

CBI arrests

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Kalmadi aides

Bhanot, Verma

The CBI on Wednesday arrested Lalit

Bhanot and VK Verma, key aides of

CWG Organising Committee (OC)

chairman Suresh Kalmadi, in connec-

tion with alleged irregularities related

to the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

They were questioned regarding a

Rs107 crore Timing Scoring and Result

(TSR) contract awarded to Swiss Tim-

ing Ltd using unfair means. There are

indications that the CBI may also issue

OC, and Verma, its director-general,

were booked in November 2010. Ver-

ma's name also features as a

beneficiary in the CBI's overlays case. "They were co-conspirators in a pre-mediated plan to award the TSR

contract to Swiss Timing," a CBI

spokesperson said. They will be

Bhanot, former number two of the

an arrest warrant against Kalmadi.

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Prachi Desai has some surprises in store for her fans

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to is Sachin. -Kunal Goyal, Jaipur

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bat. Heavier the bat, more bashing the opposition bowler can expect from Sachin

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'Lanstove' warms hearths, lights up lives of rural poor

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Bhagyashree Kulthe PUNE

Here is an innovation that has brought smiles on the faces of rural poor, besides helping in environment conservation. Called 'Lanstove', it's a lantern-cumstove that lights up a small room while cooking food, a boon for lakhs of India's poor living without electricity.

Developed by IIT-Kanpur and University of Florida alumnus, Anil Rajvanshi, who heads the Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (Nari) in Phaltan, Satara district, four months ago,

IS GADDAFI MAD?

The world has always had

leader Muammar Gaddafi

doubts if flamboyant Libyan

was, er, all there. After all, he sleeps in a Bedouin tent

even while visiting Paris and NY; he also has a bizarre sense

of fashion and his accessories

include maps of Africa and

photos of dead people

guarded by female bodyguards

produces illumination equivalent to that of a 300-Watt bulb.

The flame is lit with the flip of a valve and the unit also includes a pressure cooker based on heat pipe principle. Without smoke or smell of kerosene, Lanstove provides light and cooks a complete meal for a family of five in about 2 hours. The cooker can be used for cooking rice, dal and vegetables.

Speaking to DNA. Raivanshi said Lanstove runs for six hours on a litre of kerosene. "Our tests confirmed that the carbon dioxide level generated while using Lanstove is very low as compared to that produced by chulhas (traditional wood-fired mud stoves)."

A recipient of the Jampalal Bajaj award for use of science and technology for rural development.

pensive and cannot carry out the dual function of lighting. Nari had bagged Sweden's Global Award in 2009 for developing Lanstove that runs on an ethanol-water mix.

Nari carried out about 28 tests among the poor people in villages around Phaltan like Nimbhore, Garpirwadi and Vadzal.

Sunita Mohite, a villager told DNA, "While I cooked on Lanstove, children complete their homework. Otherwise they never touched the books after 6 pm.' Electricity has not touched the lives of the Mohites for nearly four decades. The children were delighted to see their small hut lit up by Lanstove.

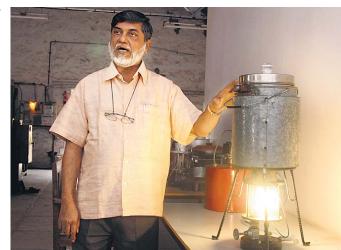
Sunita's mother-in-law, Indubai Mohite, was happy that the *chulha* smoke is now a thing of the past.

Lanstove runs on kerosene and Rajvanshi said solar lamps are ex- It has not only relieved Sunita of watering eyes but has saved them the effort of collecting firewood.

A carpenter, Arun Adsul, said now he could continue with his work while his wife Kalpana was cooking. "Otherwise I have to pack up at 6 pm," he said.

Villagers Lata Jadhav and Bharati Ranavre said Lanstove does not require pumping. They were happy that the device helps save time and they could now make bhakri after cooking vegetables in the cooker.

Nari has applied for funds from the ministry of science and technology for manufacturing 100 units of Lanstove. "If manufactured on a commercial scale, the device could cost under Rs3.000 installments," he said.



and villagers could pay in Director of Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute, Anil Rajvanshi with the Lanstove -Sanket Deshpande DNA

produced before court today

SHORT STORIES

► Eight squads out to arrest hill excavations in district

Concerned about the proliferation of illegal constructions on hilltops and hill slopes bordering Pune, the district collector has announced the formation of eight special squads to look into the problem. At present, these squads are surveying the hills in Katraj, Ambegaon, Jambhulwadi and Kolewadi. It is for the first time that such squads have been formed to conduct surveys of hilltops and hill slopes in the district. **p3**

