

L Sarita Devi , Shiva Thapa enter semis of Asian Boxing C'ships



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In boxing, eight Indians including Shiva Thapa and veteran L. Sarita Devi have entered the semifinals at the Asian Championships in Bangkok. Thapa secured an unprecedented fourth successive medal after beating Thailand's Rujakrun Juntrong 5-0 in a one-sided lightweight (60kg) contest yesterday. He

will now play against Kazakhstan's Zakir Safullin tomorrow. In the women's draw, former world champion Sarita defeated Kazakhstan's Rimma Volosenko (60kg) in a split decision to advance. Former junior world champion Nikhat Zareen (51kg) too booked her maiden semifinal berth at the tournament, beating Kazakhstan's Nazym Kyzaibay. Last edition's

silver-medallist Manisha (54kg) also secured semifinal berth by defeating Filipino Petecio Zzaa Nice, while former national champion Simranjit Kaur (64kg) edged past a gritty Ha Thi Linh of Vietnam to make the last four. Joining Thapa in the men's semifinals were Commonwealth Games silver-medallist Satish Kumar (91kg), Ashish Kumar (75kg) and Ashish (69kg).

'Nothing like Hindu terror, Pragma's candidature a reply to such insults': Devendra Fadnavis

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Defending his party's decision to field Malegaon blast accused Pragma Singh Thakur in Bhopal, Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said the move is a riposte to those who insulted Hindus by coining the term Hindu terror. However, he added that Thakur should not have made the remarks against former Maharashtra anti-terrorist squad chief Hemant Karkare, who laid down his life for the country in the 26/11 attacks on Mumbai. Thakur said she had cursed Karkare for ill-treating her during her incarceration. Fadnavis also insisted that there is a silent wave in favour of prime minister Narendra Modi and that the Bharatiya Janata Party-Shiv Sena alliance in the state would win more than 40 of the 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra. Edited excerpts: There is no visible wave in the state that we saw in 2014. Don't you think that will affect the BJP-Shiv Sena performance in Maharashtra? This time the wave is in rural areas. In 2014, we saw a massive wave in the middle classes. There was euphoria which you could feel. That section is already with us. This time the wave is more in the lower strata of the society which is not vocal. It is not part of any exit or opinion polls. As such, we can sense a silent wave. Ask a farm labourer or any other common man, they will say they want Modi. It's all about Modi. At several places people vote for him and do not look at the candidate. How many seats will the BJP-Sena win in Maharashtra? Both phases went well for us. We should be able to retain our 2014 tally (NDA won 42 of 48 seats in the state). The political situation is so favourable that we can even get more than 42. In 2014 your plank was development. Five years later, you are talking less about development or performance of the government and more about issues such as nationalism. Why? Our narrative is about both. In

his Monday's rally in Maharashtra, PM Modi spoke for 20 minutes of which five minutes were on nationalism and remaining on development. Talking about nationalism is inevitable. First, there is a sense of nationalism among people. Second, the Congress manifesto talks about reducing the army in Kashmir, scrapping sedition laws or taking away special powers given to armed forces. In such a scenario, the nationalism issue will obviously be there. And why not? Which country's national election doesn't have nationalism as an issue? Malegaon blast accused Pragma Singh Thakur has been fielded by your party. Why? We are relying on investigation by National Investigation Agency (NIA). Their investigation says there is no evidence against her. That this is all made up. On that basis, the party took a decision to give her a ticket. There is another aspect of it. Around 2007-08, terrorist activities were at a peak in the state. People were being arrested in large numbers. Minority, especially Muslims community, was complaining about action against them and they were going against Congress-NCP (Nationalist Congress Party). As such, a counter-narrative was prepared and Hindu terror narrative was created. One realizes this after going through the outcome of NIA investigation. If you are trying to insult Hindus by coining terms like Hindu terror then this is a reply to the same. You troubled her (Thakur) so she will only give you reply. There is nothing like Hindu terrorism. Absolutely not. The remarks made by her on slain police officer Hemant Karkare have put your party in trouble... She shouldn't have made such remarks. Hemant Karkare was one of the finest officers, was honest and laid down his life for the country. She may have had a different experience and may have suffered (at his hands), but it is not right to speak like this about someone who has sacrificed his life for the

