

# Poll agent arrested for trying to influence voters inside Faridabad booth

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A polling agent in Haryana's Faridabad was arrested after a video of him allegedly trying to influence voters went viral on social media. Faridabad voted in the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections on May 12. Election commissioner Ashok Lavasa confirmed that the polling agent was arrested on Sunday afternoon and a report on the issue will be examined by the Election

Commission. In the video, the polling agent, wearing a blue T-shirt, can be seen walking up to the polling booth as a woman prepares to cast her vote. He appears to press a button on the EVM or pointing to a party symbol and then promptly returns to his seat. The man repeats the act with two other women voters. Several people tagged the Election Commission seeking action after the video went viral. "DEO Faridabad reported that the observer, Sanjay Kumar

investigated the entire matter. The person in the video is the Polling agent who has been arrested in the afternoon itself. FIR is lodged," Lavasa tweeted. Ashok Lavasa said after receiving the full report action will be taken against those found wanting in their duty. He added that the scrutiny of this polling station will be comprehensive. The district election office in Faridabad said voting was not compromised. "Prompt action taken. FIR lodged. Person

behind bars. Observer enquired the matter personally and is satisfied that polling was never vitiated," DEO Faridabad tweeted. The voter turnout was 64.48% in Faridabad. Union minister Krishan Pal Gurjar is contesting against Congress's Avtar Singh Bhadana and INLD's Mahender Chauhan in this seat. All 10 seats in Haryana went to polls on May 12. Results will be declared on May 23.

# Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge attacks PM Modi, gets panned

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Stoking a controversy, senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge Sunday asked whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi would hang himself at Vijay Chowk in Delhi if his prediction of the opposition party getting less than 40 seats in Lok Sabha polls is proven wrong. Addressing a rally in support of Subash Rathod, the Congress candidate for the Chincholi Assembly bypoll in Karnataka, Kharge said, "It is you the people sitting here who are going to write the future and fate of this country, it is in your hands to write the fate of Subash and ours, not it their (BJP/Modi) hands." "Wherever (Modi) goes, (he) says Congress will not get 40 seats (in Lok Sabha polls). Does any of you agree with this? If we get 40 seats, will Modi hang himself at Vijay Chowk in Delhi?" the senior Congress leader said. The Congress had won 44

seats in the 2014 parliamentary election. Senior BJP leader and MP Shobha Karandlaje has demanded Kharge's apology, saying that she never expected such low remarks from a senior leader like him. "Blatant lies, fake allegations, derogatory remarks have become common with hollow Congress, nothing progressive! He should apologise!" Karandlaje tweeted. Stating that Modi was not even born when India got freedom, Kharge told the rally, "He keeps speaking against Congress and claims the party did not do anything." He said Modi claims himself to be from backward community, but he is helping only the super rich. Chincholi, along with Kundgol Assembly constituency, is going to bypoll on May 19. The by-poll to Chincholi has been necessitated by the resignation of sitting member Umesh Jadhav, who quit Congress and joined the BJP

to contest the recent Lok Sabha polls from Gulbarga, while the Kundgol seat fell vacant following the death of Minister C S Shivalli. The main contest in this bypoll will be between the nominees of the Congress, which held the seats, and the BJP. The Congress candidates are Subash Rathod in Chincholi and Kusumavathi, Shivalli's wife, in Kundgol. BJP has fielded S I Chikkanagowdar and Avinash Jadhav from Kundgol and Chincholi Assembly seats respectively. Seventeen candidates are in the fray from Chincholi and eight from Kundgol. The results will be declared on May 23, along with that of Lok Sabha poll. The outcome of the bypolls, along with that of the elections to 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in Karnataka, held in two phases on April 18 and 23, is crucial for the ruling Congress-JD(S) alliance, facing a fresh bout of dissidence.

# Political will to fight climate change is fading, warns UN chief

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has said the political will to fight climate change has faded at the same time as it is getting worse for those feeling its effects. Guterres made the comments after arriving in New Zealand yesterday where he addressed the media alongside Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in Auckland. Guterres plans to spend three days there as part of a trip to the South Pacific to highlight climate change's global threat. He said that the countries are not following commitments under the 2016 Paris Agreement which expects them to keep the global temperature rise to below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

## From the world of Medical Science

# Cyberknife M6- No Surgery tumor treatment



By Dr. Aditya Gupta,

Cyberknife has emerged as one of the latest inventions useful for treating all types of tumors (benign and malignant). Being a non-invasive radiation therapy, it is the most advanced tool for treatment of all types of tumors anywhere in the body. AThe therapy works on the principle that high dose of precise high frequency radiation is targeted on the tumor site and without affecting or harming the adjoining healthy tissues and cells. The treatment uses a sophisticated imaging system which guides high beam directly to the tumor. "It is a no pain, no risk and 100% safe procedure that usually take half an hour session. Being a day care procedure requirement for hospital stay is eliminated and the patient recovery is quicker in comparison to any other conventional therapy. The most important aspect of the therapy is that the radiations can reach upto any depth which otherwise would be impossible to reach through conventional or open surgeries." The CyberKnife radiation therapy has clinically proven success rates, however, it works the best for tumors upto which are 2-2.5 cm in size. However, in a few rare cases it is also used as a treatment option to cure brain tumors that either cannot be operated because of their location in the head, or the patients who cannot undergo brain tumor surgery due to their poor medical

condition, etc. **Cyber Knife Vs conventional Gamma Knife**

For brain tumor or cancer patients, Gamma Knife treatment is not as convenient or comfortable, largely because Gamma Knife requires an invasive head frame be bolted into the skull. Compared to this, the CyberKnife is a non-invasive, real-time motion tracking technology for accurate delivery of high-dose radiation therapy. Instead of a bulky head frame, CyberKnife patients are provided with a soft, mesh mask during the treatment. Moreover, treatment with CyberKnife is flexible; imaging is performed few days in advance, thereby leaving the radiation oncologist with enough time to design and finalise a customised treatment plan. Once the plan is set in place, the patient will return for a non-invasive, pain-free experience. Using advanced tumor-tracking technology, the CyberKnife system is able to either deliver one single high-dose treatment or smaller doses (upto 5) over the course of two to five days. This approach limits side effects and enables most patients to return to their regular routine the same day. Additionally, clinical studies have shown that patients with certain cancerous and non-cancerous conditions in the brain, neck and spine have a better outcome with a lower dose of two to five fractionated radiation treatments than a single, large dose.