▶ Raja invested kickbacks in **14 real estate front firms**

After grilling key aide and Green House Promoters managing director Sadiq Batcha on Tuesday, CBI investigators claimed on Wednesday that former telecom minister A Raja invested a chunk of the kickbacks he received in the sale of 2G spectrum in real estate. They said the money was invested in 14 front companies of Raja. **p9**

▶ India-born film editor Tariq **Anwar nominated for Oscar**

India-born British film editor Tariq Anwar is in the Oscar race with a nomination for his work in The King's Speech. This is his second nomination for the prestigious award. In 1999, he was nominated for American Beauty. **p8**

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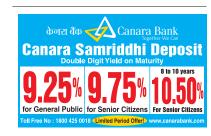
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they're sending them to hell. Your children

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Maoists hang on to collector

KV Ramana HYDERABAD



appears, have gone back on their promise to release kidnapped Malkangiri collector RV Krishna de-

spite the Oris-

sa government conceding 14 of their 18 demands. They had indicated on Wednesday morning that Krishna and

junior engineer Pabitra Majhi had been freed and were on aide of ton rehel sale of ton rehel sale of ton rehel The Maoists, it their way out of the forest where they had been kept in captivity since February 16.

HAVE NOWHERE TO RESIGN

The about-turn has surprised the Orissa government. Hundreds of tribals and residents of Malkangiri had gathered in front of the collector's residence to receive him.

Majhi was released late on Tuesday and reached Malkangiri on Wednesday afternoon. He had trekked out of aide of top rebel leader, gets bail; wants tribals freed from jails

the forest and then taken a motorcycle.

Sources said that Maoists were keen on securing the release of Ganti Prasadam, a close aide of top Maoist Ramakrishna alias RK. Thev also wanted nearly 750 tribals lodged in various jails of Oristhe Orissa high court, sources said Prasadam wanted the government to release all the iailed tribals first.

"It is a question of trust. Maybe the Maoists have their own apprehensions," a source told DNA. Maihi reportedly carried back a fresh charter of demands from the Maoists. "We were near a hill," he said... adding that the collector was in good health.

Mercy petition: Afzal can seek **SC** reprieve

Chidambaram says no to time-frame for such pleas

Afzal Guru, who is facing

the death penalty in the

2001 Parliament attack

case, can approach the

Supreme Court to seek

commutation of his death

sentence if the govern-

ment delays a decision on

his mercy petition indefi-

Rakesh Bhatnagar & Anil Sharma NEW DELHI



Afzal Guru

nitely. Union home minister P Chidambaram nearly conceded this in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. However, he said, the government would not prescribe a time-frame to decide mercy petition of such convicts. "This is an exercise of power by the highest constitutional functionary, the Presi-

dent of India. It will be inappropriate to prescribe a time-frame," he added. He also cited a ruling of the SC to contend that the government can take as much time as it wanted to decide on a

mercy plea The home minister was replying to a question raised by Manohar Joshi of the Shiv Sena. Joshi alleged that the hanging of Afzal Guru was being delayed as he belonged to the minority community. Chidambaram replied that two other cases were higher in the order. "I am not look ing at religion, caste or race of the convicts while sending mercy petitions to the president for a decision," he said.

Kasab to appeal against death sentence in SC

Mustafa Plumber MUMBA

Two days after the Bombay high court (HC) confirmed the death sentence for Aimal Amir Kasab in the November 26, 2008, Mumbai terror attack case, the terrorist said he would appeal against



the verdict in the Supreme Court.

Farhana Shah, Kasah's advocate, on Wednesday apprised the terrorist of the legal options available to him. "He told me he will appeal against the order just as he had challenged the trial court's verdict," Shah told DNA. Kasab will have to write a letter, stating his desire to challenge the verdict. The prison department will forward the letter to the HC's concerned registrar, who will

then initiate the appeal process. Kasab also expressed a desire to meet his parents. "Kya woh mujhe yaad nahin karte honge? Mujhe unki yaad aati hai (Won't they be remembering me? I miss them)," he told Shah

Protect 'Red Zone', Sena urges CM

Subhash Desai wants security concerns at Dehu Road ammunition depot addressed

Dinesh Thite PUNE

The Shiv Sena has urged chief minister Prithvirai Chavan to protect the prohibited 'Red Zone' area around the Dehu Road Ammunition Depot in national interest. It has protested against massive construction undertaken by the Pimpri Chinchwad Corporation Municipal (PCMC) in the zone, which is meant to provide a 2,000-yard buffer from the boundary of the ammunition depot.

As reported by DNA on Tuesday, the Sena's Bhosari corporator, Seema Savale, used the Right to Information Act, 2005, to obtain documents and copies of letters the army to the PCMC, urging it not to allow constructions in prohibited area around the ammunition depot.

