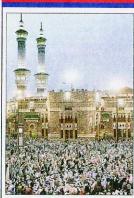


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Devotion: Pilgrims prepare to perform afternoon prayers at the courtyard of the Grand Mosque in Mecca on Friday. (AFP)

## PM arrives late on Friday night

Hyderabad: Prime Minister Manmo-han Singh arrived in city late on Fri-day night, reports our correspondent. He will inaugurate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas and participate in two other functions on Saturday.

### Two State castes added to OBC list

# NRI vote right considered Nuke plans not

#### By OUR CORRESPONDENT

Hyderabad, Jan. 6: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will be launching dual citizenship for the Indian Diaspora on Saturday for the first time but minus the voting rights, but that could change.

In a press conference on

# PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS

the eve of Pravasi Bharatiya divas Union minister of State for overseas Indian affairs Oscar Fernandes said that the Centre has been actively considering voting rights for the NRI popula-tion and the Central government is likely to take a decision soon.

The fourth NRI convention will have the Prime Minister handing over dual citizen-ship cards to some of the NRIs.

Mr Manmohan Singh had

made the offer of dual citizenship to all those who migrated from the country after it became a Republic on January 26, 1950 at the inaugural of the Third Pravasi Bharativa Divas, in

Mumbai last year.
Earlier, the NDA government had also moved a Bill
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# State youth killed in Lanka

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

Kavali, Jan. 6: A software engineer from Kavali in Nel lore district Atmakuru Prasad was shot dead by suspected militants in Colombo on

militants in Colombo on Wednesday night.

Prasad, a radio engineer working with a Eriesson franchised company Aster-Tele Services, had been in Colombo since September 2004 with an Indian passport bearing the number S-0412612.

On Wednesday night of 9.45

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On Wednesday night at 9.45 he had gone out to buy dinner in Dehiwala area. That is where he was shot.

Prasad was rushed to Kalubowila hospital and later taken to the Colombo National



# given to Cabinet, submitted to US

By SEEMA MUSTAFA

New Delhi, Jan. 6: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has submitted the plans to separate India's military and civilian nuclear facilities to the United States government without placing these before the Union Cabinet. The plans, which include the names of facilities that India is willing to put under international inspection, are part of a highly-secretive exercise that had foreign secretary Shyam Saran rushing to Washington to personally hand these over to the Bush

nand these over to the Bush administration. Significantly, national secu-rity adviser M.K. Naraynanan had indicated in an interview to a television channel recently that the segregation of military and civilian facilities submit-ted by the government is not final, and is open to "negotia-tion" after it is examined by the Bush administration. US secretary of state Condoleezza Rice told correspondents in Washington that "we have

access to civil nuclear technology, we also want to do this in a way that strengthens nona way that strengthens non-proliferation... and so that is why the arrangement is designed as it should... the negotiations are ongoing." There is no word from the government as to which facili-

government as to which facility has been placed under the civilian and which under the military categories, leading to visible unease among nuclear experts here. Mr Brahma Chellaney is of the view that "America is using the ongoing negotiations to try to limit the size of India's deterrent, control its fast breeder programme and bring a maximum number trol its fast breeder programme and bring a maximum number of Indian nuclear facilities under international inspections." This worry has in a sense been confirmed by Ms Rice in her remarks, and the insistence of the Bush administration to ensure that the separation plans submitted by India is transparent, credible and defensible. US state department official Nicholas Burns will be arriv-