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INSIDE

Bhupathi-Sania Win Slam Crown

Paris: Sania Mirza and Mahesh Bhupathi won their first French Open trophy after crushing Klaudia Jans-Ignacik and Santiago Gonzalez 7-6, 6-1 in the mixed doubles final here on Thursday. **P15**

CITY EXPRESS



In silambam, most of the major moves are derived from the wrist movement

20 pages, including
4 pages of City Express

MARKETS	
Indices	Silver
Sensex: 16,649.05 ↑	Bar (1 kg): 57,045 ↑
Nifty: 5,649.65 ↑	Retail (1 gm): 61.00 ↑
Gold	Exchange
24 ct (1 gm): 2,997 ↑	US\$: 55.14 ↑
22 ct (1 gm): 2,803 ↑	Euro: 69.24 ↑
SOURCE: BSE, NSE, RBI WEBSITES	

EXPRESS

POLL OF THE DAY

Will the troubles of Air India end with the induction of new pilots?

YES 37% NO 63%

Today's question: Will Cabinet's decision to defer the Pension Bill affect the country's workforce?

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Today's Matches @ IST
 Poland vs Greece @ 9.30 pm
 Russia vs Czech Rep @ 12.15 am

JUMPIN' JACKS: Poland players during a training session at the National Stadium in Warsaw ahead of their clash with Greece — the opening match of the tournament on Friday | **AP MORE:** P14, 15

AND THE ODDS ARE...

TITLE-WINNER: Spain **11/4**, Germany **3/1**, Holland **6/1**, France **10/1**, England **12/1**

TOP GOAL-SCORER: Mario Gomez **8/1**, Robin Van Persie **10/1**, Karim Benzema **12/1**, Cristiano Ronaldo **12/1**, Zlatan Ibrahimovic **50/1**

A team can earn a maximum of **\$23m** for lifting the trophy having won all 3 group games.

TOURNAMENT STAR PARADE



MARIO GOMEZ (Germany)



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DAVID SILVA (Spain)



CRISTIANO RONALDO (Portugal)



ROBIN VAN PERSIE (Netherlands)



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EURO 2012 POLAND-UKRAINE

\$150m

Avg TV fans worldwide for each match slot. Euro 2008 final had an audience of 237m — worthy of Olympics opening ceremony.

QUEST TO BE EUROPE'S BEST

Euro 2012, billed as the world's second biggest football event after the World Cup, will kick off on Friday. **Hosts Poland** take on Greece in the opening match at Warsaw's National Stadium. **Sixteen teams** will do battle for the continent's biggest trophy. Defending champions and World Cup winners **Spain** start as the favourites. The final, on July 1, will be staged by **co-hosts Ukraine**.

This edition of Euro is the first behind the former Iron Curtain and a gamble by European football's governing body UEFA.

\$1.6b

Min amount UEFA will earn in commercial revenue, rivaling the World Cup for average match value.

"There are experts who contend that the European Championship is stronger than the World Cup. The make-up of the four groups means one or two major favourites will probably be eliminated at the quarterfinal stage." — **Franz Beckenbauer**, German football legend **KAISER'S CORNER:** P14

Jaya Demands PC's Resignation

Piles pressure after HC dismisses his plea to throw out petition challenging election to LS

Express News Service

Chennai/New Delhi: Chief Minister and AIADMK general secretary J Jayalalithaa on Thursday demanded the resignation of Union Home Minister P Chidambaram with immediate effect, in the wake of the Madras High Court's refusal to dismiss the petition filed against him by AIADMK candidate Raja Kannappan, who unsuccessfully contested against the minister from the Sivaganga Parliamentary constituency in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls. In a statement here, Jayalalithaa said since her party's consistent stand was that Chidambaram had won the polls in Sivaganga through fraudulent means he should step down without further delay, especially in light of the HC's directive to him to face trial in the case.

"In the present situation, the continuance of Chidambaram as Union Home Minister, who is facing charges of malpractices during the elections, would be a slur on democracy. If he fails to step down, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh should sack him from the Union Cabinet to uphold the glory of India as the largest democratic country in the world," Jayalalithaa said.

