

of these victims at the end to the day's play at the Kingsmead Stadium in Durban on Tuesday. Barker, helped by a wily bowler of 98 by VVD Lammie, India scored 220 in their second innings. **PSB**

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UK seems plot
The only alleged terrorist with a Hindu name accused of plotting this year's Christmas bombing plots in London may have changed his name long before he was arrested, specialists security sources in London.

Trouble for Sanjay Dutt
The Bombay High Court passed an order to seal actor Sanjay Dutt's property in Mumbai after producer Shyam Dutt reportedly dragged the actor to court over taxes accused due to the actor according to his film "Jaan Pe Dast" reality.

Today's news of 12 years involving the plot
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MCI agrees to restore forensic faculty

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New Delhi, December 28
In a late night development under the Indian Council of Medical Sciences (ICMS) Board of Governors agreed to go back to restructure the faculty of forensic medicine in medical colleges across India and also double the number of teaching hours in the undergraduate level. These had earlier been slashed by half.

The decision came within days of The Tribune highlighting the dangerous ramifications of dilution of a discipline that's crucial to the maintenance of law and order in the society and critical to justice in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Following The Tribune exposure on the matter, the MCI had agreed to meet representatives of the Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine today and discuss a way out.

The meeting underwritten by the MCI's positive attitude to the organisations of the Academy led by its general secretary Dr Ashish Sharma, a medico-legal expert attached with the National Human Rights Commission and a faculty of forensic medicine and toxicology in AIIMS.

At the behest of the organisation, a recent MCI meeting

which slashed the post each of MD (Forensic Medicine) in the faculty of medical colleges across the five states of Andhra Pradesh (50, 100, 150, 200 and 250) and would have resulted in a loss of more than 300 teaching positions in around 300 medical colleges of India. The move would have led



Teaching hours and marks awarded to the course at MBBS level to be increased

the medical colleges and the concerned students from joining it because forensic experts have only the peripheral option of jobs in India where patronage is not allowed.

Today, the MCI headed by the FDC chairperson Dr S.K. Saxena agreed to work to roll back the curbs since after the forensic expertisation scheme

comes judgements that lowered the poor quality of medico-legal reports and how these deflated the perception of justice by weakening the case of averting justice.

The move means which the MCI has agreed to consider include: restoration of forensic faculty, increasing teaching hours of forensic medicine from 150 to 200 hours making non-credit compulsory for MBBS students (because the space is elastic and a student gets an entry set up to learn in forensic and law) increasing from 100 to 200 the weightage of forensic medicine in the professional evaluation of students and working on ways to set low district level medico-legal experts can be posted across India to strengthen criminal investigations.

India is currently short of about 3000 medico-legal experts. "Our meeting was very fruitful. The Board has accepted our recommendations and promised to consider all our future demands," Dr Kumar told The Tribune. He was accompanied at the meeting by forensic experts who had come from across India — Dr Mohinder Taler, Gurgaon, Haryana, Prof. D.K. Saxena, Prof. D.K. Saxena, Delhi, Dr Rajesh Datta from Mumbai and Dr Anand Khajuria from Mumbai.