperation under the principles of "common but differentiated responsibilities," equity and respective capability. The central government said local governments and departments should recognise the significance and urgency in dealing with climate change and prioritise their action on the

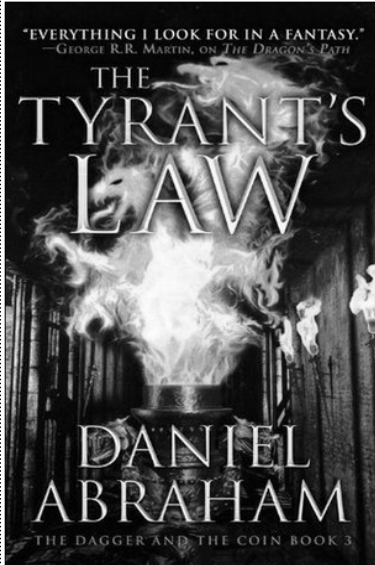
issue. The action plan came just before a climate summit to be held at UN Headquarters in New York on Tuesday that would be attended by Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli.

Xie Zhenhua, deputy chief of the NDRC and the country's top official on climate change, told reporters that the plan was a concrete action by China to participate in the global process to tackle climate change. In the first nine months of 2014, China's energy consumption per unit of GDP dropped by 4.2 per cent year-on-year and carbon intensity was cut by about 5 per cent, both representing the largest drops in years, he said.

Editorial

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The Tyrant's Law by Daniel Abraham



"The great war cannot be stopped.

The tyrant Geder Palliako had led his nation to war, but every victory has called forth another conflict. Now the greater war spreads out before him, and he is bent on bringing peace. No matter how many people he has to kill to do it.

Cithrin bel Sarcour, rogue banker of the Medean Bank, has returned to the fold. Her apprenticeship has placed her in the path of war, but the greater dangers are the ones in her past and in her soul.

Widowed and disgraced at the heart of the Empire, Clara Kalliam has become a loyal traitor, defending her nation against itself. And in

the shadows of the world, Captain Marcus Wester tracks an ancient secret that will change the war in ways not even he can foresee."

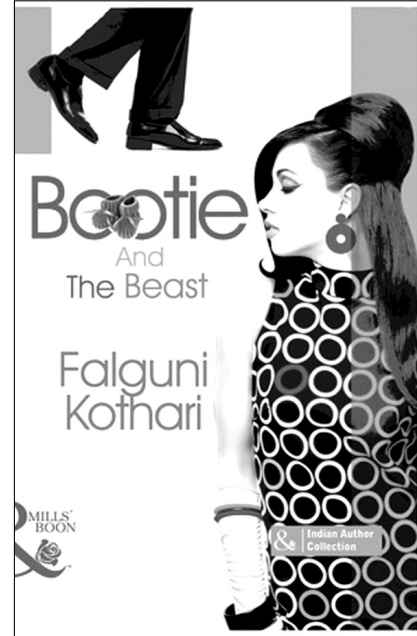
There is one thing that has to be said for the Dagger and the Coin series - the twists are damned unexpected. The first book built up a world and a cast of characters. The second book detailed the plot - giving a fair idea of who were the dark grey characters and who were the light grey ones - because this is not a series that deals in black and white. The third book has started the build up to the conclusion - or at least, to the events that may lead to the conclusion.

Cithrin has come a long way from a waif smuggling the Bank's money. She is now Magistra of her own branch, and with blessings from Komme Medean - no matter how she wrangled them - on her way to doing it freely. But she is also the one whom Geder Palliako has fixated upon - and his paranoia is reaching new heights. Marcus Wester is unaware whether Cithrin lives or died in the Cannipol civil war - and he will spill blood, even that of a lifelong friend - if he finds out he could have protected her. Master Kit knows what he needs to find to defeat the evil crawling all over the continent but he needs help - and Wester is otherwise occupied. Clara Kalliam has become as invisible to the nobility as the poor of the city - and she is learning just what freedom like that can mean. She is no longer Lady Kalliam, but rather, she is a woman who is steadfastly working to free her country - even as it enslaves other nations. Not to mention the complicated but infinitely sweet, interesting and somewhat tragic relationship between her and Vincen Coe.

All of the threads are pooling together in one place - from the Bank deciding to help the war refugees in spite of monetary losses, to Marcus and Kit journeying to find something to stop the Goddess, from Cithrin finally growing up and to Geder becoming more of a monster each day with no one any the wiser on how to stop him. This book is where these threads have just started to form a cohesive pattern - where you can start to see just how things might come together. And it makes it so hard to wait for the next one.

This is definitely a great fantasy series - layered into a great world and with an excellent and vivid cast of characters - filled with intrigue, politics, adventure, loyalty, betrayal and a dose of reality that is just so hard to get right in a fantasy series but makes it stay in your mind for a long time.

