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## Process to appoint Lokayukta begins

The state government has initiated the process to appoint a Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta in the state. It has sought names of retired SC judges and retired HC chief justices from the apex court to appoint as Lokayukta, while issuing an advertisement inviting applications for the post of Upa-Lokayukta. **P 3**

## After VW, BMW too under a cloud

A day after Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn quit, fellow German manufacturer BMW too came under a cloud after the weekly Auto Bild reported that emissions from one of its diesel models were 11 times higher than European Union norms. **P 12**

## 6 days left to reveal black money

The Centre's black money and foreign assets disclosure window is just six days away from closing but until Wednesday, only 29 declarations worth a little over ₹2,000 crore have been made, tax officials said, reports Pradeep Thakur. **P 7**

## OTHER TOP STORIES

- CBI conducts 40 raids in Vyapam case, **P 8**
- IB didn't believe Netaji died in air crash, **P 8**
- Colgate's charcoal U-turn irks users, **P 12**

# 717 die in Mecca stampede, worst Haj tragedy in 25 yrs

## 863 Hurt In Crush Of Pilgrims For Stoning Ritual

Mina (Saudi Arabia): At least 717 pilgrims were killed on Thursday in a stampede outside the holy city of Mecca, the worst disaster to strike the annual Haj pilgrimage in 25 years. At least 863 others were injured at Mina, a few kilometres east of Mecca, when two large groups of pilgrims arrived together at a crossroads on their way to performing the 'stoning of the devil' ritual at Jamarat. The disaster was the worst to occur at the pilgrimage since July 1990, when 1,426 pilgrims were crushed to death in a tunnel near Mecca. Both stampedes occurred on Eid al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), Islam's most important feast and the day of the stoning ritual.



A pilgrim mourns the demise of a relative in the crush

Photographs showed pilgrims lying on stretchers while emergency workers in high-visibility jackets lifted them into an ambulance. Two weeks ago, 110 people died in Mecca's Grand Mosque when a crane working on an expansion project collapsed during a storm and

toppled off the roof into the main courtyard, crushing pilgrims underneath. The Haj, the world's largest annual gathering of people, has been the scene of numerous deadly stampedes, fires and riots in the past, but their frequency was greatly reduced in recent years as the govern-

## DEADLIEST SINCE 1990

- Sept 11, 2015: 107 die as crane crashes into Mecca's Grand Mosque
- 2006: Stampede in Mina near Mecca kills 364; 73 die in a hostel collapse
- 2004: Crush of pilgrims in Mina kills 244 and injures hundreds
- 1998: 180 trampled to death after pilgrims fall off an overpass in Mina
- 1997: 340 killed, 1,500 injured in a massive tent fire in Mina
- 1994: 270 killed in stampede during the stoning ritual in Mina
- 1990: Worst-ever tragedy claims 1,426 lives in a Mecca tunnel stampede

ment spent billions of dollars upgrading and expanding infrastructure and crowd control technology. Safety during Haj is a politically sensitive issue for the kingdom's ruling Al Saud dynasty. **AGENCIES**

- Panel to probe, **P 11**
- Full coverage, **P 11**

# Modi begins US trip, says India's open for business

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New York: The storied Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City has been a scene-setter for movies ranging from *Coming to America* to *The Cowboy Way* to *Serenity* to *For The Love of The Game*, all titles that became evocative as leaders from India, China, Russia and Pakistan checked in on Thursday to advance their country's interest at the United Nations and beyond.

There was also something of a baraat atmosphere as PM Narendra Modi arrived to a boisterous desi welcome.

On Thursday, he plunged into the task of convincing America's biggest money

## NAMO IN NEW YORK

**Day 1 In NY** | At roundtable of CEOs, Modi makes strong pitch for 'Make in India', says FDI is up by 40%

**Next On Cards** | Media roundtable hosted by News Corp's Rupert Murdoch. Dinner with Fortune 500 co CEOs in Silicon Valley

**Heads To California** (Sept 26-27). To meet FB CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Apple CEO Tim Cook & Google's Sundar Pichai

**Returns To NY** for bilateral with Obama on Sept 28

**No bilateral scheduled with Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif**



managers, Steve Schwarzman of Blackstone, Charles Kaye of Warburg Pincus, Chase Coleman of Tiger Global, Jamie Dimon of JP Morgan and Henry Kravis of

KKR among them, that India is truly in a transformational phase.

- Modi meets Hasina, **P 8**
- Patels protest, **P 8**

## SC raises question on death penalty

Taking note of the high-pitched push for abolition of death penalty when Mumbai blasts convict Yakub Memon tried to avoid the gallows, the Supreme Court on Thursday asked whether life term could be truncated through remission if death penalty was done away with reports Dhananjay Mahapatra. **P 7**

## NDA has slight edge, says Times Now poll

An opinion poll done for Times Now and released on Thursday suggested that the BJP-led alliance would have a slight edge in the Bihar assembly polls, but could fall just short of a majority. The poll projected between 109 and 125 seats for the alliance in the 243-member House while giving the JD(U)-RJD-Congress combine between 104 and 120 seats.

- Full report, **P 9**

## 14 more swine flu cases in a week

Panaji: At least 14 new cases of swine flu have been detected in the state in the last one week taking the overall number of such cases to 157. More samples were sent to a Karnataka laboratory on Thursday. **TNN**

- Expect fall in cases, **P 4**

# Cops crack Dhargalim murders

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Dhargalim: After a week-long chase, Pernem police arrested three persons in the Dhargalim double murder case on Thursday.

