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EDITORIAL

Message of peace

The talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday left many clear signals in international politics. Putin directly informed Modi about his talks with US President Donald Trump in Alaska. This shows that Russia considers India not just an “ally” but a “strategic trusted partner”. The most important point in this conversation was the Ukraine war. Prime Minister Modi said bluntly that the war should stop. This message was not only for Russia, but also for those Western powers who are prolonging this war by supplying arms while pretending to be peaceful. This is the real face of America and Europe - they talk about democracy and human values, but keep the conflict alive to fill the coffers of the arms industry.

It is India's clear policy that the solution to any conflict will come out through dialogue and diplomacy, not the military lust of Western powers. This is the reason why Modi has repeatedly reiterated this stance from the world stage to bilateral talks. No Western country has shown this courage. America's policy is clear that “our interest comes first, everything else comes later. But India's message is, world peace comes first, and India's interest is safe in it. There is a sharp hint hidden in the discussion of bilateral cooperation between India and Russia.

When the West is trying to isolate Russia by building a wall of sanctions on it, India is showing through energy, defense and technological partnership that its foreign policy is not a slave of any block. India is neither a stooge of America, nor a puppet of Europe. Today's reality is that the double standards of America and Europe have now been exposed. The same countries that destroyed Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya are now preaching “humanity” in the name of Ukraine. Their silence on China's expansionist moves

and their screams against Russia further expose their hypocrisy. In such an environment, India's voice is emerging as the balance of world politics.

Putin's dialogue with Modi is a testimony to the fact that now no matter how much noise the West makes, it is impossible to ignore India in the global equation. Overall India is now not only a mediator in world politics, but also a symbol of moral leadership. Amidst the plunder of the Western arms industry and the politics of American pressure, India's bold message—“Let war stop, let peace begin”—may prove to be the foundation stone of a new world order in the years to come.

In fact, today international politics is moving towards a multipolar world. The role of America and Europe is no longer as all-powerful as before. China is a matter of global concern with its aggressive strategy. At such a time, India's “strategic autonomy” is its biggest strength. The Putin-Modi talks are a symbol of this autonomy, where India communicates with Russia, cooperates with America and maintains partnership with Europe, but does not seem to be tied to any camp.

Meanwhile, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy also recently called PM Modi. Zelenskyy informed about this on X. He said- I had a long conversation with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We discussed bilateral cooperation and global diplomacy in detail. Zelenskyy told Modi about Russian attacks on Ukraine. He said- I told PM Modi about the Russian attacks on us, especially about the attack on the bus station in Zaporizhia, where Russia deliberately bombed a city, injuring dozens of people. Zelenskyy said that India is supporting our peace efforts and agrees that every decision related to Ukraine should be taken with the participation of Ukraine.

Rohingya women carry not just a story of pain but a plan for change

SHOBHA SHUKLA – CNS
"In the Rohingya refugee communities, especially with whom I work, the progress on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-3 (health and wellbeing) and SDG-5 (gender equality) has been deeply uneven and fragile - there have been small but significant steps forward," said Noor Fatima, Specialist in Education Policy and Equity, Rohingya Maiyafuinoor Collaborative Network.

"We now see more young people speaking up on awareness sessions, giving us the chance to finally share our lived experiences. But the truth is, this progress is slow and far from equal. It often does not reach the most vulnerable especially young Rohingya women and girls. For many of us, health and wellbeing are not just delayed rights but they are denied rights," added Noor.

"Most refugee girls grow up without any structured knowledge of their bodies, reproductive health or mental wellbeing. Menstruation is still treated as something shameful. Mental health is ignored and our conversation about gender-based violence are almost non-existent. It is not because we do not care, rather it is just because the system around us never cared about us," she said in SHE & Rights (Sexual Health with Equity & Rights) session hosted by Global Center for Health Diplomacy and Inclusion (CeHDI), Y+ Global (Global network of young people living with HIV), Y-PEER Asia Pacific, Asia Indigenous Youth Platform (AIYP), Youth Lead Voices, International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2025, Family Planning News

Network (FPNN), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), Asia Pacific Media Alliance for Health and Development (APCAT Media) and CNS.

