

**REAL AGENDA** While India has robust counter-terror partnership with Russia, it is trying to impress China to act tough against Pak-based terror masterminds and infrastructure

# Doval to Urge BRICS for Stronger Counter-terrorism Cooperation

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**New Delhi:** India will urge greater counter-terror cooperation with focus on denying terrorists access to finance, sanctuaries and weapons when National Security Adviser (NSA) A K Doval meets his counterparts from BRICS member states in China on Thursday and Friday.

Doval will seek to expand counter terrorism cooperation within the BRICS nations, when he attends a meeting with his counterparts from China, Brazil, Russia and South Africa, persons familiar with the issue said. While India has robust counter-terror partnership with Russia and expanding cooperation in Afghanistan & West Asia, it is trying to impress China to act tough against Pakistan-based terror masterminds and infrastructure.

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Beijing has done little to act against Islamabad.

Yang Jiechi, the State Councilor of China, will host the meeting. Notwithstanding the stand-off at the border, India and China are keen to maintain momentum of BRICS. Russia, a close partner of both India and China, is also keen to keep BRICS a vibrant group.

meeting of the BRICS leaders at Hamburg in Germany saw Chinese President Xi Jinping praising the momentum the bloc received during chairmanship of India in 2016, before it was passed on to his country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also said at the same meeting that India would extend full cooperation to China in holding the next summit at Xiamen in September. The BRICS

NSA meet will contribute in shaping security component of declaration of the Hamburg Summit.

Meanwhile, a standalone Yang-Doval meeting on the sidelines is expected to discuss current border stand-off but this might not immediately end the crisis.

Doval will call upon his counterparts from the BRICS nations to strive to expand counterterrorism

cooperation within the bloc to include measures for denying terrorists access to finance and terror hardware, such as equipment, arms and ammunition, persons familiar with the matter said.

Doval is expected to emphasise the need for a global legal regime to deal with the international terrorism. The situation in Iraq and Syria, where ISIS is on retreat, is also likely to figure at the BRICS NSA meet. Besides, the Afghan situation will also figure in the deliberations.

The NSA will also stress the need to combat terrorism in all its manifestation, without making a distinction between "good terrorists" and "bad terrorists".

Beijing's persistent policy of blocking Delhi's bid to bring terrorists including Jaish chief Masood Azhar based in Pakistan under United Nations sanctions has been one of the several irritants between the two nations over the past couple of years.



## Govt Says All Aspects of Privacy Not Under Fundamental Rights

**IN SUPREME COURT** AG KK Venugopal says right of privacy of few cannot override right to food, shelter, jobs for 270 million poor

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**New Delhi:** Even if privacy is a fundamental right, it would not be absolute but a qualified right that would yield to other rights, especially those of the poor, attorney general KK Venugopal argued in the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

The right to privacy can be included in the protection of personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution in some cases, but it would have to make way for the right to life of 270 million poor people and their right to food, shelter and employment, the government said. The AG insisted that this was his alternative submission and he was not conceding any legal ground on this score.

"I will argue that the right to privacy is not a fundamental right in the Aadhaar case," he told a nine-judge bench that is debating whether the right to privacy is a fundamental right. The bench was formed while hearing petitions related to linking Aadhaar with the permanent account number issued to income tax payers. Venugopal prefaced his arguments by stating that privacy was not a single right, but a conglomerate of many rights.

"Some of these sub-species may be part of personal liberty," he argued. "Right to personal liberty of some would yield to right to life of the 270 million poor and their right to food, shelter and employment."

He urged the court to consider any decision in the light of its impact on Aadhaar, a unique, 12-digit identity number, which would ensure that subsidies reach those who need

them. "Most of these people lead an animal existence on footpaths, without any privacy," he said. "The right of personal liberty of some cannot override their right to life."

Venugopal pointed out that both the right to personal liberty and life could be taken away through validly enacted laws such as death penalty and incarceration laws.

