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...comes in the way of a drama being filmed in the city for giving Andrew Symonds the marching orders after disowning him during the Sydney ODI. The captain maintains it was Symonds who had been insubordinate and provoked him. In his letter specifically mentions that Benaud's men "have been provoking the latest players from time to time" with "vulgar language which has gone uncorrected". It adds that Benaud has also been re-

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provoked by Symonds, has
% of the match fee

...the letter says

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Near 320-400 persons for the 1990 census. The 1990 census also has attributed his fact the Bombay High Court ruled, citing provisions in Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act.

Justice C.L. Pangarkar of the Nagpur bench of the recently ordered a Wardha indent to reimburse his wife, deserted by him 25 years ago, Rs 75,000 that she spent on the wedding of their children.

NEWS
In Oscars, 5 cheers for

Times News

...story in this year's Oscars
...to make the grade but the coun-
try...presence felt at the 80th Annual Aca-
de my Awards. Two films that walked away with statuettes
had significant Indian contributors. "The Indian Com-
pass" won the award for best song, while "Rata-
touille" was adjudged the best animated film.

In L.A., another Indian had a hand in the Oscar. Apurva Shah, an animation artist who worked on the film *Shogun*, was not only overall in-charge of all the animation effects and animation in "Ratatouille," he was also involved in defining the look of the film. "It's great to win an Oscar," Shah told TOI over phone from L.A.

The third Indian to make a mark was filmmaker Shekhar Kapur, whose "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" received an Oscar for costume design.

HOLLYWOOD'S BIG NIGHT

Four Oscars for *No Country for Old Men*, including Best picture, Best director, Best adapted screenplay to Coen brothers

France's Marion Cotillard is Best actress winner for her role in French film, *La Vie en Rose*.

With Briton Tilda Swinton named the Best supporting actress, Europeans sweep acting awards for the first time since 1964.

INDIA AT OSCARS
 • Shekhar Kapur's *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* receives an Oscar for costume design

- India-born animation artist Apurva Shah was behind special effects of *Ratatouille* which wins the best animated feature film

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TODAY'S HAPPY TIMES Q1. Who did Jamshedpur play in the ISL on Sunday? **READ** Q2. Which city is hosting the Zim-SL 1st test?

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Provide evidence of prof's Maoist links: HC to cops

The Telangana HC on Sunday gave the police four days to provide proof that arrested Osmania University professor Chinukindi Kaseem had Maoist links. "These days, police are arresting people in the name of being Maoist sympathisers. Even professors are not being spared. Is the state trying to crush dissent this way by taking its eminent domain power?" asked CJRS Chaitanya P 8

1 Indian dead, 19 freed by pirates

The Indian mission in Nigeria on Sunday said 20 seafarers who were kidnapped by pirates last month near the Nigerian coast have been

Govt moves to limit duty-free to 1 bottle, slash no. of cigarettes

Commerce Min Also For Cutting Limit On Value Of Goods & Gifts From Abroad

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New Delhi: The commerce and industry ministry has proposed to reduce the number of alcohol bottles and cigarette packets a passenger can buy at duty-free outlets when returning from an overseas trip, while also seeking a cut in the value of goods and gifts one can get without

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paying duty, currently set at Rs 50,000. While the number of alcohol bottles is proposed to be halved from two, the number of cigarette sticks that could be

GLOBAL BENCHMARKS

ALCOHOL	TOBACCO
India: 2 litres	India: 100 cigarettes, or 25 cigars, or 125gm tobacco
US: 1 litre	Singapore: All tobacco products subject to duty
China: 1.5 litres (exceeding 12% alcohol by volume)	Australia: 25 cigarettes or cigars
South Korea: 1 litre/bottle (up to \$400)	New Zealand: 50 cigarettes or cigars, or 50gm tobacco

Source: Govt, Excluding duty-free stores

to be genuine but also costless. While data is unavailable, the amount of such imports is not seen to be significant. Commerce and industry minister P

'Clear element of pricing control by e-comm firms'

Union minister Piyush Goyal on Sunday said investigations by Competition Commission of India and his ministry had pointed to several irregularities by e-commerce companies, which were resulting in massive job losses and closure of retail outlets, reports Sidhartha.

Last week, Goyal's comments that Amazon's announcement to invest \$1 bil-

► ₹25k cr plans by Mar '21 in J&K, P 8

lion in the country was "not a favour" had triggered a row. On Sunday, Goyal told TOI there was "clearly an element of pricing control or predatory pricing".

