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PM lays stone, dedicated to nation Rs 13,400 Cr worth projects



Prominent Indian-American foreign policy expert Ashley J Tellis arrested

Trump says Modi assured him India will stop buying Russian oil

Agencies, Washington
U.S. President Donald Trump said on Wednesday that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged to stop buying oil from Russia, and Trump said he would next try to get China to do the same as Washington intensifies efforts to cut off Moscow's energy revenues.



Ukraine. "So I was not happy that India was buying oil, and he (Modi) assured me today that they will not be buying oil from Russia," Trump told reporters during a White House event. "That's a big step. Now we're going to get China to do the same thing."

India and China are the two top buyers of Russian seaborne crude exports, taking advantage of the discounted prices Russia has been forced to accept after European buyers shunned purchases and the U.S. and the European Union imposed sanctions on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Trump has recently targeted India for its Russian oil purchases, imposing tariffs on Indian exports to the U.S. to discourage the country's crude buying as he seeks pressure Moscow to negotiate a peace deal in

No phone conversation between PM Modi and Trump yesterday: MEA

New Delhi: The Ministry of External Affairs today categorically denied any knowledge of a phone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump yesterday, contradicting the US President on his claims that PM Modi had assured him on October 15 that India would not purchase Russian oil. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a briefing: "I am not aware of any conversation between Prime Minister Modi and President Trump yesterday".

Afghanistan, Pakistan enter 48-hour truce after deadly border clashes

Kabul: Pakistan and Afghanistan have implemented a ceasefire following the deadliest border clashes in years that killed dozens of people and led to evacuations on both sides. The 48-hour truce began Wednesday at 6:00pm Islamabad time (13:00

GMT), with each country claiming the other requested the pause in hostilities. Pakistan confirmed the ceasefire duration, stating: "During this period, both sides will sincerely strive to find a positive solution to this com-

plex but resolvable issue through constructive dialogue." In Kabul, the Taliban government directed its forces to respect the truce "unless it is violated" by Pakistan, according to a spokesman's statement on X.

All Gujarat Ministers, except CM resign

Gandhinagar (UNI)
In view of the reshuffle in Gujarat cabinet tomorrow, all the state ministers except Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, have resigned. State Bharatiya Janata Party media coordinator Yagnesh Dave told UNI that all ministers, except Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, have resigned from the state cabinet.



The outgoing cabinet consisted of 17 members, including: 8 Cabinet-rank ministers, 8 Ministers of State (MoS), Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel himself

Gujarat, which has a 182-member legislative assembly, can constitutionally accommodate up to 27 ministers (i.e., 15% of the total House strength). The reshuffle could see the ruling BJP fill more of that quota as it reshapes its governance strategy.

Swearing-in ceremony of Cabinet to be held on October 17

The swearing-in ceremony for the designated ministers in the expansion of Gujarat Chief Minister's cabinet will be held on Friday, October 17, at 11:30 AM at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, stated a release. Governor Acharya Devvratji will administer the oath of office and secrecy to the designated ministers included in this expansion of the State Cabinet during the ceremony.

MP aims to double farmers' income through Dairy Boom

CM Yadav launches 'Dudh Samridhi Sampark' campaign

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav announced that Madhya Pradesh aims to double the income of its livestock farmers by significantly boosting milk production. Emphasizing that cow protection and rearing are top government priorities rooted in Sanatan culture, he affirmed the government's commitment to these goals through collaboration with society.



participation from gaushalas (cow shelters) and livestock owners will be ensured. Furthermore, entrepre-

neurs who achieve milestones and introduce innovations in livestock farming and milk production will be publicly honored during the Govardhan festivities.

State-wide Awareness Drive

To achieve this goal, the state launched the 'Dudh Samridhi Sampark' (Milk Prosperity Contact) Campaign on October 2. The drive involved door-to-door visits in villages to educate livestock owners on technical and practical topics, including breed improvement, artificial insemination, vaccination, balanced nutrition, and cost-effective methods for maximizing milk yield with existing resources.

Bihar SIR: SC says ECI knows its responsibility

New Delhi (UNI)
The Supreme Court today continued hearing petitions challenging the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, where the Election Commission of India (ECI) has undertaken a large-scale verification and deletion drive ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. A bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi observed that the Election Commission of India "knows its responsibility" and is bound to publish the final electoral

roll after completing additions and deletions, ensuring that the entire process remains transparent and constitutionally compliant. The court was hearing petitions filed by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and others, represented by senior advocates Prashant Bhushan and Gopal Sankaranarayanan. Appearing for the ECI, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi defended the revision as a lawful and necessary exercise.

ECI launches Digital Broadcast Vouchers to boost fair play

New Delhi: In a landmark move to level the electoral playing field, the Election Commission of India today announced the distribution of digital broadcast vouchers to political parties contesting the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections. The initiative ensures free and fair access to airtime on Doordarshan and All India Radio through an innovative IT platform, eliminating the need for physical voucher collection. As per a poll panel statement issued today, each political party has been allocated a baseline of 45 minutes of broadcast time on both Doordarshan and AIR regional networks, allowing them to reach voters across the vast state. Additional airtime has been granted to parties in proportion to their performance in Bihar's previous Assembly election, reflecting the ECI's commitment to equitable representation.

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