The AG dismissed the legal challenge to Aadhaar as individual specific. "You are an individual. You are not even a class. Are you entitled to claim a fundamental right when biometrics is essential to lifting the people out of their animal existence?"

The sub-text of his argument was

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that privacy was a claim that can be put on a higher pedestal in a developed country. But the same arguments cannot be advanced in a developing country, where people sell their children for a price to stave off hunger, he said.

"Do not apply US standards to India. The standards of deprivation (of right to privacy) cannot be the same. Aadhaar is a tremendous exercise which has never been done before," he said.

## Flood-hit Assam Cries Foul After PM Modi's Aerial Survey in Guj

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**Guwahati:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aerial survey of flood-hit Gujarat and announcement of a ₹500-crore interim relief package has sparked a sharp reaction from opposition parties in Assam, which is recovering from floods.

Congress attacked the NDA government for not announcing any interim

relief for Assam and said "the PM remembers Assam only during elections". Assam health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, however, countered the allegation. "Some people are trying to spark controversy that Modi has visited Gujarat and not visited Assam. Are we showpiece that someone will come to see us," Sarma said. At present, an inter-ministerial central team is in the state for damage assessment.

## BJP, Congress Big Guns Watch As Patel Faces Tricky Battle in Rajya Sabha Polls

Vaghela's dramatic revolt & 8 party MLAs cross-voting for BJP presidential candidate have thickened the plot

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**New Delhi:** Amidst the dust and din in the ongoing Parliament session, top leaders of both Congress and BJP are pointing their political antenna to Gujarat, where a battle of nerves is on over filling three Rajya Sabha vacancies next month.

The prime focus is on Ahmed Patel, the political secretary to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who has filed his nomination on Wednesday to renew his RS term. He is suddenly finding himself in some unexpected political turbulence. Though under normal circumstances - as was the case during the last two decades - Patel's return to RS would have been a foregone conclusion, the dramatic revolt of Shankarsinh Vaghela and eight party MLAs cross-voting for BJP presidential candidate Ram Nath Kovind have thickened the plot and heightened the suspense.

Delicate number game and the plots make Gujarat RS polls interesting. Congress, with 57 MLAs, needs only a minimum of 45 votes to retain the RS seat. But suspense is about what is cooking between BJP central leadership and the Vaghela camp. Even if the eight Congress MLAs, who cross-voted, during Presidential

polls decide not to vote for Patel in RS, he could still make it with the remaining 49 votes. But the big question is whether Vaghela has kept more "sleeper cells" among Congress legislators with a design strike during RS elections.

A real signal of how far the BJP central leadership really wants to go after Patel will come from whether the saffron party will field just two candidates for its winnable two RS seats, or will it field a third one - a direct or a proxy nominee to make the fight for the third slot, making it the extremely tricky preferential voting system. Congress camp, taking no chance at all, is also wooing two NCP MLAs as well other two independents. But,



### At a Glance

- Highly-trusted political secretary of Congress chief **Sonia Gandhi**
- AICC treasurer under **Sitaram Kesri**
- AICC general secretary under **P V Narasimha Rao**
- Parliamentary secretary to **Rajiv Gandhi**
- AICC joint secretary under **Indira Gandhi**
- Three-term Lok Sabha **MP**
- Four-term Rajya Sabha **MP**
- Ex-Gujarat PCC & Youth Congress president
- CWC members for decades

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then, BJP too may be doing the same.

Incidentally, Patel is reportedly grooming his son Faisal for helping him make his electoral debut from in the December Assembly polls from a seat from his base. "Faisal has been associated with social work in the constituency so he is a known face. If he were to win an Assembly seat from Bharuch, he would be a natural claimant for Lok Sabha ticket in 2019 elections," said a Gujarat Congress leader.

Given Patel's demonstrated mastery in political management and survival skills in the perennially slippery inner corridors of Congress high command for decades, not even the most audacious BJP opponent will treat grounding Patel an easy task. "It may have become a little tricky, but we all know Ahmed bhai excels when it comes to dealing with such situations," said a Congress MP.