All Cong states may pass resolutions against CAA

MP, Chhattisgarh, Raj Could Follow Punjab's Lead

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New Delhi: Signalling a step up in the political battle over the Citizenship Amendment Act, and in a bid to erase confusion over comments by senior functionaries that not implementing the law might be "unconstitutional", Cong-

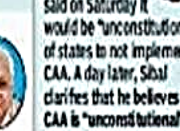
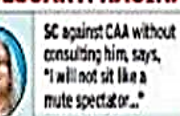
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ress on Sunday said all states where it is in office should follow the example of the party government in Punjab in as-

CAA NOT NECESSARY: HASINA

► Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina says CAA is an "internal affair" of India but law "was not necessary" and "we don't understand why (India) did it"

► Kerala governor Arif Mohammed Khan asks state govt to explain why it moved



SC against CAA without consulting him, says, "I will not sit like a mute spectator..."

► Congress in damage control mode after party MP Kapil Sibal said on Saturday it would be "unconstitutional" of states to not implement CAA. A day later, Sibal clarifies that he believes CAA is "unconstitutional"

are thinking about bringing a resolution against the CAA in states like Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh. It would

pil Sibal and Jaipal Ramesh, who expressed doubts over the ability of states not to implement the CAA.



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Two women who entered Sabarimala move SC for protection
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While punishing a person, we must also hear him, says Kharge
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MA conducts searches in U.P., Punjab as part of crackdown on IS group
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Australia, India square off in the ODI series-decider at Melbourne today
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Modi's decision to buy 36 Rafales shot the price of each jet up by 41%

Big increase in price came because a deal bypassing mandated procedures and made in the face of official objections resulted in €1.3 billion 'non-recurring' cost attributed to the 'Design and Development' of 13 India Specific Enhancements being spread over 36 instead of 126 aircraft

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision, announced out of the blue in Paris on April 10, 2015, to buy 36 Rafale fighter jets from France instead of the 126 asked for by the Indian Air Force for six squadrons pushed the price of each fully fitted, combat-ready aircraft up by 41.42%. It was the National Democratic Alliance government's acceptance of the cost of €1.3 billion claimed for the 'Design and Development' of 13 India Specific Enhancements (ISE), and the distribution of this 'non-recurring cost' over 36 instead of 126 bare bones aircraft, that was the major reason for the big increase in price.

The NDA government has

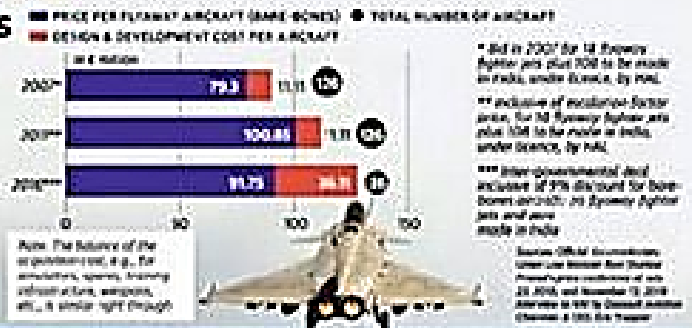
contending that its agreement with France on the 'Exchange and Reciprocal Protection of Classified or Protected Information' stands in the way of such disclosure. The French government, however, has made it clear that this inter-governmental agreement is there only "to protect the classified information provided by the partner, which could, in particular, impact the security

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and operational capabilities of the defence equipment." The restriction clearly does not apply to the disclosure of pricing details. In fact, a scan of news media coverage reveals that there has been se-

Soaring costs

The design and development cost shot up from ₹1.11 million euros per aircraft in the original Dassault bid in 2007 to ₹6.71 million euros when the deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets was struck in 2016. The effect of this was the increase in the overall price of the Rafale jet from ₹9.41 million euros in 2007 to ₹12.84 million euros in the 2016 deal (an increase of 41.4%).



the details of the deal and that these briefings have helped answer some, but not all the critical questions being asked about the Rafale deal, chiefly on the pricing of

the deal. The Hindu, focuses on the interesting question of how and why the price per Rafale fighter jet of the F3 R standard, with practically the same configuration and

MA Dassault Aviation was declared the lowest bidder, that is, the presumptive winner of the tender floated by the United Progressive Alliance govern-

ment. The price quoted by the vendor for one Rafale bare bones aircraft was €79.3 million. By 2011, the escalation cost factor had taken this

government for the 36 Rafales it was buying from France through an Inter Governmental Agreement brought this per-aircraft price down to €91.75 million.

But that is not even half the story. Dassault claimed a €1.4 billion cost for the 'Design and Development' of 13 India Specific Enhancements, that is, additional capabilities in the form of hardware as well as software that had been specified by the Indian Air Force all along, and this cost was negotiated down to €1.3 billion. What it meant was that the design and development cost, now distributed over 36 Rafale fighter jets, shot up from €11.11 million per aircraft in 2007 to €36.11 mil-



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