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As against this, the then Congress Government under the leadership of Mrs Indira Gandhi had given a befitting reply to Pakistan and caused its dismemberment, he said. (UNI)



Togadia sent to 2 days judicial custody

AJMER, Apr 14: VHP leader Praveen Togadia was today sent to judicial custody for two days in connection with alleged violation of prohibitory orders and ban on distribution of tridents yesterday after a local court rejected his bail application.

Magistrate Lata Gaur remanded him to judicial custody after declining police request for custody of the VHP leader for two days.

Togadia will be produced before the court again on April 16, District Collector Niranjana Arya said.

Togadia was arrested last night in Ajmer district.

A case was registered against him under section 4/25 of the arms act for possessing and distributing a banned weapon, under section 188 of IPC for violating the prohibitory orders, and section 153A of IPC for inciting communal passion.

Meanwhile, police arrested three VHP leaders Sarveshwar Agarwal, Gopi Krishna Shriya and J L Choudhary on the same charges in the wee hours today.

The administration has extended prohibitory orders in the entire district till April 29 as precautionary measure. (PTI)



Woman arrested for duping youth

MOGA, Apr 14: Punjab Police arrested a woman on the charge of cheating and impersonation and marrying a youth belonging to Gholia Kalan in Moga district by posing herself as an NRI, police said today.

She was arrested yesterday and a court remanded her to two day's police custody.

Police said the marriage of Palwinder Kaur, who is a widow, took place with Harmandeep Singh of Gholia Kalan in the month of December 2002 at Ludhiana. At the time of marriage she posed herself as a Canadian citizen and duped the youth with Rs six lakh assuring to take him to Canada, police said.

The parents of the boy came to know the facts when both the parties approached registrar of marriages at Nihal Singh Wala where she filled her application naming her as Sonia and a resident of Chandigarh.

On probing it was found that her real name was Palwinder Kaur, a resident of Nathuwala

village of Moga district, police said.

Police investigation revealed that about six people, including two ladies, were running a "bogus" marriage bureau to cheat the youths coming from foreign countries.

One retired CBI Inspector was allegedly patronising the marriage bureau as chief and it was founded during investigation that this retired CBI Inspector performed all marriage formalities of Palwinder Kaur and Harmandeep Singh as maternal uncle of Palwinder Kaur.

He was arrested by the Moga Police about a month back.

The other members of "bogus" marriage bureau are absconding, police said.(PTI)

Mizoram Chief Minister demands interlocutor's replacement

AIZAWL, Apr 14: Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga has demanded that the Centre's interlocutor for the Naga peace talks K Padmanabhaiah be replaced by a political representative once the preliminary rounds of talks with the NSCN(IM) are over.

Mr Zoramthanga, who recently came back from New Delhi after meeting Prime Minister A B Vajpayee and Deputy Prime Minister L K Advani, said the next and final rounds of talks with the NSCN(IM) would be held in may.

"I have told the Prime Minister that once the preliminary talks are over, Mr Padmanabhaiah should be replaced by a political negotiator at least of the rank of a cabinet minister," he said.

Referring to the NSCN(IM) leadership's unhappiness with Mr Padmanabhaiah, he said, "it appears that the Naga leaders are worried about certain statements he made to a section of the media".

"It would be helpful for the peace process if someone with more authority negotiated with the NSCN in the later stages once the political dialogue begins," he added. The Chief Minister said the next round of talks would take place outside India in may and the NSCN leadership was likely to visit New Delhi soon after and may visit nagaland to reach a consensus before formulating its political demands.

"A lot of factors, including ground realities and the constitutional aspects of the political demands will have to be considered before the NSCN(IM) actually puts forward political demands, which are crucial for lasting peace in the north east, especially in Nagaland," he noted.

Mr Zoramthanga, however, denied reports that he was in touch with the NSCN(K) faction led by SS Khaplang who is reported to be in Myanmar. He said the Khaplang factor was very important for the peace process to succeed.

Asked about the demands raised by the NSCN (IM) which included cuation of greater nagaland, comprising Naga- majority areas Manipur, Assam and Arunanchal Pradesh, he said, "I have had consultations with Manipur Chief Minister Ibobi Singh on these issues and hope that both