For the Happily- Ever-After's!!



until Diya has tamed her Beast."

Bootie and the Beast is a must-read for those believers of fairy-tale romances, true love's kiss and the age-old adage of opposites attract.

The catchy (albeit slightly borrowed) title and the equally captivating blurb promise a spicy, entertaining story. With Falguni's funny and cheeky writing and the hot and sizzling chemistry between Diya (Beauty) and Krish (the sexy, brooding Beast),

"Fairytales don't end with True Love's Kiss, they begin with one...

Diya Mathur (aka Beauty), celebrated supermodel and Party Princess of India, is adored by everyone. She works hard, plays hard, and has the biggest shoe fetish on the planet. But after she purchases one baby bootie, Diya's reputation is in ruins. There's only one place to escape the rumours - Texas, under the protection of her lifelong friend, and secret love, Krish Menon (aka the Beast).

Financial whizz-kid, CFO and entrepreneur, Krish is a brooding workaholic with a charisma that still brings Beauty Mathur to her knees. He has no idea, of course! They've shared a bond since childhood - a special friendship that thrives on sparring, teasing and goading - but with Diya back in his life and under his roof, Krish's latent desire for her explodes. And when he finally admits to the secret that has never allowed him to commit to any woman - especially Diya - everything changes. Krish might finally realise how much he wants his Beauty. But he won't get her

Bootie and the Beast makes for a fast-paced romance which makes you want your own happily-ever-after. She has perfectly balanced wit, humor, heartfelt emotional quotient and a deep insight in to modern human psyche in her writing.

The characterization is well done and the reader is able to connect to the protagonists. Diya is the "all pink" girl who regularly falls into trouble and Krish is her serious, brooding "knight in shining armour". After the dramatic should-they, shouldn't-they moments, when the Beauty and her Beast finally unite, the romance is hot, thrilling and definitely sensuous.

The clash between Diya and her family is typically Indian. There is drama and a drama queen who loves acting which made for a "glued-to-your-seat-till-the-very-end" type of story.

"She loved a man who didn't love her. She was hung up on a man who did not desire her. And she was doing nothing-not one thing-to improve her situation."

Contributed by Urvi Bhuwania

Keeping a tradition alive, Xi meets family of Dr. Kotnis

It has been a tradition with visiting Chinese leaders to meet the family of Dr. Dwarkanath Kotnis and President Xi Jinping followed it by meeting the sister of the famed physician and recalling "the fine representative who gave his precious life in China". For the meeting, the Chinese Consulate-General in Mumbai specially flew Dr. Kotnis' 93-year-old sister Manorama, who is wheelchair bound, and her family to Delhi so that Mr. Xi could meet and felicitate her. Dr. Kotnis, who is revered in China for his contributions, was an Indian physician who died while treating Chinese soldiers during the second



China-Japan war in 1942.

"In the critical hour of Chinese people's war with Japanese aggression, the Indian medical mission travelled thousands of miles to assist us and fought shoulder to shoulder with people of my father's generation against Japanese fascists. The fine representative, young Dr.

Kotnis gave his precious life in China. "General Mao Zedong once wrote in his honour 'The Chinese Army has lost a helping hand, the nation a friend. Let us always bear in mind his international spirit'," Mr. Xi said, remembering Dr. Kotnis.

Appreciating the gesture of the Chinese leadership

who keeps meeting the family till date, Ms. Manorama, who has partially lost her vision, said, "Even when a new Consul-General takes charge in Mumbai, he comes to visit the family of Dr. Kotnis."

"Till now, our extended family has visited China 20 times. They have maintained the warmth for all these years," said Rajan Borkar, son-in-law of Dr. Kotnis' elder brother, whose family now takes care of Ms. Manorama.

Dr. Kotnis went to China in 1937 as part of an Indian medical mission after China was invaded by Japan. He served on the battlefield and saved lives of many Chinese soldiers.

After working for four years in China, he fell ill and died at a young age of 32. In China, Dr. Kotnis fell in love and married a Chinese nurse who worked with him. Quo Qinglan, who remained in China, died in 2012 in the city of Dalian.

They also had a son, who was studying to become a doctor but he died when he was 24. Last year, Premier Li Keqiang had met his family. In 2006, when Chinese President Hu Jintao visited India, he met the family. In the past, the Kotnis family met with then premier Zhou Enlai in 1950, followed by president Jiang Zemin in 1996.

Modi's NYC venue sold out

The organisers of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's much-touted address to the diaspora community in New York City on September 28 announced that the 20,000-capacity Madison Square Garden (MSG) stadium has completely sold out and is currently oversubscribed. Those who were unable to obtain one of the 18,000 free tickets made available via the PMVisit.org website would have to settle for watching a live broadcast his speech in New York's Times Square, the organisers said on Wednesday, adding that there would also be numerous "watch parties" around the country.

