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Slobodan Milosevic

'Butcher of Balkans' Milosevic found dead

The Hague, March 11

SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC, the former Yugoslav leader branded by the West as "the butcher of the Balkans" but hailed as a hero by many of his fellow Serbs, was found dead in a UN prison near The Hague on Saturday. He was 64.

Milosevic was standing trial for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, the UN war crimes tribunal said in a statement. He appeared to have died of natural causes, the tribunal said. Milosevic had a chronic heart condition.

A leader of beguiling charm and cunning ruthlessness, Milosevic was a master tactician who turned his country's defeats into personal victories and held onto power for 13 years despite losing four wars that shattered the former Yugoslavia.

He had been on trial since February 2002. The 66 counts against him stemmed from atrocities in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo during and after Yugoslavia's violent breakup in the 1990s.

Milosevic's trial and Saddam Hussein's war crimes tribunal have widely been seen as together constituting the most important legal test the world has faced since the Nuremberg and Tokyo tribunals brought Axis leaders to justice after World War II.

Defiant to the end, a brooding Milosevic frequently — and feistily — denounced the trial as a "farce" and the tribunal's judges as puppets of the West. **AP**

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SHORT TAKES

Bullet injures TV actress

The police are probing how TV actress Sanjana Srivastava, currently in a Juhu hospital ICU, sustained a bullet injury late on Friday night at Andheri (W) P3



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WEATHER

Pleasant morning, sunny afternoon and cool/breezy night. High 30°C (-3°C), low 20°C (+1°C), Max R.H. 90%. **Details, p2**

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500 AND COUNTING



Anil Kumble became the first Indian and the fifth in the world to bag 500 wickets in Tests. Kumble punches the air in celebration after trapping **Steve Harmison** leg before wicket, his 500th scalp, in Mohali on Saturday.

After dismissing England for 300, India were **149 for four** at stumps on the third day.

Others in elite club



Shane Warne
659 wickets in **135** Tests



Muttiah Muralitharan
600 wickets in **101** Tests



Glenn McGrath
542 wickets in **119** Tests



Courtney Walsh
519 wickets in **132** Tests

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EXPLOSIVES SEIZED OFF COAST, IED FOUND IN BYCULLA

Bombs in city

HT Correspondent
 Mumbai, March 11

THE MUMBAI police's Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS) found an improvised explosive device (IED) containing two kg of explosive grade ammonium nitrate and other components from a toilet at the Byculla railway station on Saturday morning. The IED was later defused at Girgaum Chowpatty.

The discovery was made on the eve of the 13th anniversary of the 1993 serial bomb blasts. Police commissioner A.N. Roy told HT that the ATS team, acting on information provided by sources, seized the 'incomplete' IED package from the roof of a toilet block on platform one between 9.45 am and 10 am. The explosives were found wrapped in a parcel inside a water bottle. The package was then handed over to a bomb disposal and detection squad, which defused it in a two-hour operation at Girgaum Chowpatty around noon.

"The IED had two kg ammonium nitrate and other parts like a transformer and a circuit that could have been quickly assembled. But it had the important link missing, the detonator. When we found it, it was not in a position to be used," said Roy, adding that ammonium nitrate was also used in the recent Varanasi blasts.

According to ATS sources, some 'white powder and brown globules' were also found in the parcel. Roy said that police were now trying to establish the identity of the persons or groups to whom the explosives belong. "We have to find whether this device was for use or for hiding and who kept it at the station," said Roy. He clarified that no one alerted the ATS. "We have been on alert for a long time, that is why these explosives were detected," said Roy.

COPS EXPECTED TERROR STRIKE P2



SANTOSH HARHARE/HT
 A bomb expert defusing the IED at Chowpatty.

TERROR WATCH

GOA
 A militant was arrested with a kilo of RDX and firearms from Margao railway station

VARANASI
 Vendors 'identified' two suspects; SSP Navneet Sikera, 2 other officials transferred **P6**

Navy intercepts deadly cargo

THE NAVY seized a huge consignment of explosives off the coast of Mumbai on Saturday morning. Police sources said a merchant vessel carrying the deadly material apparently dumped the consignment in panic.

