



Karnataka cabinet expansion in Nov, hints Saleem Ahmed



Iranian President lightly injured in Israel's June 16 attack

Good progress in India-China ties

Because of resolution of friction along border: EAM Jaishankar

Beijing/New Delhi (UNI)

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today said India and China had made good progress in the past nine months for normalization of bilateral relations because of resolution of the friction along the border and the ability to maintain peace and tranquility there.

In his opening remarks during a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, the External Affairs Minister said this is the fundamental basis for the mutual strategic trust and for smooth development of bilateral relations. It is now incumbent on both countries to address other aspects related to the border, including de-escalation, he added.

He said both countries had earlier agreed that "differences should not become disputes, nor should competition ever become conflict". "On this foundation, we can now continue to develop our ties along a positive trajectory," he added.

Dr Jaishankar said that as neighbouring countries and major economies in the world today, there are various facets and dimensions of India-China bilateral relations. Measures towards normalizing people-to-people exchanges can certainly foster mutually beneficial cooperation.

He said it is also essential that restrictive trade measures and road-blocks are avoided and hoped to discuss these issues further in detail.



The External Affairs Minister said the India-China bilateral relationship required that both countries take a far-seeing approach to bilateral ties. Since the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at Kazan in October 2024, the relationship has been gradually moving in a positive direction.

"Our responsibility is to maintain that momentum," he said.

Dr Jaishankar said that both he

and his Chinese counterpart have had several opportunities to meet at international events and carry out strategic communication. He hoped that this would now be regular and take place in each other's countries.

Pointing out that stable and constructive ties between the two countries were not only to their mutual benefit but that of the world as well, he said this was best done by handling relations on the basis of mutual respect, mutual interest and mu-

tual sensitivity.

This year both countries are marking the 75th year of the establishment of diplomatic relations between them.

He said India appreciates that the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra has resumed after a gap of five years. He thanked China for their cooperation on this matter.

The meeting between Dr Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart today included an exchange of views on global and regional issues.

Tomorrow they will be meeting in the format of the SCO whose primary mandate is to combat terrorism, separatism and extremism.

"This is a shared concern and India hopes that zero tolerance for terrorism will be strongly upheld," Dr Jaishankar said.

Dr Jaishankar who is in China for participating in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' meeting tomorrow, wished the Chinese side a successful SCO Presidency.

"We will be meeting tomorrow and India is committed to ensuring good outcomes and decisions," he added. Earlier Dr Jaishankar met Chinese Vice President Han Zheng and SCO Secretary General Nurlan Yermekbayev.

During his meeting with the Chinese Vice President, he expressed confidence that his discussions with the Chinese leaders would maintain the "positive trajectory" in relations between New Delhi and Beijing.

Centre notifies transfer of 17 High Court Judges

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The Central Government on Monday notified the transfer of 17 High Court Judges, out of the 22 transfer proposals the Supreme Court Collegium made on May 26.

The following transfers have been approved by the Union :

From Telangana High Court: Justice Sujoy Paul (parent High Court, Madhya Pradesh) transferred to Calcutta HC. Justice Tadakamalla Vinod Kumar transferred to the Madras High Court.

From Allahabad High Court: (1) Justice Om Prakash Shukla transferred to Delhi HC; (2) Justice Jayant Banerji transferred to Karnataka HC; (3) Justice Vivek Chaudhary transferred to Delhi HC; (4) Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra transferred to P&H HC

From Rajasthan High Court: (1) Justice Arun Kumar Monga (parent High Court P&H) transferred to Delhi HC; (2) Justice Shree Chandrashekhar (parent High Court

Jharkhand) transferred to Bombay HC

From the Punjab and Haryana High Court: (1) Justice Sudhir Singh (parent High Court, Patna) transferred to Patna HC; (2) Justice Anil Kshetarpal transferred to Delhi HC; (3) Sanjeev Prakash Sharma (parent High Court, Rajasthan) transferred to Rajasthan HC

From Madras High Court: (1) Justice Vivek Kumar Singh (parent High Court, Allahabad) transferred to MP HC; (2) Justice Battu Devanand (parent High Court, Andhra Pradesh) transferred to Andhra Pradesh HC

From Gauhati High Court: (1) Justice Lanusungkum Jamir to Calcutta HC; (2) Justice Suman Shyam transferred to Bombay HC

From Kerala High Court: Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh (parent High Court, Allahabad) transferred to Karnataka HC

From Karnataka High Court: Justice V Kameswar Rao transferred to Delhi HC

Centre clears names of new CJ for 5 HC

The Union today (July 14) confirmed the appointment of new Chief Justices of 5 High Courts. (1) Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge of the MP High Court (parent HC : Delhi High Court), as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court. (2) Justice Vibhu Bakhru, Delhi High Court Judge, has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court. (3) Justice Ashutosh Kumar of Patna High Court has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court. (4) Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi of Patna High Court (parent HC : Gujarat) is appointed as Patna High Court Chief Justice. (5) Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan, Judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, is appointed Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court.