### Future of Cyberknife

**Cyberknife M6**  
Cyberknife is a surgical device that uses combination of robotics and sophisticated image-guidance technology. The new model is pain free, safe and the most comfortable radiology treatment available in India. The earlier version of Cyberknife treatment involves

a stereotactic mask which covers the face of the patient whereas the latest Cyberknife M6 comes with the mask where the patient can breathe and see through it. The mask used for the cyberknife treatment is very painful because the four pins of the frame into the skull of the patient. Cyberknife M6 is series is more like mobile radiation head which shoots individual beam of radiation. Patients with claustrophobia can be easily treated. Cyberknife m6 treatment can be performed within 45 minutes just like CT Scans, MRI, but the same procedure in traditional style i.e. gamma knife will take 2.5 hours.

"The most common type of tumors like which can be treated with Cyberknife are acoustic neuroma, adenomas, and other benign tumors. The m6 version of Cyberknife is highly precise who have larger or more irregular shape tumors which are resistant to conventional radiation. It also helps in cases where surgical tumor is inaccessible. In many western countries out of 100 cases 40 requires radiation for the deposit. However in our country, every case of tumor goes for full brain radiation which has several side effects like memory loss, forgetfulness, mental and behavioral changes. So Cyberknife M6 is a boon for those patients". In a time of five years or so the detection of tumors would be made easily and at an early stage. Many physicians are not aware about the latest advancements but they would be sooner or later. With more health insurance penetration this treatment would be available to larger sections people and expected to be cheaper.

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# 3 floors of Shimla's first British-era Grand Hotel gutted in fire

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A major portion of more than a century-old Grand Hotel was destroyed in a massive fire that broke out late on Monday night in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla, officials said. Three floors of the recently-renovated Mayo Block was gutted in the fire, which broke out at the heritage Grand Hotel's reception at about 12:30am, officials said. The fire was doused at around 3am on Tuesday morning. "The fire incident was first noticed by the constables on night duty and they

immediately reported it the fire department. There was no staff in the building when the fire broke," Shimla's superintendent of police Omapati Jamwal said. Fire tenders were rushed to the spot from the Mall Road, Chotta Shimla and Boileauganj fire stations 15 minutes later. The Grand Hotel is 250 metres from Scandal Point of the main Mall Road near the historic Kali Bari temple. The fire tenders had difficulty in reaching the building because of narrow roads and the low water pressure in their hydrants added to the problem. "We are just ascertaining the



cause of the fire," Shimla's deputy commissioner Rajeshwar Goyal, who reached the spot to supervise the fire fighting operations, said. Goyal added that the police are also probing the cause of fire at the building, which houses many central government offices and is managed by the Central Public Works Department. The Mayo Block was a VVIP wing of the hotel and was recently renovated and lavishly furnished. It is usually fully occupied on weekends but as the building was under renovation, there were no

guests in the wing. The Grand Hotel was the first hotel to be built in Shimla after Chevalier Federico Peliti, confectioner to the viceroy, acquired the property in 1892 for Rs 2 lakh. In 1922, three buildings of the hotel were entirely destroyed but rebuilt in stages at around 1930. They, however, were accounted for in government books in 1942. Since then the Union ministry of urban development has the administrative control of the heritage hotel. The Grand Hotel was the most sought after holiday home till the 1960s but gradually lost its charm due to the shortage of water. The Union ministry of urban development drew plans for its restoration and refurbishing by using in-house expertise in 2000 to its past glory.

# MS Dhoni reveals his future, speaks about the season and World Cup

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It came down to the final ball, Lasith Malinga held his nerve, he had nine runs to defend, he conceded seven and Mumbai Indians scraped home by 1 run and this one run was enough to hand them their fourth IPL title. Rohit Sharma became the most successful captain in the history of the league and for MS Dhoni, it was a matter of being very close, but not over the line. The skipper said after the match that it was game where the bowlers stood up and delivered and that although it was not the perfect season for his side, on the day when it mattered the most, the team which made the least mistakes won. "As a team we had a good season. But we need to go back and reflect on how we reached the finals. It's not one of those years where we played really great cricket to reach here. The middle order



wasn't great, and today it was very funny as to how both teams were only passing on the trophy from one team to the other. Both teams made a lot of mistakes, the team that made one lesser mistake won. I think the bowlers did really well for us, even today it was definitely more than a 150 wicket," Dhoni said. He also said that the focus will now shift to the World Cup and only after that, can they sit and decide to plug the gaps which were very evident this season. And as a parting word, the CSK skipper also said that hopefully, he will be back next season as well.

"We have to go to our drawing board, and there is no real time for that now. We need to go into the World Cup and after that we need to see the gaps that we can fill. Nothing against the bowlers, it's the batsmen who need to step up. [Will he be there in the next season?] Hopefully ye," he further added. Chasing a target of 150, CSK were cruising along courtesy a brilliant innings by Shane Watson, but then Jasprit Bumrah and Lasith Malinga combined brilliantly in the final two overs as Mumbai clinched their fourth IPL title.

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