Navy spokesman Commander Abhay Lambate, when contacted, refused to either confirm or deny the seizure as he had not been informed of it. **J. Dey**

Spirited plan for jowar whisky

Shailesh Gaikwad
 Mumbai, March 11

AFTER WINE, it's whisky. The state excise department is drafting a policy to promote manufacture of whisky made from jowar (great millet), which is widely grown in several parts of Maharashtra.

Presently, whisky in Maharashtra is made from molasses, which is not much in demand in the international market. "Grain-based whisky is qualitatively better and has huge export potential," said an excise official.

"Just like grape farmers who benefited from the promotion of wine, jowar growers will get good returns on their crop," the official pointed out. At present, there is little demand for the food grain in the state.

The government's new policy will include several measures to promote the jowar-based whisky — right from the research and development stage to its marketing. It will also include a programme to create awareness among farmers as to what kind of jowar they should grow for the



Grain case

With Maharashtra's pitch for the jowar-based grain whisky, Indian whisky can tap international markets that prefer grain whisky

Grain whisky is of better quality than whisky made from molasses

Jowar farmers in the state, whose crop is not in much demand, will benefit. As a sop, jowar-whisky may be exempted from excise duty

whisky. Under the new policy, the jowar-based spirit is likely to be exempted from excise duty.

The liquor industry is smiling. "Internationally, grain spirit has more acceptance. Indian whisky made from molasses-based alcohol cannot be exported to Europe and some other

markets," said Sanjeev Banga, head of international business at Mason and Summers, which exports whisky to West Asia. At present, about one million cases of Indian whisky are exported annually.

"Grain-based whisky definitely has better export potential. Indian manufacturers can tap European and other markets. It will be great for the industry and even the growers," he added.

Only a handful of manufacturers in Maharashtra make grain-based spirit. Overall, in the country, only a small fraction of alcoholic drinks is produced from non-molasses-based sources.

The excise department is not keen on making the move public just yet. "It will become a political issue just like what happened in the case of wine," said the official requesting anonymity.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar's suggestion to the Maharashtra government not to treat wine as liquor had become a bone of contention with the Opposition criticising him. Even the Congress had distanced itself from the suggestion.

Indians, expats vie for top posts in multinationals

Sabarinath M.
 Mumbai, March 11

WHEN ITALIAN confectionery major Perfetti recently appointed former Coke executive Prakash Wakanker as CEO of its Indian operations, it was just the latest instance of an MNC picking a *desi* CEO.

Until Wakanker's appointment, Perfetti only had expatriates as CEOs, a tradition it maintained since its entry into India.

Wakanker's appointment only underlined something new in the country's corporate history — of ambitious Indian managers

getting an opportunity to climb the ladder to the very top in a multinational operating from India.

"The Indian market has enough talent and multinationals are gung-ho on Indians," said a senior executive of a global search firm, outlining the reasons for the trend.

In the sixties, most MNC heads were foreigners. But for about a decade — from the early eighties to the mid-90s — some MNCs began opting for Indian CEOs. Foreigners again increasingly got preference in the late nineties.

But since then, Indians have again begun to buck the trend. Now, there is a mix of Indian as well as expat CEOs — proving that competence (and not the ethnic factor) is increasingly

playing a key role in the choice of a CEO.

Other MNCs that recently chose an Indian CEO include the US-based Kraft Foods, which roped in Subir Pal to head their

Indian operations, Glaxo SmithKline Beecham, that appointed Kalyan Sundaram as its MD, and Citigroup, which has Sanjay Nayar as its CEO.

"We have got a good mix of In-

dians and expats. This shows a changing trend," said Sunil Alag, former MD of Britannia — a joint venture between Dutch firm Danone and the Wadias.

The rise of Wakanker, Pal et al doesn't mean that it's a one-way traffic. MNCs haven't exactly put a stop to looking West for their top job. Recently, Hindustan Lever surprised the corporate world when it appointed an expat, Douglas Baillie, as CEO after almost 50 years. Other expat CEOs like Brian Tempest of Ranbaxy have been working in India for quite some time — and seem set to continue.



INDIAN HONCHOS
 Krishan Dhawan (Oracle), Kalyan Sundaram (Glaxo), Sanjay Nayar (Citigroup)
EXPAT CEOs
 Douglas Baillie (HLL), Brian Tempest (Ranbaxy), R Schubert (Siemens)