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Sena supremo Thackeray dies

END OF AN ERA Son Uddhav by his side, 86-year-old leader suffers cardiac arrest after a week in a coma; last rites today

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MUMBAI: Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray, the fiery torchbearer of Hindutva politics and architect of sons-of-the-soil ideology, passed away after nearly four months of illness at his Matoshree residence in Bandra at 3.30pm Saturday following a cardiac arrest. He was 86.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh cancelled the dinner he was supposed to host for BJP leaders on Saturday night following a request from Sushma

Swaraj, leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha.

"For him, the interests of Maharashtra were particularly important and he always strived to inculcate a sense of pride in the people of the state. He was a consummate communicator whose stature in the politics of Maharashtra was unique," he said.

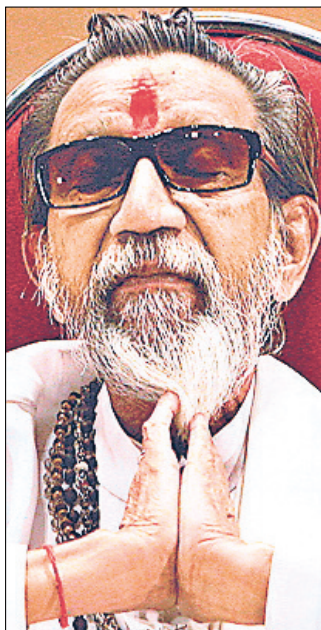
Thackeray's general physician Dr Jalil Parkar, who had been treating him since 2009, announced his death outside Matoshree, where thousands of Shiv Sainiks had been keeping vigil. "With great grief and sad-

ness, we wish to inform you that Balasaheb Thackeray breathed his last at 3.30pm following cardio-respiratory arrest. We could not revive him," Parkar said at around 4.45pm.

Thackeray's son, Uddhav, was with him at the end.

Thackeray was in ill health since July, when he was admitted to Lilavati Hospital for ailments related to the lungs and pancreas. His health deteriorated on November 10 and he remained critical for the past week, during which he had multiple-organ failure.

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RAGHU RAI shares his iconic photo of the Shiv Sena supremo and the story behind it
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Ponty Chadha, brother killed in farmhouse duel

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NEW DELHI: In a classical mafia-style shootout, liquor-to-real estate boss Gurdeep Singh 'Ponty' Chadha and his younger brother Hardeep killed each other on Saturday afternoon over the ownership of a three-acre farmhouse at DLF Chhatrapur Farms area in south Delhi's Mehrauli.

Saturday morning started peacefully for Hardeep — who recently got possession of the farmhouse after a two-month-long court battle — till 59-year-old big brother Ponty stormed into the house around 11.30am with his toughs in tow to regain control of the property.

A police officer investigating the case said, "Having gained access to the property in minutes, Ponty drove off to fetch one of his friends, an Uttarakhand government official, to act as a mediator. But an agitated Hardeep rushed to the spot and called his lawyer for advice."

The brothers, each accompanied by a dozen Punjab Police guards, finally came face-to-face outside the farmhouse around 12.15pm. Arguments turned ugly and Hardeep reportedly drew first blood, shooting his elder brother in the chest.

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VIOLENT END



■ Policemen outside the farmhouse for which Ponty Chadha and his brother gunned each other down. SUNIL SAXENA / HT PHOTO



From a small liquor vending business started by his father, Kulwant Singh Chadha, **Ponty Chadha** created a ₹6,000-crore empire and later consolidated The Chadha Group as Wave Inc

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ISRAEL LAUNCHES AIRSTRIKES ON GAZA

GAZA/JERUSALEM: Israeli aircraft bombed Hamas government buildings in Gaza on Saturday, including the prime minister's office, after Israel's cabinet authorised the mobilisation of up to 75,000 reservists, preparing for a possible ground invasion.
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Trinamool to bring no-trust motion against UPA

KOLKATA: Trinamool Congress chief and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Saturday said her party will bring a no-confidence motion against the Congress-led UPA government in the winter session of Parliament.
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Four more killed in Kokrajhar, toll reaches 10

GUWAHATI: Four people were killed in Kokrajhar amid indefinite curfew, taking the toll in the current wave of violence between Bodos and Muslims in the Assam district to 10.
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Train hits school bus in Egypt; 49 children killed