Mr. Modi is arriving in New York on September 27 and will participate in the United Nations General Assembly before delivering his address at MSG. On September 29 he will depart for Washington,

where he is scheduled to hold a closely-watched summit meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama. Excitement surrounding the Prime Minister's visit has been unprecedented within the Indian-American community, especially as Mr. Modi was subject to a nine-year visa ban by the U.S. administration in 2005 because he presided over Gujarat during the 2002 anti-Muslim pogrom in which more than 1,000 people were killed.

The Indian American Community Foundation, the group behind the event, said that in the face of continued requests for tickets they were brainstorming "more ways to let the community participate." Anand Shah, Spokesperson for IACF, added, "That is why we decided to broadcast the event in Times Square, stream it online at www.pmvisit.org, and pro-

vide English subtitles and audio translation - ensuring that as many people as possible could be part of what promises to be one of the largest ever gatherings to hear a foreign leader speak on American soil."

With the luckier among the thousands of applicants set to receive their tickets by the end of this week or early next week, the IACF

promised that preceding Mr. Modi's speech, there would be a "spectacular laser light show, holograms of India's historical luminaries, and live folk dances." The emcees for the MSG festivities will be Miss America 2014 Nina Davuluri, the first Indian-American to win that crown, and Hari Sreenivasan, a PBS

NewsHour Weekend Anchor. On the significance of Mr. Modi's address there Mr. Shah said, "Prime Minister Modi taking the stage along with dozens of America's most important political leaders in front of tens of thousands of cheering supporters will demonstrate the potential of a relationship across borders."

Doordarshan anchor sacked after naming Chinese President Xi 'Eleven'

A Doordarshan news anchor has been sacked after she referred to Chinese President Xi Jinping as 'Eleven' Jinping, apparently confusing Mr. Xi's name with the Roman numerals XI, a senior official at the national broadcaster said on Friday. The blunder occurred on a show on Doordarshan



news on Wednesday.

"It is an unpardonable mistake," the official told

Reuters on the condition of anonymity, saying the anchor was employed on a casual basis.

"We have debarred her from news reading for a few months." The official said a shortage of news readers had forced the channel to run some news bulletins with casuals.

Scots spurn independence in historic vote, nationalist leader resigns

Scotland spurned independence in a historic referendum that threatened to rip the United Kingdom apart, sow financial turmoil and diminish Britain's remaining global clout. A vote for the 307-year union is a relief for millions of Britons including Prime Minister David Cameron, whose job was on the line, as well as allies across the world who were horrified at the prospect of the United Kingdom's separation. Unionists cheered, kissed and drank wine and beer in Glasgow, Scotland's biggest city where secessionists won, while nationalist leader Alex Salmond conceded

defeat and hours later told reporters he would resign. Opponents of independence won 55 percent of the vote while separatists won 45 percent with all 3.6 million votes - a record 85 percent turnout - counted. But leaders from across the United Kingdom said the union must change if it is to endure.

"For me as leader my time is nearly over but for Scotland the campaign continues and the dream will never die," Salmond told reporters in Edinburgh, the Scottish capital which supported the United Kingdom. Salmond said he would not accept the nomination as

leader of the Scottish National Party at an annual conference in November and that he would then resign as Scottish First Minister. The vote prevents 59-year-old Salmond from winning his dream of an independent Scotland, a goal for which he has worked with a mix of shrewd calculation and nationalist passion for his entire adult life. Cameron said the question of Scottish independence had been settled for a generation.

"There can be no disputes, no re-runs, we have heard the settled will of the Scottish people," he said outside his official London

residence in Downing Street. Queen Elizabeth II, who is at her Scottish castle in Balmoral, is expected to make a rare comment on Friday. The campaign for independence had electrified this country of 5.3 million but also divided the passions of friends and families from the remote Scottish islands of the Atlantic to the tough city estates of Glasgow.

Sterling strengthened sharply against the dollar and the euro on the result. British bonds and shares rose while major British companies with Scottish exposure welcomed the decision. Royal Bank of Scotland said it had

scrapped plans to move its registered office to England. Earlier, speaking in front of an image of a giant white on blue Scottish flag, Salmond laced his admission of defeat with a warning to British politicians in London that they must respect their last minute promise of more powers for Scotland.

"Scotland has by a majority decided not, at this stage, to become an independent country. I accept that verdict of the people and I call on all of Scotland to follow suit in accepting the democratic verdict of the people of Scotland," he said.

