

# Trinamool to go it alone in LS polls

PTI, Kolkata

Kickstarting her party's Lok Sabha campaign from a mammoth rally, Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee yesterday said her party would go it alone in the polls and renewed her call for a federal front.

"Our fight is against BJP, our fight is against Congress, our fight is against CPM. Our fight is also against corruption," she said at the rally which saw lakhs of people converging at the sprawling Brigade Parade Ground.

"We do not want a government which encourages riots. Bengal will show the way to India in the coming days," she said.

She called for defeating her arch rival CPM and also the Congress hands down.

Claiming her party was the only alternative for the country, she said, "BJP is not an alternative to the Congress. Congress is not an alternative to BJP. We also don't want a monarchy. A federal front should be formed. We want a change (in government) in Delhi. We are giving a call from Bengal for change."

Claiming that the Trinamool Congress would play a decisive role in the formation of a government after the Lok Sabha election, Mamata said, "We have to win as many as seats from Bengal to ensure that Bengal plays a key role."

Riding high on the back-to-back massive victories of her party in the recent panchayat and municipal elections, she said, there is no room for complacency.

Attacking the Centre for price rise and corruption, she said, "Our fight is against corruption. Our fight is against price rise. Our fight is for unity, integrity and communal harmony. We want to establish a government for the welfare

## 2007 EMERGENCY Musharraf's review petition rejected

PTI, Islamabad

In a setback to Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan's Supreme Court yesterday dismissed his petition seeking a review of its verdict that declared as unconstitutional the 2007 emergency imposed by the embattled former dictator.

A 14-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, said the time period for filing an appeal has lapsed.

It further said the review petition was not maintainable as it did not fulfil the criteria of merit. The bench said arguments presented by 70-year-old Musharraf were irrelevant to the case.

In an order issued in July 2009, the apex court had declared the emergency proclaimed by Musharraf in November 2007 as unconstitutional.

On December 23 last year, Musharraf filed a petition after a delay of over four years seeking a review of the apex court's verdict.

The petition stated Musharraf was facing trial in a special court on charges of high treason on the basis of the apex court's July 2009 order.



Activist of Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) shout slogans against Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi during a protest outside Congress Party headquarters in New Delhi, yesterday. Sikh groups staged the protest, stating that a mere apology on the 1984 riots will not suffice and demanded that accused culprits should get the toughest of the punishment.

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## MAHATMA GANDHI'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY Did he see his death coming?

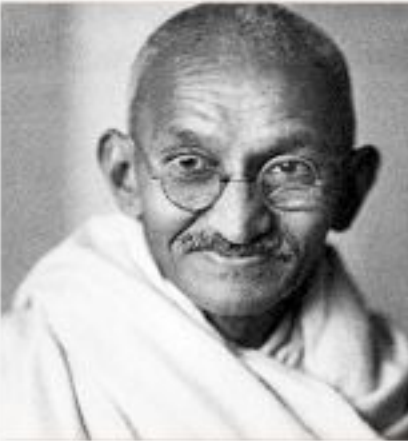
TNN, Ahmedabad

Did Mahatma Gandhi have a premonition of his death just hours before he was shot at by Nathuram Godse?

On the afternoon of January 29, 1948 an agitated member of a group of villagers rendered homeless at the time due to communal clashes, confronted Gandhiji and claimed that he had done enough damage. This disturbed Bapu very much. That same evening, while walking to his prayer meeting, he had confided to his grand-niece Manuben, "The pitiful cries of these people is like the voice of God. Take this as a death warrant for you and me."

A few hours later, that afternoon, a four year old Rajiv Gandhi accompanying Krishna Hutheesing, Jawaharlal Nehru's sister and Indira had called on Bapu. Rajiv placed some flowers at Gandhi's feet. To this, Gandhi had playfully chided the little boy saying, "One only puts flowers around dead people's feet." These recorded incidents are part of a new book by Pramod Kapoor, 'My experiment with Gandhi', that explores these and lesser known aspects in the Mahatma's life.