When daily survival is a struggle then wellbeing becomes a distant dream

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Despite all these challenges, there are sparks of change which are often led by young people themselves. "Through the Rohingya Women's Collaborative Network, we have created safe spaces where girls can openly discuss without fear or shame. We started trauma healing circles and peer-to-peer support network, so no

conflicts but as the leaders of change. We carry these stories and the solution and the strategies, but we need you to trust us, resource us and work with us as equals. For too long, youth engagement has been treated like a checkbox. We are invited to panels to share our stories but not to shape the policies. We are praised for alliance but denied the resources to impact change. Youth are not waiting for someone to give us a voice. We already have voices. What we need is that the world should listen to us. And when I say youth, I do not just mean those with passports and citizenships. I also mean refugee youth, stateless youth and displaced youths like us – the ones who have lived experience of broken system and who understand the urgency of fixing them because our life depends on it," rightly said Noor.

Move from symbolic inclusions to meaningful empowerments

"We have to make direct investment in youth-led initiatives. It is not enough to fund big agencies and hope that the benefits would trickle down to us. We need funding that goes directly to the hands of young leaders who are already doing the work - often unpaid in unsafe conditions and with limited tools. Through the Rohingya Women's Collaborative Network, we have created the programs which we are talking about now. These programmes are powerful, but they survive mostly entirely on volunteering labour. Imagine how much more we could have done if we had stable resources, safe spaces and the trust to scale our solutions," said Noor Fatima.

C.P. Radhakrishnan: Bridging South India, OBC Empowerment, and Clean Politics

Lalit Garg

The BJP-led NDA has struck several chords at once by declaring Chandrapuram Ponnuswamy Radhakrishnan as its candidate for the Vice President's post. The party has chosen him with careful thought. He is a Tamil, belongs to a backward community, has roots in the RSS, enjoys a long-standing rapport with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and is known for his clean and unblemished image. His nomination is not merely a result of political calculations but a conscious decision to elevate to the national stage a personality defined by simplicity, integrity, and service. His selection stands as a living symbol of the inclusiveness and breadth of Indian democracy.

So far, in Indian politics, the BJP's presence in South India, particularly Tamil Nadu, has remained relatively weak and its biggest challenge. After securing consistent success in northern and western India, the party now aims

to expand its influence in the southern states. Radhakrishnan hails from Tamil Nadu and is regarded as one of the prominent faces of the BJP there. His candidature signals that the BJP no longer wants to treat the South as peripheral but intends to bring it firmly into the mainstream of power. In Tamil Nadu, Radhakrishnan is recognized as a strong organizer of the BJP. In the political corridors of North India, he is popularly referred to as 'Radha ji.' Twice elected to Parliament from Coimbatore in 1998 and 1999 on a BJP ticket, Radhakrishnan has been associated with the RSS since his school days. At one point, he was considered close to the AIADMK in Tamil politics. He enjoys cordial relations across political parties, making it difficult even for the DMK to oppose his candidature openly.

His selection for the Vice Presidency will send out a powerful message of respect and empowerment to the OBC community. Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the BJP has consistently

worked to empower this section of society. Radhakrishnan himself belongs to the OBC community. Modi has always emphasized the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas." Radhakrishnan's nomination marks yet another step in this direction. It is likely to further strengthen OBC support for the BJP across the country, consolidating its social base. The BJP has often created political wonders through its decisions, showcasing its strategic acumen.

The nomination of C.P. Radhakrishnan is one such striking example. With a single move, the party has managed to achieve multiple objectives—strengthening its base in the South, appealing to the OBC community, unsettling the opposition, and sending out a message of clean and principled politics. It is certain that, as Vice President, he will prove to be a successful leader not only for the BJP but for the entire nation.