A clash of the technology Titans

Apple and Samsung are the Athens and Sparta of the technology world. Which is which and who is who is subject to interpretation. Nevertheless, the rivalry is assuming legendary proportions as both companies are adding more products to their line up. This time, the battle lines are drawn in the Phablet territory. No sooner than the South Korean company unveiled its swan song 'Galaxy Note 4, Apple introduced its first device in the phablet category - iPhone 6 Plus.

Samsung and Apple do make a strong case and taking sides is not easy, as it seems. The price of the devices is believed to be around Rs. 50,000. iPhone 6 Plus has a 5.5 inch wide IPS display with 1920x1080 pixels reso-

lution and a shatter-proof screen. Samsung Galaxy Note 4 has a slightly bigger display (5.7 inch) and an AMOLED screen with a resolution of 2560X144 pixels. Gorilla Glass is used for the screen.

Samsung Note 4 weighs around 176 grams while iPhone 6 Plus is lighter with a weight of 172 grams. The iPhone 6 is 77.8 mm wide and 7.1 mm slim, whereas Note 4 is 78.8 mm wide and 8.5 mm slim. But length-wise, the iPhone 6 is bigger than Note 4. The metal unibody design of iPhone 6 Plus makes it look more stylish than Samsung's Galaxy Note 4.

So far, so good, for Apple. But there is more in store in the hardware department where Samsung enjoys a defi-

nite edge. Samsung Note 4 uses Qualcomm Snapdragon 805/Exynos Octa core with 3 GB RAM whereas iPhone 6 runs on a dual core A

Apple A8 processor with 2GB RAM. Apple's iPhone 6 will roll out 3 variants with 16 GB, 32GB and 64 GB storage space whereas

Samsung's Galaxy Note 4 will come with internal storage capacity of 32GB, which is further expandable up to 128 GB.

Infosys partners Huawei

Infosys announced on Thursday a global partnership with Huawei to offer enterprise customers big data and communication solutions besides expansion of its existing engagement with Microsoft and Hitachi Data Systems. Providing details, in separate press releases, Infosys said the IT solutions to be developed with Chinese multi-national ICT firm Huawei would be for enterprise customers looking to modernise operations with cloud infrastructure.

Both the companies will build reference architectures and standardised solutions for big data platforms on Huawei hardware infrastructure.

Setting up a joint lab in China to enable better delivery in all areas of the partnership will also be considered by the two companies.

In another release, Infosys said it would expand its capabilities for analytics and other service offerings on Microsoft technologies. Using Microsoft Azure Machine Learning, a broad range of predictive analytics tools will be offered to enterprises. A global centre of excellence for Microsoft Azure Machine Learning will also be established as part of the partnership, with a capacity to train over 1,000 engineers by the end of fiscal year 2015. With Hitachi Data

Systems, another release from Infosys said, the engagement is to be expanded to take next generation infrastructure and data centre transformation solutions to enterprises. "The new solutions will help improve operational efficiencies and facilitate smooth transition of their IT infrastructure to new cloud-based environments," the release said.

A centre of excellence will also be set up to co-create pay-per-use solutions with HDS. Many private cloud offerings will be created by the two companies to be "delivered as-a-service related to ERP, CRM, exchange and collaboration, with flexible pricing models".

U. Shrinivas, the mandolin prodigy, is no more

U. Shrinivas, who cast a spell on audiences with his Western instrument, the mandolin, died on Friday in Chennai. He was only 45. Mandolin Shrinivas, as he came to be known, had been ailing for a while. He reportedly was being treated for liver failure at the Apollo Hospital. He had lately received a liver transplant. Born in Palakol in Andhra Pradesh, Shrinivas started playing the instrument used by his father Sathyanarayana. He quickly mastered it and his skills were further honed by his father's guru Rudraraju Subburaju,



who was a vocalist.

As Chennai is the capital of Carnatic Music, his family settled here and he was promoted by late mridhangam player P. Updendran and his uncle, late thavil maestro V a l a n g a i m a n Shanmugasundaram. As a child prodigy, a perma-

nent smile on his face and with joy apparent while playing his instrument, he created waves in the Carnatic music world.

His concerts with the accompaniment of thavil captured the imagination of connoisseurs of Carnatic music. He instantly caught the

attention of late Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, who declared him the musician of the Tamil Nadu Government when he was just 11 years old. "After listening to him play in a temple, I recorded him for the Doordarshan. The audition test was attended by great musicians such as Emani Sankara Shastry. When we telecast the programme, we received a call from the then Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, requesting a copy of the recording and his address," said Sampath Kumar, who worked for both the All India Radio and

Doordharsan. Srinivas, humility personified, always gratefully acknowledged the contribution made by others towards his career.