ASSIUT, EGYPT: A speeding train crashed into a bus carrying children to their kindergarten in Egypt on Saturday, killing 49.
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Coal ministry deallocates eight coal blocks

KOLKATA: The ministry of coal has issued deallocation letters for eight coal blocks after decision by an inter-ministerial group (IMG).
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Savita case: Amnesty takes on Irish abortion law

LONDON: Observing that the death of Indian dentist Savita Halappanavar shows a gap in Irish law, rights group Amnesty on Saturday asked Ireland to ensure its policy on abortion is in line with international human rights law.
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Court summons Digvijaya Singh in defamation case

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Digvijaya was on Saturday summoned by a Delhi court to face trial in a criminal defamation case filed against him by BJP president Nitin Gadkari.
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weather today

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■ Perviz Musharraf addresses the gathering at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in New Delhi on Saturday. "I have no regrets for Kargil," said the former president of Pakistan. AJAY AGGARWAL / HT PHOTO

PM's Pak visit should be tied to results: Musharraf



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NEW DELHI: Former Pakistan president Perviz Musharraf on Saturday said Prime Minister Manmohan Singh should visit Pakistan only if it was going to yield some results, maintained he had no regrets for plotting Kargil and asked India to be vigilant against Muslim radicalism. He was speaking in an inter-

view to this paper and, before that, at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit 2012.

"He (Singh) should visit Pakistan only if there is going to be a solution to disputes. Otherwise, the visit will be flat and unproductive," Musharraf said. However, had a previously planned trip in 2007 by Singh gone through, there could have been some concrete agreements, he said.

Between India and Pakistan, India had to be the more accommodative one because it was the bigger country, the former Pakistani ruler told a packed house at the summit.

"India should have a big heart because it is the bigger country. When the smaller party makes the compromise, it can have

negative connotations," he said, suggesting the latter scenario could be misconstrued as the "bigger party" dominating the other.

Musharraf said India-Pakistan relations took the biggest hits whenever the intelligence agencies of the two nations got into a confrontation and, according to him, sponsored proxy wars. "This led to a total breakdown of trust and, may I say, we became enemies."

He also harped on both sides displaying the right 'niyat' (intention), a word he mentioned 11 times.

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BOOM BOOM HOLDS COURT

Boris Becker, German tennis great, is surprised there is no top Indian player on the circuit today. "Who's in charge of your sports programme?" he asks.
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GENNEXT PICKS PERFORMANCE OVER DYNASTY

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NEW DELHI: What do Omar Abdullah, Akhilesh Yadav and Sukhbir Singh Badal have in common? Famous sons from important political families, all three believe it is not their surname but their performance that matters.

"Family certainly gives you a headstart and identity in politics, but... ultimately, you have to win in the court of the people," UP chief minister Yadav said at the HT Leadership Summit on Saturday.

Abdullah, his counterpart in J&K, agreed: "You get your foot inside the door, but then you have to prove yourself. People want results... irrespective of whatever your family name may be." Badal, the deputy CM of Punjab, said: "Maybe you get the first opportunity easily, but nothing beyond it."
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SPINNERS STUN ENGLAND

England were trying to avoid a defeat on Day 3 of the first Test in Ahmedabad on Saturday

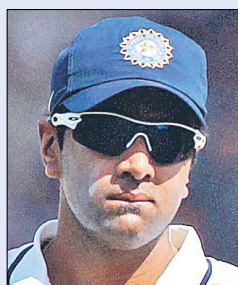
TROUBLING TURNS

- Spinners Pragyan Ojha and R Ashwin worked in tandem to rout the visitors for 191 and forced England to follow on

- Ojha took 5/45, his fourth five-wicket innings haul and third-best figure yet. Ashwin took 3/80



5/45



3/80

BIG FLOPS

- No England batsman hit a 50 in the first innings, with keeper Jonathan Trott's 48 being the highest

- Main man Pietersen fell to left-arm spin, bowled by Ojha for 17. Of the 143 completed innings, he has been dismissed by a left-arm spinner 24 times

- Ian Bell was bowled on the next delivery for a first-ball duck

LATE FIGHTBACK

- Alastair Cook's 74 helped England's revival in the second innings

- He was supported by debutant Nick Compton, batting at 34

- After finishing the day at 111/0, England are still 219 adrift of India's first innings score of 521/8

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