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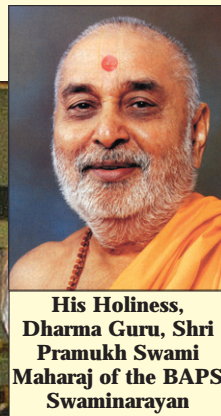
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## Charles and Camilla enjoy a Mystic India night



His Holiness, Dharma Guru, Shri Pramukh Swami Maharaj of the BAPS Swaminarayan

Prince Charles and Camilla attend the the charity premiere of Mystic India

**THEIR ROYAL** Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall attended the Royal World Charity Premiere of Mystic India:

An Incredible Journey of Inspiration 2D (U) on Tuesday night at the Imax Cinema at the Science Museum in South Kensington, London. The

event was co-hosted by the Mayor of London Ken Livingstone and B.A.P.S. Care International.

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## Jinnah remarks force Advani's resignation



L.K Advani

**L.K. ADVANI** on Tuesday resigned as Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president, triggering a turbulence within the ranks of the Hindu nationalist fraternity over his remarks praising Pakistan's founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Mr Advani remained unfazed in the face of criticism from within his own party rank and file as well as allied groups loosely called the Sangh Parivar. He remained resolute as he said: "I have not done and said anything in Pakistan that I need to review." The tone of the letter suggested he had decided to step down while still in Pakistan.

In a statement to BJP

general secretary Sanjay Joshi, Advani said he stood by his comments made in Pakistan during his week-long visit to the country. In his one page resignation letter, which was personally handed to Mr Joshi at his residence in New Delhi, Mr Advani stated: "I am writing this letter just before departing from Karachi. I have decided to request the party to relieve me of presidency. "I am sure acceding to my request would be in the best interest of the great cause I have served all my life, as also of the party which has given me so much."

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