"I am still not able to understand how he was able to produce ghamakas in a Western instrument," said Mr. Sampath kumar, who also produced a documentary on Shrinivas. Shrinivas joins late N.C. V a s a n t h a k o k i l a m, K a r u k u r i c h i Arunachalam and N e e d a m a n g a l a m Shanmugavadeivel, who left the world when they were in the 40s and at the peak of their career.

S.H.Raza painting gets Rs.8.17 crore at Saffronart Delhi auction

Indian modern artist S.H.Raza's 1973 acrylic painting "La Terre" fetched Rs.8.17 crore (\$1.36 million) at Saffronart's first live auction in the capital, organisers said Saturday September 6. But, the highlight of the auction titled "The Modern Evening Sale" was artist Jehangir Sabavala's "The Flight into Egypt - that was estimated between \$133,335-\$150,000, but was sold for \$500,000 (Rs.3 crore) - a world record price for a work by the artist. This 1971 oil on canvas is an allusion to a biblical event and has been "lauded for its intellectual and technical handling" of a subject matter that has, for centuries, evoked very specific imagery.

Total sales from the auction rose to a total of Rs.38.3 crore (\$6.4 million) against a pre-auction estimate range of Rs.25.8 crore to Rs.35.2 crore

(\$4.3-\$5.9 million). In total, 96 percent of lots found buyers and as per auction results, eight lots were sold for more than Rs.1 crore. India's biggest online auction house had hosted a live auction in the capital for the first time to celebrate its 100th auction and to test the Delhi waters. "Following this successful auction, we will continue to hold major auctions and exhibitions here for art collectors," said Dinesh Vazirani, co-founder of Saffronart, in a statement. "We sourced works of outstanding quality and provenance for this landmark auction, and the response from collectors was overwhelming," he added. A rare "Untitled" paper work by Tyeb Mehta, executed in the fledgling stages of his career in a highly unusual style, was estimated at \$25,000-\$33,335 but fetched \$164,000 (Rs.98.4 lakh)

An empty throne this Dasara

The golden throne at Mysore Palace, the cynosure of all eyes during Dasara celebrations here, was reassembled on Thursday. The throne is an integral part of the Mysore royal family's festivities. Maharajas used to sit on the throne and conduct durbar during the days of the monarchy.

But since the abolition of principalities, the symbolic act of ascending the throne and holding the durbar was continued by S r i k a n t a d u t t a Narasimharaja Wadiyar, the scion of the royal family, till his death last December. In his absence, the royal sword will be placed on the throne, described by many as a work of art, and worshipped by priests. In the run up to the festivities, the priests conduct specific rituals associated with it



and it is then assembled.

Jaganmohan Palace's curator Mr.Narasimha said: "After the completion of the rituals and chanting of the vedic hymns, the priests sanctified the throne and by sprinkling holy water and the golden umbrella studded with precious stones, steps leading to the main seat, arms rest etc. were assembled part by part."

The origin of the golden throne is shrouded in mystery, with a number of legends telling us different stories about how it came to be.

According to one, the

throne belonged to the Pandavas.

But as per other, the throne belonged to the rulers of Vijayanagara Empire and was retrieved by Harihara I, one of the empire's founders, in the 14 Century and passed on to Srirangaraya, their governor in Srirangapatana. Raja Wadiyar, who was one of the feudatories of the Vijayanagara empire, came to power in Srirangapatana in 1610 and the throne has remained with the Wadiyars since then. However, according to another theory, Mughal emperor Aurangzeb gifted the throne to Chikkadevaraja Wadiyar around 1700.

The throne is displayed for the public during Dasara, and is dismantled afterwards.

India, China vow to pursue early solution to border issue

As they aim to reset ties, India and China have resolved to pursue finding an early solution to the thorny boundary issue as a "strategic objective", noting that an early settlement of the dispute will advance their basic interests. A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held extensive talks, largely dominated by the border dispute, both the countries released a joint statement on Friday detailing the outcome of the deliberations.

On the boundary issue, the statement said the two sides exchanged views on the India-China boundary question and reiterated their commitment to seek a "fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution", proceeding from the overall interests of bilateral relations. Recognising "peace and tranquillity" on the border as an "important guarantor" for development and continued growth of ties, both the countries said they would continue to make joint efforts to maintain peace and tranquillity in the border areas pending a final resolution of the boundary question.

"Recalling the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the Boundary Question signed in April 2005, both sides reiterated their commitment to an early settlement of the boundary question and expressed their conviction that this will advance basic interests of the two countries and shall, therefore, be pursued as a strategic objective," it said. Though the import and positions in the 2013 Joint Statement, issued after talks between Premier Li Keqiang and then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, and current one remain the same on boundary issue, there were new phrases in current document like "strategic objective" and "early solution" used in context of the contentious issue.