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PM Modi condoles demise of Saroja Devi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed grief over the passing away of noted film personality B Saroja Devi, describing her as an exemplary icon of Indian cinema and culture who left an indelible mark across generations. Modi said her diverse performances spanning different languages and covering diverse themes highlighted her versatile nature. The Prime Minister posted on social platform X: "Saddened by the passing of the noted film personality, B. Saroja Devi Ji. She will be remembered as an exemplary icon of Indian cinema and culture. Her diverse performances left an indelible mark across generations.

Rahul Gandhi to visit Lucknow today to appear in court

Lucknow: Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi will visit Lucknow on Tuesday. This tour is considered important from both political and legal terms. According to sources, this one-day visit of Rahul Gandhi is related to a case involving his remark of Indian Army. On the past few occasions, he did not appear in the court, due to which the plaintiff side had demanded the issuance of non-bailable warrant (NBW). It is now being expected that this time Rahul Gandhi himself may appear in the court. A senior Congress leader said Rahul Gandhi is expected to appear in the court at 1300 hrs tomorrow.

SC defers Shiv Sena symbol case to August

Mumbai/New Delhi: The Supreme Court has decided to deliver its verdict in the petitions related to the Shiv Sena party name and election symbol in the month of August. The court firmly instructed the lawyers to stop submitting repeated requests concerning the case. The hearing, which was scheduled for today, was closely followed by people across Maharashtra. The case challenges the Election Commission's decision to grant the name "Shiv Sena" and the iconic "bow and arrow" symbol to the Eknath Shinde-led faction.

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President appoints Governors for Haryana, Goa and LG for Ladakh

New Delhi/Chandigarh (UNI)

President Droupadi Murmu today appointed Prof Ashim Kumar Ghosh as the Governor of Haryana and Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju as the Governor of Goa.

According to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique, the President accepted the resignation of Brig BD Mishra (Retd) as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh and named Kavinder Gupta as the LG of the Union Territory.

The above appointments will take effect from the dates they will assume charge of their respective offices, the statement said.

Ghosh will be the 19th Governor of Haryana; and he will replace Bandaru Dattatreya, who had been serving in the post since July 18, 2021.

Ghosh, a prominent political figure



Prof Ashim Kumar Ghosh



Ashok Gajapathi Raju



Kavinder Gupta

from West Bengal, hails from Howrah and served as the West Bengal BJP state president from 1999 to 2002. His appointment is being viewed as a strategic move by the Centre, bringing a seasoned organizational hand with roots in Bengal politics into the constitutional framework of Haryana.

His political career spans both acade-

mia and grassroots politics. During his tenure as West Bengal BJP chief, the party was still establishing its foothold in a state dominated by the Left Front. Despite limited electoral success at the time, Ghosh was credited with strengthening the BJP's organizational base in Bengal.

His gubernatorial appointment may be symbolic of the BJP central leadership's continued recognition of leaders who helped lay the party's foundations in eastern India.

Ghosh succeeds Bandaru Dattatreya, a veteran BJP leader who previously held gubernatorial charge in Himachal Pradesh and is known for his long-standing association with the party's central leadership.



Madhya Pradesh forges stronger UAE ties

Permanent dialogue & "MP Day" on the horizon

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh is set to deepen its engagement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) following a productive visit by Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav to Dubai. On the second day of his three-day tour, a crucial breakfast briefing hosted by Indian Consul General Satish Kumar Sivan established a consensus for developing a permanent contact mechanism at the Indian Embassy level. This initiative aims to ensure continuous institutional dialogue between Madhya Pradesh and the UAE.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav emphasized the vital role of Indian missions in globally projecting Madhya Pradesh's image under the "Brand India" umbrella. During the meeting at Bombay Brasserie, Taj Busi-

ness Bay, Dr. Yadav was briefed on various Indian activities in the UAE and potential areas of collaboration.