country. But even seasoned leaders make irresponsible comments. I would advise her to observe restraint while speaking. On one hand you talk about nationalism and you field a terror case accused... Regarding the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act charges against Sadhvi, the prosecution says it doesn't have evidence. She is out on bail as the prosecution doesn't want to press charges. By the same logic, even Congress president Rahul Gandhi is out on bail. He has not been given a clean chit. It looks like the BJP is targeting NCP chief Sharad Pawar. Do you see NCP as your main opponent in the state? Pawar himself announced he set up the Mahagathbandhan (grand alliance). He will face the attack. In Maharashtra, the Congress is the B team of NCP. Congress leaders are clueless here. Pawar is even deciding their seats. Congress' leader is Rahul Gandhi, NCP's Pawar. In Maharashtra people identify with Pawar more, so we are criticizing him. In fact, we are targeting both. We have Congress as the opponent in more seats and the Sena is fighting more seats against the NCP. The NCP's highest score so far is nine when they were at their peak in 2004. Now things have changed. Their seats will reduce. How is the synergy with your ally working out? There was pressure from voters on us to forge the alliance. There was no problem at our level but we were worried about our ground-level workers coming together after four-and-a-half years. It has worked out. There are reports that some Sena candidates are battling anti-incumbency. Do you think forging ties with the Sena was the right call? It was the right call. The incumbency of the candidate will not matter because of the Modi factor. You were the only person in the BJP who could convince Uddhav Thackeray to join the National Democratic Alliance... I have a good personal equation with Uddhavji.

India sent three alerts to Sri Lanka before attack

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India sent as many as three alerts to Sri Lanka, including one on the day of the Easter Sunday attack that left 321 people dead and 500 injured, according to senior intelligence officials familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity. The first alert was on April 4, and it came from investigations by Indian agencies that followed after the National Investigation Agency (NIA), in December 2018, stumbled upon the videos of National Thowheed Jama'at (NTJ) leader Maulvi Zahran Bin Hashim while probing the Islamic State (IS) Coimbatore module. In the first alert, the agencies told Sri Lanka that, apart from churches, the Indian High Commission in Colombo could be a target. The second alert was sent a day before the attack

and was even more specific than the first one in that it mentioned the possible targets, the officials said. The last alert was sent hours before the suicide bombers attacked the three churches and four hotels. "The information about the attacks were a result of detailed analysis of information gathered through technical means and human sources," one of the officials said. Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe acknowledged that alerts had been sent by India. "India gave us the intelligence but there has been a lapse on how we acted on that... intelligence was not conveyed down the line," Wickremesinghe told NDTV in an exclusive interview. HT spoke to multiple officials in the central intelligence agencies who confirmed that the videos of Hashim, in

which he exhorted Muslim youth from Sri Lanka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala to establish an Islamic rule in the region, were analysed in detail and investigated further by India's external spy agency R&AW (Research and Analysis Wing). The videos were stored in the pen drives, memory cards, mobile phones and CDs/DVDs, recovered by NIA on December 19, 2018 during raids at Kuniamuthur, Ukkadam, Otteri in Chennai, Tindivanam near Villupuram, and Variety Hall Road in Coimbatore, from the premises of six ISIS suspects, Mohammed Ashiq A, Ismail S, Samsudeen, Mohammed Salauddin S, Jafar Shadiq Ali and Shahul Hameed. The six IS members were arrested on September 1, 2018 for planning to attack Hindu leaders/activists in Coimbatore. The Coimbatore module

members, a second intelligence official said, also regularly listened to Hashim's speeches. All six have already been charged by NIA. "Hashim's video, which appeared to be the latest, showed he was aggressive and he repeatedly assured the cadres that something big would happen soon to teach a lesson [to the members of communities which do not follow the Sharia]," said the officer quoted above. Further investigation also revealed that some of the Coimbatore module members were in touch with some Sri Lankans, who also followed Hashim. "Bin Hashim had a major role in radicalising these youngsters on both sides [India and Sri Lanka] to be part of Islamic State," said the second official who added that the Coimbatore module had no idea of what was being planned in Sri Lanka. Indian agencies subsequently discovered Hashim's mobile numbers as well and found that Hashim was in touch with some IS functionaries in neighbouring Bangladesh. A senior government official who did not wish to be named said that Bangladesh too needs to be on the alert. Based on the analysis by NIA and further information gathered done by the Intelligence Bureau and R&AW, a communication was sent to Sri Lanka about the possible attacks. The Sri Lankan authorities evidently took the information lightly, and, in turn, sent out a nationwide alert only on April 11.

First Virtual Reality lounge launched in the state

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The first ever Virtual Reality (VR) Lounge in Nagaland was opened to public on April 22 at 'The Hammock Resort,' New Wokha. Prior to the opening, the VR lounge was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. NT Murry in the presence of Dr. Chumben Murry, chairman of Hammock Group, and Ronjamo C Murry, proprietor of RMUR Enterprises, along with their families and well-

wishers. VR lounge is a joint venture by Hammock Group and RMUR Enterprises. It offers various different virtual reality (VR) experiences starting from INR 100. The different experiences currently available at the VR lounge included fun combat simulations, racing simulations, flying simulations, and many more. Some of the experiences involve the use of real-life simulation peripherals like racing wheels with shifters

and pedals for driving or racing which too are available at the VR lounge, the organisers stated in a press release. "With computer games, e-sports and other similar technologies catching up to us faster than ever before, it is high time for us to stop seeing or using them as a waste of time but rather channel it into fruitful and sustainable ventures to tackle unemployment problems among our youth," proprietor of RMUR Enterprises said.

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