The joint statement of May 20, 2013 had said, "The leaders expressed satisfaction over the work done so far by Special Representatives of the two countries on the Boundary Question and encouraged them to push forward the process of negotiations and seek a framework for a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement in accordance with the Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles.

"Pending the resolution of the boundary question, the two sides shall work together to maintain peace and tranquillity in the border areas in line with the previous agreements," it had said.

The three-day visit of Mr. Xi, the third by any Chinese President to India, was dominated by the border standoff in Ladakh region and Mr. Modi had taken up the issue strongly in their meeting on Thursday. Both the sides reiterated their willingness to proactively resolve all outstanding differences based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence through friendly negotiation without letting them affect the overall ties.

"The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to consolidate the Strategic and Cooperative Partnership for Peace and Prosperity on the basis of the principle of mutual and equal security and mutual sensitivity for each other's concerns and aspirations," it said. India asserts that the border dispute covered about 4,000

km, while China claims that it confined to about 2,000 km to the area of Arunachal Pradesh, which it refers as Southern Tibet. India and China have so far held 17 rounds of talks by Special Representatives to resolve the dispute.

Both Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi reaffirmed the utility and significance of the mechanism of Special Representatives for seeking a political settlement of the boundary question and of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs for handling border-related matters. "They also agreed to hold the fourth joint army training at a mutually convenient time, hold Navy/Air Force joint exercise at a proper time, and strengthen cooperation in such areas as peacekeeping, counterterrorism, naval escort, maritime security, humanitarian rescue, disaster mitigation, personnel training, and think tank communication," the joint statement said.

The two sides decided to hold the first round of maritime cooperation dialogue within this year to exchange views on maritime affairs and security, including anti-piracy, freedom of navigation and cooperation between maritime agencies of both countries. They also agreed to hold consultations on disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control soon.

The Chinese President also invited President Pranab Mukherjee to visit China at a

mutually convenient time. President Pranab Mukherjee accepted the invitation. Mr. Xi said he was looking forward to an early visit of Mr. Modi to China. Mr. Modi said he accepted the invitation with pleasure and looked forward to visiting China at an early date. The Chinese side said it understands and supports India's aspiration to play a greater role in the U.N. including in the Security Council.

"China attaches great importance to India's status in international affairs as a large developing country, and understands and supports India's aspiration to play a greater role in the U.N. including in the Security Council," it said. Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi reiterated their "resolute opposition" to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations with "zero tolerance", and committed themselves to cooperate on counterterrorism.

"The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to abide by the principles and consensus both had agreed to, and further consolidate the Strategic and Cooperative Partnership for Peace and Prosperity on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and mutual respect and sensitivities for each other's concerns and aspirations," the statement said.

They agreed that as two large developing and emerging economies, their developmental goals are interlinked and should be pursued in a mutually supportive manner. Recognizing that their respective growth processes are mutually reinforcing, they agreed to leverage "mutual complementarities" and build a closer developmental partnership. The leaders agreed to make this developmental partnership a core component of the Strategic and Cooperative Partnership for Peace and Prosperity.

It said the two sides

believe that the 21st century should be marked by peace, security, development and cooperation. "As developing countries, India and China have common interests on several issues of global importance like climate change, Doha Development Round of WTO, energy and food security, reform of the international financial institutions."

The leaders assigned the Strategic Economic Dialogue to explore new areas for economic cooperation in diverse areas. The two sides agreed to hold the 7th India-China Financial Dialogue in New Delhi in 2014 to enhance cooperation between Indian and Chinese financial regulators. The Indian side approved, in principle, the request of the Bank of China to open a branch in Mumbai, for which the Chinese side expressed its appreciation. Mr. Xi and Mr. Modi decided to carry out cooperation in civil nuclear energy in line with their respective international commitments, including working level consultations between the Department of Atomic Energy of India and the China Atomic Energy Authority.

The Indian side expressed appreciation to China for providing flood season hydrological data. They decided to further strengthen cooperation through the Expert-Level Mechanism on the provision of flood season hydrological data. The two sides will make joint efforts to democratise international relations and strengthen the central role of the UN in promoting global peace, security and development. "The two sides will work together with other countries to advance the multilateral negotiation to achieve a balanced, comprehensive and equitable agreement under the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2015," it said.

Finding the TOI Controversy

The show biz is all about entertainment, entertainment and more entertainment. The lowest common denominator is controversy to grab limelight. With the advent of social media, when the famous celebs have armies of followers on Twitter at their disposal, it takes less than a moment to stir the hornet's nest. This comes in handy when a film release is round the corner and big moolahs are at stake.