It is an interesting coincidence that

both the top constitutional positions of the country are now connected to Jharkhand. Before being elected as the President of India, Droupadi Murmu served as the Governor of Jharkhand, and C.P. Radhakrishnan, now set to become Vice President, also served as the Governor of Jharkhand. At present, he is the Governor of Maharashtra. He has also simultaneously held additional charge as Governor of Telangana and as Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry. Modi and Shah have always placed immense trust in him, entrusting him at one time with the responsibility of three states at once. For the Vice Presidency, such a trustworthy, devoted, and responsible figure was indeed the need of the hour. The Vice President also represents India on international platforms. Radhakrishnan's scholarly temperament, dignified conduct, and balanced outlook will further strengthen India's soft power. His personality reflects India's traditions, culture, and democratic values in their finest form.

Satire

Why did Modi not mention Nehru in his speech



The friend told us, 'NCP President Sharad Pawar did not like Prime Minister Modi's Independence Day address. He said that I am feeling very sad that the PM did not mention the name of the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in his 103-minute speech. Pawar reminded that Nehru had dedicated the precious years of his youth to the freedom struggle and gave the message of peace to the whole world. Despite his vast contribution, Modi did not consider it necessary to take his name. This is unfortunate.'

We said, 'Will Sharad Pawar now teach Modi what to say? First the Jan Sangh and then the BJP's foundation was based on opposition and hatred towards Nehru-Gandhi. BJP has always suffered from indigestion due to Nehru's policies. Due to the popularity of the Nehru-Gandhi family, Jan Sangh BJP had to yearn for power for a long time. There was a time when children used to write essays on 'Life of a Great Man' only on Gandhi-Nehru.

Friend said, For the last 11 years, there has been a systematic effort to forget Nehru. By converting the Nehru Memorial Museum into a museum of all Prime Ministers, the

Modi government has brought dwarfs like Deve Gowda and Gujral on par with Nehru. Even Chaudhary Charan Singh and Chandrashekhar, who were Prime Ministers for a few months compared to Nehru's 17 years, have been brought at par with him. BJP does not like Nehru's five-year plans, non-alignment, building steel factories for industrialization of the country, construction of Bhakra-Nangal dam, socialist economy.

We said, PM Modi remembered Jan Sangh founder Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee with reverence. Every party has a different deity. The process of removing Nehru's name from various institutions continued. BJP is upset that why the countrymen remember Nehru even 61 years after his death.'

Friend said, 'RSS and Communists kept a distance from the movement for the country's independence. Modi wants Indians to forget old memories and live in the slogans of the present. Chant Nammo-Namo and dream of making India a world superpower by 2047. Have faith in RSS and say 'Sangh Shakti Yuge-Yuge'. BJP believes that Sharad Pawar's time is over in Maharashtra politics and only Ajit Pawar is useful for it.

Science Fact

Scientists discover 332 Antarctic submarine canyons, some as deep as 4,000 metres

Scientists have discovered 332 submarine canyons beneath Antarctica's ice, a fivefold increase on what was previously known.

The new map, published in the journal Marine Geology, was created using high-resolution bathymetric data gathered from more than 40 international research expeditions. Researchers from the University of Barcelona and University College Cork led the study.

Canyons deeper than 4,000 metres. Many of these deep valleys had gone undetected because of the difficulty of collecting sonar data beneath floating ice shelves and across Antarctica's remote coastline. Some canyons reach depths of more than 4,000 metres, channelling sediments, nutrients, and water between the continental shelf and the deep ocean.

Dr David Amblas from the University of Barcelona told the Daily Galaxy, "This is the first time we have a coherent view of these systems across the entire Antarctic margin. These features are not only widespread, but they are also connected to past and present ice dynamics."

Differences between East and West Antarctica, The research highlights differences between East and West Antarctica. In the east, canyon systems are more branched and extensive, suggesting a long history linked to stable ice sheets. In the west, canyons are steeper, straighter, and shorter, which points to more recent and episodic glacial activity. Antarctica Overview of the study area, with zone subdivision and extent of the MBES cover.



Spiritual

Spirituality underpins migrant activism in US borderlands

Alvaro Enciso plants three or four crosses each week in Arizona's desert borderlands, amid the yellow-blossomed prickly pear and whip-like ocotillo, in honor of migrants who died on the northbound trek.