A week ago, the elderly couple, Reginaldo Coutinho, 87, and Joyce Coutinho, 76, was found murdered in their farmhouse at Dhargalim in Pernem. The couple resided at Dhargalim, but are natives of Xell-Bastora in Bardez. Police investigation has

revealed a sordid story of how the elderly couple were murdered by a man, who they had forgiven for assaulting them on a previous occasion, and betrayal by two neighbours, who called out to them at night, and they opened their door to.

Pernem police have arrested Anil Zhathe, 26, a native of Buldhana district in Maharashtra and two locals Anant Veer, 32, and Rajesh Veer, 25.

police for questioning on September 20, while Anant and Rajesh were picked up by the cops at 2.30am on Thursday after laying a trap for them.

Previous enmity over a job was the motive behind the gruesome murder of the elderly couple, police sources said. Zhathe was a former employee of the couple in their milk distribution business, five years ago.

- Accused was sacked, **P 4**

# Sourav now Dada of Bengal Cricket Assn

Sumit Mukherjee & Archiman Bhaduri | TNN

Kolkata: Sourav Ganguly won the race to succeed Jagmohan Dalmiya at the helm of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) after rival factions came together to unanimously support his candidature for the post on Thursday.

In a rare show of unity, treasurer Biswarup Dey and joint-secretary Subir Ganguly accompanied Sourav to chief minister Mamata Banerjee's office where she announced that the former India captain will be take-over CAB reins.

The CAB will call an SGM to next week to formalize the appointment.

"The CAB needed someone to head the organisation and members felt that Sourav should head it. They will also include Avishek. They will decide. It's their call. I am nobody. I don't want any controversy. They have decided, I just communicated their decision."

## Srini woos Pawar

Former BCCI chief N Srinivasan met NCP supremo Sharad Pawar, in Nagpur on Wednesday and offered to back him in the polls for the new board president. The move is reportedly aimed to foil the bid to prop up IPL chief Rajiv Shukla as Dalmiya's successor. **P 13**

said Mamata after emerging from the meeting.

Indications are that Dalmiya's son Avishek will be inducted into the CAB as a joint-secretary in deference to chief minister's wishes after she had requested the members to accommodate him keeping in mind his father's contribution to the game. Avishek, who had been assisting his father in administrative matters for the past couple of years, thus gets a chance to serve the association where Dalmiya held the top post for over two decades.

- 'Can't replace ...', **P 13**

# Tough norms to buy FC Goa tickets

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Panaji: The state government is taking precautions to ensure that tickets for FC Goa's home games in the Indian Super League (ISL) do not fall into the hands of black marketeers.

Thousands of fans were left frustrated after they failed to procure tickets for FC Goa's semifinal clash against Atletico de Kolkata last year.

Many of them were forced to buy tickets in black, available freely outside the Nehru Stadium in Fatorda. But as sale of tickets starts from Thursday for the second edition, the state government has tightened the loose ends with an advisory.

"There are two modes of selling tickets: online and over the counter. In online sale of tickets, we have requested that the buyer must provide the name and phone number of the ones who he is

Ticket prices: ₹250 (North and South stand), ₹480 (East stand), ₹1,032 (West stand), ₹3,870 (corporate boxes)

buying a ticket for."

"If the buyer is applying again with the same name, or phone number, the system should be able to track it. A similar mechanism is being worked out for tickets being sold over the counter. Identity proof will have to be provided," said Sachin Shinde, district collector of South Goa.

FC Goa have partnered ticketing portal BookMyShow.com for ticket sales. Tickets to the opening match as well as other home matches will be live on the website from 2pm on Thursday.

- Ticket sales, **P 16**

# Goa gets feel of 'H'wood' hospitality

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Panaji: The Hollywood life made its debut in India this year with themed-resort Planet Hollywood Goa rolling out the red carpet in the quiet village of Utorda. This niche resort is the first Planet Hollywood resort operational outside the US and is only the second such resort after Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas.

Owned and built from the ground up by gutka baron (Goa Gutka) Jagdish Joshi's JMJ Group which has the exclusive rights for the brand in South East Asia, the 115-room resort is aimed at the luxury traveller and yet gives off a youthful and vibrant feel.

The moment a guest walks into the lobby, one is greeted by the trademark Heart Bar that is unique to all Planet Hollywood resorts.

The entire wall of the Heart Bar pays tribute to celebrated Hollywood actors and directors.



An aerial view of the Planet Hollywood resort at Utorda

## The brand story

Planet Hollywood, a world-renowned trademark established in 1991, was started by Keith Barish and Robert Earl with the backing of several high profile movie stars. The brand rapidly expanded across the US into restaurants, hotels, fast food joints and casinos but except for one resort in Nevada, all the other properties were closed down. Today Planet Hollywood International Inc and the Planet Hollywood brand continues to be owned by Robert Earl and managed by original partners and stockholders Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone. They have licenced Vikram Chatwal's Hampshire Hotels to franchise the brand across the world.

ken even in terms of operating profits. Our return on investments should happen in five to seven years," Chatterjee said.

Concerns about the churn in the Goan hospitality industry and the drop in charter tourists were brushed aside.

- Negative shift, **P 4**

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