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Few days to go for the ambitious BRTS in Ahmedabad. The city takes a critical view of which is poised to transform the city moves. P 2

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Coast Guard on Thursday "suspicious" North Korean ship had dropped anchor off the Andaman and Nicobar for more than six hours of that ended with Indian firing in the air. Officials of intelligence, Intelligence Bureau agencies are set to inspect and interrogate its occu-

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Wembley-like stadium cleared for A'bad

Rs 250-Crore Project To Serve Ten Sporting Disciplines

Harit Mehta | TNN

Ahmedabad: A push of a button converts outdoor stadium into an indoor arena — all in six minutes flat. As football fans walk out of the place after watching a game, school kids steadily stream in for their annual function.

Not fiction. Amdavadis are set to get one of its kind of a multipurpose stadium with a capacity of 30,000 near Kankaria lake in Maninagar.

A Rs 250-crore project, the stadium is being developed by TransStadia, technology partners of UK-based StadiArena, on the



Wembley stadium in London

lines of Wembley Stadium.

Conceived by stadiologist Paul Fletcher, a professional footballer who has turned Europe's leading stadium expert, the project will be unveiled during Swarnim Gujarat celebrations to mark Gujarat's 50th anniversary in 2010-11. It will be built with

Fletcher's globally patented technology, that converts an outdoor stadium into an indoor arena within minutes.

The project will come up on 10 acres of land just on the outskirts of Chief Minister Narendra Modi's Maninagar Assembly constituency and will be another show-

piece for him, alongside the renovated Kankaria lake complex which he unveiled last year after spending Rs 30 crore.

"While India has other indoor stadia, including big ones in New Delhi and Bangalore, the Ahmedabad project would be the first StadiArena — a stadium that converts into an indoor arena," said Udit Sheth, CEO of TransStadia. The project would be completed within 18 months after construction work starts.

The stadium's main use will be for football and hockey, but it will also house an auditorium, exhibition area, table tennis courts, conference rooms and restaurants. Company officials claim the stadium will be designed to play around 10 sports.

TransStadia has signed a memorandum of understanding with the state government. "The final land allotment will be done shortly," said a senior official in the chief minister's office.

US drone kills Pak Taliban chief Mehsud

FACE OF TERROR



Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Son of a minor cleric, Mehsud, educated in a madrassa at Lahore, was killed as a truck driver

- The Tehreek-i-Taliban chief killed 20,000 men, including hundreds of Uzbeks and Arabs. By 2006 he swayed over large parts of Waziristan.
- Pak govt declared Mehsud "the most evil of all evils". US state dept offered a \$5m reward on his head behind Lahore police academy and upsurge in Swat.
- CIA saw him as chief suspect in the killing of Benazir Bhutto, but denied it.

Gujarat HC wants SIT to probe Ishrat killing

Slain Mumbai College Girl Was Accused Of Plotting To Kill Modi

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Cobra, Patidar Youth Force Formed

Islamabad: Baitullah Mehsud, Pakistan's most feared terrorist commander who established the Taliban as a force in huge swathes and unleashed attacks across the country, was killed in a US missile attack on the house he was hiding in. He was killed along with his wife, his brother-in-law and six body

attack, with no one entering or leaving. So officials have said official confirmation of death will come only after appointment of Taliban's new chief. Baitullah Mehsud deals a major blow to the Taliban movement in his mid-30s and suffered from diabetes and kidney