Recalling that ever since the 2009 polls, she has been contending that Chidambaram was not elected to Parliament through democratic means but by fraudulent means, Jayalalithaa said that time and again she has been demanding his resignation over the issue. **MORE:** P5, P9



P Chidambaram



J Jayalalithaa

NOT A SETBACK, SAYS CHIDAMBARAM

Home Minister P Chidambaram on Thursday ruled out his resignation in the wake of the Madras High Court decision in the election petition against him, saying the verdict was not a setback for him but for his rival. Chidambaram said there were only allegations in the petition against him. "Issues have not yet been framed. Trial has not yet started. Not one witness has been examined," he said. **P9**

He Must Face Trial, Says Judge

Express News Service

Madurai: In a major political setback to Union Home Minister P Chidambaram, the Madras High Court (Madurai Bench) on Thursday directed him to face trial in an election petition, holding that there was adequate "statement of material facts" against him.

In the 2009 Lok Sabha elections, Chidambaram had trounced his principal rival R S Raja Kannappan of the AIADMK by a slender margin of 3,354 votes in the Sivaganga constituency.

Alleging foul play, Raja Kannappan had challenged Chidambaram's election raising allegations against him. Chidambaram had filed a "strike off" petition praying

that the charges against him may be dropped.

Dismissing the petition, Justice K Venkataraman held that "the election petition contains adequate statement of material facts on which the allegation of irregularities or illegalities in counting were found." Therefore, the averments in the election petition were not required to be struck down at this stage. However, the court provided a minor relief for the Home Minister by ordering the deletion of two allegations levelled against him in the election petition.

In his petition, Raja Kannappan had alleged that Chidambaram had won through unfair means, including by distributing money to voters. **MORE:** P5

Trinamool at it Again, Forces UPA to Put Off Pension Bill

Express News Service

New Delhi: Succumbing to stiff opposition from its own constituent, the Trinamool Congress, the United Progressive Alliance on Thursday deferred the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Bill (PFRDA) 2011.

The Bill, if cleared, would have paved the way for private sector and foreign investment in pension sector.

The Bill was listed as number three in Thursday's Cabinet agenda, but the decision

to defer it was taken after Railway Minister Mukul Roy wrote to PM Manmohan Singh and Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee saying more discussions were required on the PFRDA Bill.

According to sources, Roy is learnt to have told the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister that, according to his party, the Bill should not be taken up for consideration as the party had no member in the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, which had considered the legislation.

Roy said Trinamool Congress member Sudip Bandhyopadhyay was earlier a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee but after he was made a minister the party had no representative in the panel that considered the Bill.

The PFRDA Bill, pending for several years, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 24, 2011. It provides for establishment of a statutory authority to undertake promotional, developmental and regulatory functions in respect of pension funds.

BIKRAM LIFTS BAN ON SUHAG

New Delhi: Overturning the decision of his predecessor Gen V K Singh, Army Chief Gen Bikram Singh has lifted the ban on promotion of Lt Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag, clearing the way for his appointment as Eastern Army Commander.

The 3 Corps Commander, who can head the army in 2014, was put under a Discipline and Vigilance Ban by former Gen V K Singh on charges of "abdicating responsibility" in handling an intelligence and surveillance unit under his command, after a failed operation in Assam. **PTI**

SL MINISTER CUTS SHORT VISIT

Express News Service

Coimbatore: Following opposition by several political parties and organisations, a high-level Sri Lankan delegation led by Sri Lankan Minister Reginald Cooray has cut short his visit to the city and hurriedly returned to Chennai. The delegation arrived in the city on Wednesday night and was staying in a luxury hotel close to the airport.

Cooray and other delegation members were scheduled to visit the Sugarcane Breeding Institute on the next day around 10.30 am.

On learning about the visit of the Lankan minister, several organisations staged a series of agitations in front of the hotel where Cooray was staying and the institute to condemn the visit.

However, just before the cadre arrived at the spot, Cooray hurriedly left the hotel and, amid tight police security, entered the airport around 8 am. Cadre of various political parties staged protests in front of the hotel. Around 80 members of MDMK, PDK and VCK were arrested by the police.