Deepika Padukone starer Finding Fanny would have sunk without a trace had it not been for a controversy Deepika Padukone kicked off with her tweets snapping at the country's popular daily The Times Of India. TOI's fault was that it circulated a link of Deepika's pics published in the paper. The caption it chose for the lady's pics was the cleavage show that left the Finding Fanny actor frothing at the mouth. She chose to take TOI to task through a series of tweets that soon went viral and twitterati got a new



hashtag to talk about endlessly.

Deepika Padukone questioned TOI ethical standards by tweeting that she is a woman and she has breasts. Does TOI have a problem with that? Secondly she gave TOI as good as she got by tweeting that first it should learn to respect women and then talk about women empowerment. For a brief moment those who are not movie buffs would have thought that the heroine of recently released biopic on Mary Kom was taking on TOI.

Alas it was not so and Deepika Padukone walked away with all the accolades. Everyone right from

Pritish Nandy to Shobhaa De and celebrity female news anchors started heaping praises on Deepika for her bold stand. She was being hailed as a gutsy woman who had it in her to take on the powerful TOI. This cleavage controversy got Deepika Padukone reams of free publicity on the eve of the release of Finding Fanny. The film received a good opening, sending its makers laughing all the way to the bank. Though the star cast of Finding Fanny packs stalwarts like Dimple Kapadia and Nassaruddin Shah, it was Deepika Padukone who stole the thunder.

Was Deepika's anger at TOI's cleavage show genuine? Isn't the show biz all about the skin show? Heroines are merely expensive accessories according to film makers like Sajid Khan who parade their heroines with minimum clothes without giving them what they call 'meaty roles'. When a mainstream actress like Deepika Padukone takes a dig at

media, she finds unprecedented support from every Tom, Dick and Harry. Had the same been the case with someone like Raakhi Sawant or Mallika Sherawat, would they have been as lucky as Deepika Padukone?

There is a lot of hypocrisy at play in the case of Deepika Padukone. In the past the same TOI has been guilty of publishing Deepika Padukone's pics of wardrobe malfunction. To one's utter surprise Deepika had maintained a stoic silence. But when TOI chose to use the word cleavage on the eve of the release of Finding Fanny, Deepika Padukone saw an opportunity to grab free publicity which is always welcome for the people belonging to the show biz. The entire cleavage controversy is nothing but a monumental hoax. The media needs controversies as badly to remain in circulation as the nervous film stars or starlets on whose backs mega bucks are riding.

The advice to respect women first before empowering them or talking about their empowerment sounds both hollow and opportunistic coming as it does from a publicity hungry actor on the eve of the release of her latest flick. But the real intent got masked underneath cacophony of the euphoria generated by the cheer leaders who themselves saw an opportunity to take potshots at TOI for some mysterious reasons. You know the world has become selfish when what sells is controversy instead of good story telling, heart touching acting or melodious music. War of words is more important than direction. When marketing at any cost to join the 100 crore club is the only mantra, we get actors who raise all hue and cry at the mere mention of the word cleavage. Fact is indeed stranger than fiction.

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India primed for best ever showing in squash at Asiad

The Indian squash team spearheaded by men's top seed Saurav Ghosal goes into the Asian Games competition beginning on Saturday with a bright chance of winning medals in all four events on offer. India managed to win four medals (all bronze) since the racket sport was introduced in the 1998 Bangkok Games but that modest tally could be matched or even improved in the Incheon edition provided the team plays to its potential.

The country's highest-ranked player and world no.12 Dipika Pallikal, too, has said that a medal each in men's team, men's individual, women's team and women's individual is a real possibility. Two of India's bronze has come courtesy 16th ranked Ghosal, who by his own admission may not get a better opportunity to win a gold. The Asia number one has got a bye in the men's singles first round and will play the winner of the match between



China's Jiaqi Chen and Jordan's Alsaraj Ahmad Khaleel Ahmead at the Yeorumul Squash Courts.

"Everything is fine here, the playing area as well as the Games Village. I am all focused on the job at hand. Though it is fair

to say that this is my best chance for winning the gold, every opponent will be dangerous. It is a one off competition unlike the professional tour and you only need to maintain a high standard of play for three to four matches for a medal. Rankings don't mean much in an event like the Asian Games," Ghosal told PTI.

The 28-year-old needs to win four matches to win the title and his first test will be in the quarterfinals where he is expected to

face 20-year-old Pakistani Nasir Iqbal. His likely semifinal opponent will be 2006 champion and 35th-ranked Ong Beng Hee, who leads Malaysia's challenge in the absence of 2010 singles winner Mohd Azlan Iskandar. The individuals precede the team championships and Ghosal feels the Indians have it in them to do better than the bronze performance of the last edition in Guangzhou, where the event was added to the Games program.