Sena's group leader in the state legislature, Subhash Desai, sent a letter to Chavan on Wednesday seeking his intervention. He attached copies of letters by Major General Amit Sarin and the then deminister, Pranab Mukherjee, with his letter about the serious issue of construction in the 2,000-yard prohibited 'Red Zone' around

the ammunition depot. Desai said the defence authorities have raised serious objections to the construction

SENA MP WRITES TO ANTONY, SELJA Shiv Sena MP Gajanan commissioner

Babar on Wednesday wrote to defence minister, AK Antony, demanding "immediate inquiry and stringent action against the guilty" with regard to violation of the 'Red Zone' around the Dehu Road ammunition depot.

"I was shocked to learn that despite being updated about the fact that there is possibility of breach of security due to the construction activity in the notified area, the municipal

the prohibited area and the chief minister should immediately take action in national interest

to the chief minister about PCMC's

slum rehabilitation scheme in Sector 22, Nigdi,

within the jurisdiction of Pimpri-Chinchwad Development Authority (PCNTDA).

SECURITY THREAT@ MUNITIONS DEPOT ed that de-

In it he had pointed out (on February 11) that the PCMC made a serious violation of the Works of Defence Act, 1903, Environment Protection being allowed by the PCMC in Act, 1986, and Maharashtra army about possible securi-

proceeded with the construction activity of the slum rehabilitation project within the notified area. I personally feel that this is an act of treason,' Babar wrote. Babar sent a similar

letter to Union minister for urban development and poverty alleviation, Kumari Selja. "Strong and stringent action against the entities concerned must be initiated after an inquiry," he demanded.

Act, 1966, in the implementation of the project In its report on Wednesday Desai had earlier written ('Sena uses RTI to expose vi-

Regional and Town Planning

olation around Dehu munitions depot'), DNAhighlight-

spite the concerns raised by the Southern Command the PCMC has gone ahead with its huge construction project in the prohibited area.

Sena corporator Seema Savale pointed out that the letters obtained under the RTI make it clear that despite the warning from the

Copies of letters written by Major **General Amit Sarin** and the then defence minister, Pranab Mukherjee, relating to constructions in the 2,000-yard prohibited area around the ammunition depot have been dispatched to the chief minister

ty breach, the PCMC failed to prevent constructions in the notified area of up to 2,000 yard from the boundary of the depot

Rather than preventing unauthorised construction, the PCMC itself undertook a major project of slum rehabilitation in Sector 22 of Nigdi, on the land which falls in the 'Red Zone', Savale said.

The PCMC has constructed 11,760 tenements in Sector 22 of Nigdi under the Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) scheme under the Jawaharlal Nehru national urban renewable mission (JNNURM), for which the Centre has allocated

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Court nod for voice samples of Uddhav's PA, MLC Gorhe

They are accused of conspiring to create a law-and-order problem during a bandh last year

Chaitraly Deshmukh PUNE

Judicial magistrate (first class), RL Wankhade, on Wednesday allowed the Pune city police to collect the voice samples of Shiv Sena executive president, Uddhav Thackeray's personal assistant, Milind Narvekar, and Sena MLC and party spokesperson, Neelam Gorhe.

The two have been accused of hatching a conspiracy to create a law-and-order problem in Pune on December 28 last year during a *bandh*. It was called by the Shiv Sena to protest against the Pune Municipal Cor-

poration's (PMC) act of removing the

statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji's teacher, Dadoji Konddeo, from the premises of the historic Lal Mahal. According to the police, Gorhe received a call from Narvekar. He allegedly instructed her to stage-manage a riot and create panic in the city on bandh day. He also allegedly instructed Gorhe to direct the Shiv Sena cadre to damage buses in

create terror in the minds of the people. On the day of the *bandh*, the police filed 28 cases against Sena activists.

main city areas, instigate violence and

On Wednesday, the magistrate directed the investigating officer (IO), senior police inspector Suhas Nadgauda of Bund Garden police station, to take the voice samples of the suspects. He has been asked to file the original compact disc containing the conversation intercepted by the police in the court before taking the voice samples of Gorhe and



Shiv Sena leader Neelam Gorhe (left) and Milind Narvekar

Speaking to reporters, additional commissioner of police (south region), Prabhat Kumar said, "On Thursday, we will get the court order in hand and after go ing through it, we will fix a date and time to collect the samples in Pune.

Assistant public prosecutor, Shilpa Mahatekar strongly argued in the court on the need for a voice sample test. "It is not infringing on the rights of any citizen," she said. The city police had filed an application on February 15 before the magistrate seeking permission to conduct the voice sample test.

The police said the suspects are made to read aloud from books. The voice would be recorded in the morning, afternoon and night, and the samples sent to the Central Forensics Science Laboratory (CFSL), Chandigarh, and to the Forensic Science Laboratory in Mumbai.