Each colorful wooden memorial denotes where a set of bones or a decomposing body was found. Over eight years, the artist has marked more than 1,000 locations across public lands dotted with empty black plastic water jugs and camouflage backpacks beneath circling turkey vultures.

"Anything out here can kill you," Enciso said. "A blister, a snake, not enough water."

Protecting migrants and honoring the humanity of those who died on the perilous trail is a kind of religion in southern Arizona where spiritual leaders four decades ago founded the Sanctuary Movement to shelter Central Americans fleeing civil war, and scores of volunteers carry on their legacy today.

Faith-based groups working in migrant activism run the gamut from the Tucson Samaritans, which leaves lifesaving caches of water, food and other provisions in the remote wilderness, to a migrant shelter operated by Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona.

Enciso's art project, "Where Dreams Die," fits squarely in that spiritual tradition, though he believes there's nothing overtly religious in memorializing the dead.

On a recent day he placed a golden cross where the bones of an unknown male were found Sept. 24, 2020. The cause and approximate year of the man's death remain undetermined.



Letters to the Editor

Opposition may seek impeachment of poll body chief over 'vote chori': Sources

Sir, The Opposition INDIA bloc is considering an impeachment motion against chief election commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, it was revealed after CEC has challenged the Leader of Opposition (LOP) Rahul Gandhi to substantiate his claims of electoral roll irregularities and 'vote theft' within seven days, demanding either sworn proof or a public apology. Kumar refuted the allegations, citing transparent. Actually, the reaction of ECI on allegations by political parties is pathetic and biased at best. The problem with ECI is that it considered its INFALLIBLE (because the change of the selection process, previously, the Chief Justice of India (CJI) was part of the committee, but a recent law change replaced the CJI with a Union Cabinet Minister -- here Home Minister Amit Shah), which may be untrue. Allegations of fraud are put up by both Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Anurag Thakur (had listed constituencies, including Rae Bareilly, Kannauj, Wayanad, and Diamond Harbour, where fake voters were allegedly present in large numbers) and Congress's LOP Rahul Gandhi. But ECI's responses for the allegations are totally different. It asked for an affidavit from the LOP, but nothing of that sort to BJP's Thakur. It did not give soft data to Congress but it gives soft data to BJP (either he has come up with fake figures or Thakur is a privileged VIP to get electronic data from Election Commission (EC). This proved by the fact that it took Congress six months to go through a 21 feet high pile of printed records for one single State Assembly voter list to arrive at the data that they presented, cementing the vote theft narrative. Whereas, it took Thakur less than 72 hours to present his data on the vote theft in another Lok Sabha constituency, which is five times bigger than a state assembly constituency. It shows that MP Thakur has unrestricted access to data in digital format, while other Indians are now having access to scanned copies of images of an electoral roll, which are not even machine readable.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

Tech

CES 2024: Sennheiser's Latest Earbuds Can Track Your Heart Rate And Body Temperature

So far, a bunch of attention-grabbing gadgets have been unveiled at the ongoing Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2024—from the Rabbit R1 to Sony's Vision Pro rival. Now, Sennheiser, the German audio giant, has unveiled another cool gadget in the form of its new Momentum Sport earbuds.

These earbuds are not like your regular wireless earbuds. They can track your heart rate with a photoplethysmography sensor and measure your body temperature with a dedicated temperature sensor that gives you real-time data. You can also add your heart rate data to the Apple Health app and sync with other apps like Garmin, Polar, and Strava.

This makes these earbuds a great choice for people who like to track their health data, and for those who may be looking to replace their smart bands or watches but still want to track their health metrics.

The Sennheiser Momentum Sport earbuds are designed with a semi-open design to allow users to remain aware of their surroundings. They also feature Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) technology to isolate external noise and allow users to focus on their music. In addition, the earbuds are shock-resistant and IP55-rated for dust and water protection, making them appropriate for active lifestyles.

When it comes to battery life, these earbuds are said to last up to six hours on a single charge, and with the case, you can get an additional 18 hours.



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