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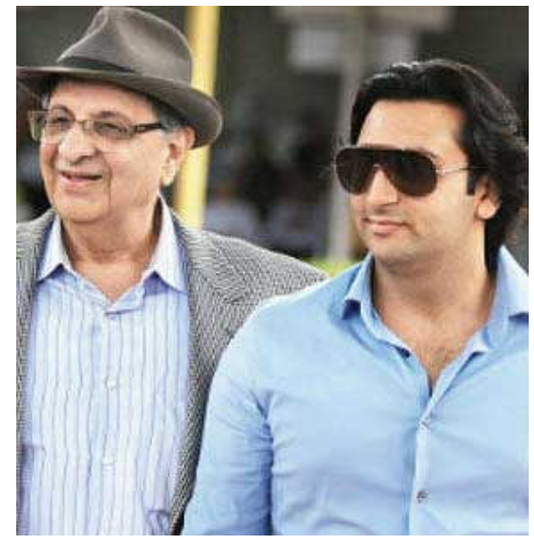
Poonawallas to host Prince Charles

The last time they were in India was in 2010 when they opened the Commonwealth games in New Delhi, but this will be their most extensive visit yet — Prince Charles and Camilla will touch down on November 6 for a 9-day tour during which they will cover several cities including Dehradun, New Delhi, Mumbai and Kochi.

In a first, the royal couple will be making a special stopover in Pune on November 10 as the personal guests of Cyrus and Adar Poonawalla. The family is internationally recognised for their low cost vaccines that save millions of lives every year, even though they seem to be more in the news for their flamboyant lifestyle back home. Prince Charles is known to be fond of horses, so we assuming he'll be given a guided tour of the legendary Poonawalla stud farms.

Charles and Camilla are also expected to attend a gala dinner hosted by the Ambanis at their Altamount Road residence in Mumbai. From what we know of the royal itinerary, besides meeting corporate and cultural leaders in New Delhi and Mumbai, Charles will also be visiting an elephant corridor in Kerala while Camilla will make a trip to the Doon School, and they later together attend a function at the Indian Military Academy.