Airlines to Begin Domestic Cargo Ops in Tiruchy Soon



AAI Tiruchy will create the requisite infrastructure for domestic cargo by end-June

by Sukanya Chellappa

Tiruchy: Two private airlines—Jet Airways and Spice Jet—will soon launch their dedicated domestic cargo operations from Tiruchy to other major cities across the country.

The Tiruchy Airport has a dedicated international cargo service, but it does not have the facilities to operate domestic cargo service. The Airport Authority of India (AAI), Tiruchy, is gearing up to create the requisite infrastructure for domestic cargo by the end of June. Sources say that the airlines have requested the AAI for a place to screen the cargo and transportation to load the cargo from the screening point to the apron area.

Jet Airways and Spice Jet would be the first two airlines

that would put Tiruchy on the domestic cargo map in the country.

Jet Airways would operate ATR 72-500 on all seven days of the week. It would connect flights via Chennai to places such as Mumbai, New Delhi, Kochi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Madurai, Coimbatore and Raipur.

Sources from Spice Jet said that they are looking to operate Bombardier Q400, which is similar to that of the ATR aircraft. Spice Jet is looking to connect places such as Chennai, Mumbai, New Delhi and even Bangalore. Spice Jet would operate its flights six days a week except for Wednesdays.

The airlines are eyeing companies such as BHEL and others in the Central districts of Tamil Nadu as potential clients.

UIDAI TURF WAR

Nilekani Forced to Fall in Line, Accept Home Ministry Data

by Yatish Yadav

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Thursday settled the turf war between Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), headed by Nandan Nilekani, and the Home Ministry over collection of biometric data of 1.2 billion Indian citizens.

In its decision to resolve the feud, the Cabinet said both UIDAI and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) will collect biometrics, and asked the UIDAI to accept the biometric data collected by the Registrar General of India (RGD) for the National Population Register (NPR).

Sources said the tussle worsened after Home Minister P Chidambaram wrote a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh last week criticising UIDAI for defying a Cabinet order issued in January. "Despite clear orders from the cabinet, the UIDAI is objecting to the conduct of NPR camps in certain States and is also refusing to accept biometric data of NPR for de-duplication and generation of Aadhaar number," he wrote.

In January, Chidambaram had complained to the Prime

Minister and Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia regarding UIDAI's objection to NPR projects in some States. The Cabinet had, at the time, decided that UIDAI would issue 600 million cards in 16 States and Union Territories, while the MHA would cover the remaining 600 million people as part of the NPR.

MHA'S OBJECTION TO THE UID PROJECT

The MHA has been opposing the entire Unique Identification project, terming it "non-verified data", as a private party has been entrusted with the job. Sources said the Home Ministry also objected to the lack of legal framework for UIDAI, which was notified in January 2009.

Data collected in the NPR would then be subjected to de-duplication by UIDAI.

Chidambaram, in his latest letter, also blamed UIDAI for the delay in implementation of the NPR project which was taken up in the wake of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks to cover select coastal villages on a priority basis to enforce coastal security.

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7 days to 90 days	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00
91 days to 179 days	7.00	7.06	8.00	8.08
180 days	7.00	7.06	8.00	8.08
181 days to 240 days	7.25	7.36	8.00	8.16
241 days to less than 1 year	7.50	7.71	8.00	8.24
1 year to less than 2 years	9.00	9.74	9.00	9.74
2 years to less than 3 years	9.00	10.20	9.00	10.20
3 years to less than 5 years	8.75	10.83	9.00	11.21
5 years to less than 8 years	8.75	12.48	9.00	12.98
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180 days	7.00	7.06	8.00	8.08
181 days to 240 days	7.25	7.36	8.00	8.16
241 days to less than 1 year	7.50	7.71	8.00	8.24
1 year to less than 2 years	9.50	10.33	9.50	10.33
2 years to less than 3 years	9.50	10.84	9.50	10.84
3 years to less than 5 years	9.25	11.59	9.50	11.98
5 years to less than 8 years	9.25	13.48	9.50	13.99
8 years and upto 10 years	9.25	14.95	9.50	15.57

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