On January 30, Gandhi battled thoughts of



death more than just once. Bapu was feeling unwell and had woken up at 3:30 am. He was 'unusually disturbed with the partition woes and infighting in the Congress. At about 3:45 am, he had surprisingly asked for a rendition of a Gujarati bhajan, which translates to: "Whether tired or not, O man do not take rest, stop not, your struggle, if single-handed, continues," claims Kapoor's book.

Few hours later Bapu was asked to take some penicillin pills that his doctor had left for him to cure a bad cough. "If I were to die of disease or even a pimple, you must shout to the world from the house tops, that I was a false Mahatma. Then my soul, wherever it may be, will rest in peace. But if an explosion took place or somebody shot at me and I received his bullets on my bare chest, without a sigh and with Rama's name on my lips, only then you should say I was a true Mahatma."

Later that day Bapu was in a crucial meeting with Sardar Patel when two leaders from Kathiawar came to visit him unannounced. On being informed of their coming, Gandhi had said, "Tell them that I will see them, but only after the prayer meeting and that too if I am alive."

## British PM's ancestry traced to Kolkata!

TNN, London

British PM David Cameron's ancestry has been traced to India, specifically Kolkata. This comes just months after Prince William was found to have Indian blood in him and a direct descendant of an Indian woman.

An exhaustive analysis into the Cameron's ancestry has revealed that he and comedian Al Murray are cousins connected through William Makepeace Thackeray, the author of Vanity Fair.

William was born in Kolkata on 18 July 1811. He was sent to England in 1815 after the death of his father.

Speaking exclusively to TOI, Myko Clelland, family historian said, "Documents from the British Raj that were made available online on Wednesday by the British Library shows that both Cameron and Murray's family were very high up in the East India Company and for generations the two families administered India. Records then show that they inter married and the blood lines mixed making Murray and Cameron distant cousins."

Records published online by leading family history organization "Findmypast" shows that Cameron is William's first cousin five times removed through his direct ancestor John Talbot Shakespear. Murray is William's great great great grandson. Shakespear is Cameron's great great great great grandfather and William's uncle. He was a senior civil servant with the East India Company.

## IMPERIALISTIC PAST Asia history row flare at UN debate

BBC ONLINE

Tensions between Japan and its neighbours over historical issues have flared at the UN Security Council, with strong words from top envoys.

Chinese Ambassador Liu Jieyi said the Japanese prime minister's recent visit to the controversial Yasukuni shrine had "closed the door to dialogue".

South Korea's envoy, meanwhile, accused Japan of having a "distorted view" of history.

Japan said raising these issues at the UN did not help to reduce tensions.

The exchanges took place on Wednesday at a UN Security Council open debate on lessons to be learnt from war.

They came weeks after Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe paid a visit to the Yasukuni Shrine, where the souls of Japan's war dead - including several convicted war criminals - are enshrined.

Such visits enrage Japan's neighbours, who accuse Japan of failing to adequately address its past militarism.

Addressing the debate, China's envoy accused Abe of paying "homage to those who launched a war of aggression and were up to their elbows in the blood of the people in the countries they invaded".

Japan's deputy UN envoy, Kazuyoshi Umemoto, said his country had squarely faced historical facts and had "expressed its feelings of remorse and heartfelt apology" over its actions.

Washington said it was "disappointed" by the move and wants China, Japan and South Korea to work together on ways to tackle the issue of North Korea.

It also wants strong ties between Japan and South Korea to counterbalance China's increasing assertiveness in the region, including over its maritime territorial claims.



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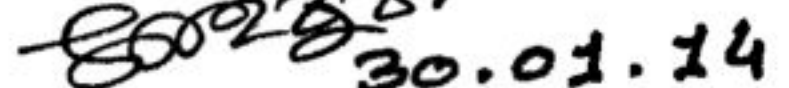
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