Yet, the hitherto unfamiliar aggression the political Delhi is witnessing in the Modi/Shah-led ruling establishment's outreach in checkmating rivals with unexpected yorkers, there are many worried faces in Congress side. Because Patel is no ordinary Congress leader. He is Sonia Gandhi's long-trusted eyes and ears in Congress leadership, AICC's multitasker in political management, resource-mobilisation and prime political deal-maker, within and with allies. So, if BJP takes a full-blown shot at Patel, it is as good as hitting at the very core of the Sonia establishment, something that makes Patel's victory crucial for the AICC establishment. Adding to that is the delicacy of the time as Patel and many other top party leaders are in the middle of piloting a harmonising transaction of Congress from Sonia's leadership to Rahul's.

## Shah, Irani to Contest RS Elections from Gujarat

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**Gandhinagar:** BJP national president Amit Shah and textile and I&B minister Smriti Irani will contest the Rajya Sabha election from Gujarat. Shah is currently an MLA from Ahmedabad's Naranpura, in the outgoing House and this will be his first stint as a parliamentarian.

With Shah and Irani entering the fray, the Rajya Sabha election for the three seats in Gujarat has become more interesting. "As of now, only two candidates have been declared from Gujarat by the party," said Bharat Pandya, Gujarat BJP

spokesperson. Including Congress senior leader Ahmed Patel, there are only three candidates for three seats falling vacant in Gujarat so far. However a defector Congress MLA could file a nomination as an independent to scuttle the possibility of Ahmed Patel. With Shah's nomination, speculation is gaining ground that he may be inducted in the Union Cabinet. That would, however, necessitate the election of a new president for the ruling part.

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## PIDILITE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

**EXTRACT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2017**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended
		30.06.2017	30.06.2016	31.03.2017	30.06.2017	30.06.2016	31.03.2017
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	1521.76	1512.72	5408.75	1712.49	1715.38	6174.56
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax and Exceptional items)	317.37	385.96	1239.06	329.76	389.58	1248.27
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	317.37	385.96	1144.72	329.76	389.58	1248.27
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	217.08	272.38	773.79	226.51	272.15	863.22
5	Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit / (Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	216.58	272.30	771.81	221.51	272.07	861.05
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share : ₹ 1/-)	51.27	51.27	51.27	51.27	51.27	51.27
7	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserves	-	-	3,348.08	-	-	3,419.64
8	Earnings per share (of ₹ 1/- each)						
	Basic:	@ 4.23	@ 5.31	15.09	@ 4.42	@ 5.27	16.77
	Diluted:	@ 4.23	@ 5.31	15.09	@ 4.42	@ 5.26	16.77

@ For the period only and not annualised.

**Note:**  
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## Centre Plans to Hire Foreign PR Agencies to Boost Tourism

Our Political Bureau

**New Delhi:** A substantial percentage of foreign tourists visiting India are women and most of them do not report any major issues during their visits, according to a government analysis, which also shows that the country continues to receive repeat visitors despite the "negative publicity" abroad. To counter the negative media coverage over the safety and security of tourists visiting India, the government is planning to hire foreign-based public relations (PR) agencies. A top government official told ET that the government plans to hire agencies in the UK and the US, the two countries from where India sees maximum tourist inflow. The official said the aim is to increase the

tourist inflow from these nations by about 30% a year. "India is a country of peace-loving and law-abiding citizens. It is a safe destination for all domestic and international tourists, male or female. Like any other civil society, there are aberrations, and a few persons break the law now and then,"

said a brief prepared by the government for PR agencies in the UK, which was reviewed by ET.

The UK office of India Tourism also caters to other European countries as well as Israel. Foreign tourist arrivals in India touched 48.85 lakh between January and June this year as against 41.69 lakh in the year ago period, registering a growth of 17.2%. The top source countries were Bangladesh, the US, the UK, Malaysia, Australia, China and Singapore. "The prime minister is not satisfied with the increase in foreign tourist numbers so far," a top government official said, requesting anonymity.



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