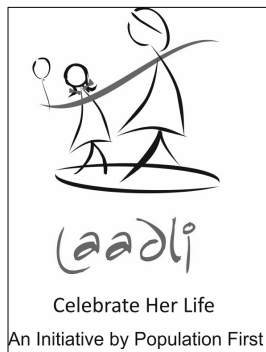
Laadli Media and Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity 2013-14 (LMAAGS) for Western Region - Entries Now Open

Population First announced the call for entries for the sixth Laadli Media and Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity - Western Region. The Western Region Awards are open to advertising and media professionals/freelancers from Gujarat, Goa, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Daman and Diu. The entries should be published/broadcast between 1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014. The last date for receipt of entries is 31st October 2014.

The Laadli Media Awards were instituted in March 2007 as a Mumbai centric event and were subsequently taken to the National level with the support of the UNFPA. These Awards have been instituted to acknowledge, highlight and celebrate the commendable efforts undertaken by Print and Electronic media (TV, Radio and Web) and Advertising Agencies, to promote gender sensitivity as an integral part of their work..

The entries for the Awards should:

- Analyze policies, programmes and laws from a gender perspective.
- Highlight influence of gender perceptions on the functioning of police, judiciary, administrators and other service providers in the implementation of laws and programmes.
- Challenge gender stereo-types by focusing on men and women who are redefining their gender equations-



e.g. Changing work participation patterns of men and women, changing work distribution at home between men and women etc.

- Analyze the social, religious and economic factors that promote gender inequality and gender violence
- Report on current events from a gender perspective - e.g.: disasters, communal riots, elections, sports events etc
- Create awareness about pre-birth sex selection and other acts of gender discrimination and violence
- Interpret research, reports, documents e.g. census, economic survey, budgets etc. from a gender perspective
- Voice the experiences of survivors of gender violence

News Reports, features/articles, editorials, Op-eds, investigative reports, Columns and Campaigns, Topical issue based programmes, series, radio plays from print and electronic media and ads and jingles from the advertising agencies for products, services and public service announcements as also features, social media campaigns from web media are con-



sidered for the awards. Multiple entries, even across categories, are encouraged from individuals and media houses (group entry).

The winners will be chosen by a jury comprising of eminent personalities both from the media and social sector. The awards ceremony for the Western region will take place in Ahmedabad.

Laadli, a term of endearment meaning 'cherished daughter' in Hindi, is a campaign by Population First, a Mumbai-based NGO working on health, population and women's issues. Laadli is a comprehensive communication campaign aiming to promote a positive image of women and girls in society. by changing the stereotypical mindsets that undervalue women. Laadli Campaign works with communities, colleges and media towards breaking gender barriers and bringing about gender equality in society. Laadli media advocacy includes a number of activities viz., Media fellowships, gender sensitization workshops for working and student journalists, interactive sessions with Creative Directors of TV Channels, Ad analysis

with advertising professionals.

In the year 2012-13 a combined event for Northern and Western Region was held at Delhi. The Awards were presented, among others, by Chief Guest Ms. Sindhushree Khullar (Secretary Planning Commission). Thirty media persons were felicitated at the event.

Population First is an NGO focusing on the population and health issues facing the country, looking at these from the perspective of women's rights and social development. The Trust works towards India's goal of a balanced, planned and stable population. The key objectives are to help reduce gender imbalances in the population. The Trust was registered in 2002 as a public Trust under the Bombay Public

Trusts Act, 1950. It is guided by an eminent group of Trustees and Advisory Council members.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), India works towards improving the health the well-being of the Indian population. It uses population data and research as the basis for its initiatives. The India programme is the UNFPA's largest and works closely with policy makers, governmental institutions, NGOs and the community at large. UNFPA strives to empower citizens, particularly women to make informed choices on reproductive health, including maternal health.

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Gold tumbles, dips to over 3-month low on global cues

Gold prices tumbled by Rs. 440 to hit over three-month low of Rs. 27,010 per ten gram in the national capital today on heavy selling by stockists, triggered by a weakening global trend. Besides, sluggish demand and subdued global cues also weighed on the precious metal prices.

Silver also fell for the third day and shed another Rs. 100 to Rs. 40,900 per kg on reduced offtake by industrial units and coin makers. Traders said sentiment turned weak largely in tandem with a weak trend overseas where gold fell to 8-month low after the Federal Reserve raised its



interest-rate forecasts this week, strengthening the dollar, reduced the metal demand.

Gold in London, which normally sets price trend on the domestic front, fell by 0.2 per cent to \$1,222.71 an ounce and silver by 0.1 per cent to \$18.51 an ounce. Sluggish domestic demand in view of ongoing "Sharadh", considered to be an inauspicious fortnight for making new purchases, also dampened the sentiment, they said.