Key discussions focused on encouraging Madhya Pradesh-origin entrepreneurs in the UAE to invest in the state, boosting cultural and religious tourism between Dubai and Madhya Pradesh, and exploring the Indian Mission's participation in organizing an "MP Day" event in Dubai.

Dr. Yadav stressed the need for joint efforts in industrial development, infrastructure, health, education, and tourism. Plans were also discussed for direct coordination between Madhya Pradesh's Industry Department and major industrial groups in Dubai, facilitated at the mission level.

MP Congress gears up for district president appointments

By Pravesh Kumar Mishra

New Delhi: The Madhya Pradesh Congress is set to announce new district presidents soon, following an extensive review of its "Sangathan Srijan" (Organization Creation) program.

The initiative aimed at strengthening the party at the grassroots level, and a comprehensive report detailing the ground realities has been presented to senior party leaders.

Sources indicate that multi-layered observers conducted in-depth reviews at district and block levels, culminating in detailed district-wise reports.

These reports reportedly highlight loyal and aware party workers and leaders, recommending their placement in special categories.

Conversely, the reports also cautiously flag individuals who, despite being with the Congress, maintain opportunistic alliances with other parties, providing evi-

vidence to support these claims. District presidents who consistently worked to disseminate party policies at the grassroots level, even in adverse circumstances, have been commended in the report.

The review meeting saw the presence of prominent leaders including Rahul Gandhi, along with Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jitu Patwari, State In-charge Harish Chaudhary, and several other senior Congress figures. The immediate focus of the party's decision-making is the appointment of district presidents.

District president appointments expected by July end

State In-charge Harish Chaudhary and State President Jitu Patwari will now shortlist candidates for district president positions based on the observers' reports.

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SC flags abuse of freedom of speech on social media

"All reasonable restrictions are rightly put"



Agencies, New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday flagged the issue of people abusing their fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression on social media. A bench led by Justice B.V. Navarathna also stated that reasonable restrictions over the fundamental right of speech and expression are rightly imposed and need to be complied with by citizens.

"All reasonable restrictions is rightly put. Just because technology is there, doesn't mean you'll abuse it", Justice

Nagarathna stated.

The Supreme Court judge also said that citizens must apply self-regulation and restraint when sharing their opinion on social media.

"Why can't the citizens regulate themselves so that the state doesn't have to step in. Citizens must understand the value of their freedoms. Who wants the state to step in", the top-court judge said.

"We're not speaking of censorship and all. But in the interest of fraternity, integrity and unity of all, there must be some restrictions", the top-court judge added.

The top-court was hearing a plea filed by one Wazahat Khan seeking protection from arrest over the multiple FIR filed against him in various states.

Lord Mahakal's grand procession in 100 Kg silver palanquin

Devotees mesmerized by spiritual spectacle and cultural performances



Ujjain: On the first Monday of the Shravan month, Ujjain witnessed the magnificent procession of Lord Mahakal, carried in a new 100-kilo silver

palanquin. Devotees were spellbound as they saw Lord Mahakal in his Manmahesha form, offering blessings to thousands of worshippers.

Before the procession began, a special pooja ceremony was held in the temple's assembly hall, led by Pandit Ghanshyam Sharma. The silver idol of Lord Mahakal was ceremoniously placed in the palanquin. Minister Tulsi Silawat, along with several officials and temple committee members, participated in the sacred rituals. At 4 PM, the procession began, with armed police personnel saluting Lord Mahakal at the temple gates. The procession was accompanied by police on horseback, a

devotional music band, and armed security squads for protection.



Cultural extravaganza and Vedic chants

As the procession moved through Mahakal Chauraha, Bakshi Bazaar, and other localities, it made its way to Ramghat, where 500 scholars from 25 Gurukuls performed Vedic chants

on the banks of the Shipra River. The ritualistic Abhishek (bathing) of Lord Mahakal with holy Shipra water left the gathered crowd in awe.

Tribal performances and floral showers

For the first time, tribal artists were invited to perform during the procession, adding a cultural touch with traditional music. At various spots along the route, devotees greeted the palanquin with flower showers in a grand display of reverence.

This year's procession was a breathtaking combination of spiritual rituals, cultural performances, and devotional fervor, setting a new benchmark for Ujjain's grand celebrations.

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