

Donald Trump says India's recent tariff hike unacceptable, must be withdrawn



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US President Donald Trump on Thursday asked India to withdraw retaliatory tariffs that New Delhi imposed this month, calling the duties "unacceptable".

India slapped higher tariffs on 28 US products following Washington's withdrawal this

month of key trade privileges for New Delhi. "I look forward to speaking with Prime Minister Modi about the fact that India, for years having put very high tariffs against the United States, just recently increased the tariffs even further," Trump said on Twitter. "This is unacceptable and the tariffs must be withdrawn!"

said Trump, who will meet Modi at this week's G20 summit in Japan. India's trade ministry did not immediately respond to a Reuters email seeking comment. Trump's remarks could further worsen a trade row that has led to tit-for-tat tariffs from India and the United States and created an unease over the

depth of their security alliance. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who was in New Delhi on Wednesday, sought to reduce heightened trade tension with India, promising a renewed focus on negotiating better ties, but giving few specifics of how they would overcome disputes over trade and investment. Trump scrapped trade privileges for India under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), under which New Delhi was the biggest beneficiary that allowed duty-free exports of up to \$5.6 billion. India initially issued an order in June last year to raise import taxes as high as 120% on a slew of US items, incensed by Washington's refusal to exempt it from higher steel and aluminium tariffs. But New Delhi repeatedly delayed raising tariffs as the two nations engaged in trade talks. Trade between them stood at about \$142.1 billion in 2018.

PM asks all parties to participate in dialogue on One nation One Election

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New Delhi June 27,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon all political parties to participate in dialogue on one nation one election to save time and money for development. Talking about electoral reforms, Mr Modi said Indian voters are mature and cannot undermine their wisdom. Prime Minister was replying to the debate on Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in Rajya Sabha yesterday. He appealed all members of Parliament to work together to fulfill aspirations of people

who elected them. Mr Modi said, Opposition should allow the Lok Sabha to function seamlessly. Mr Modi advised the Congress to shun arrogance of its majority in Rajya Sabha as people have given the incumbent government a huge mandate. The Prime Minister said, India is aiming to become a five trillion Dollar economy and appealed to all states to take part in the economic development of the country. Mr Modi said the Opposition have problems with technology, digital transactions, Aadhaar and

GST. Mr Modi advised it to allow the technological changes, rather seeing them with negativity. The Prime Minister said there should be a uniform yardstick for all acts of violence, whether it takes place in Jharkhand, West Bengal, or Kerala. He termed the Jharkhand lynching incident as painful and said the guilty should be given a harsh punishment. He, however, said that calling Jharkhand as a hub of lynching and mob violence is unfair and an insult to the state. Taking inspiration from

Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Year of Birth Anniversary and 75th Year of Independence, Mr. Modi appealed to the people to adopt small changes in life and work to inspire a big revolution. Mr Modi termed Ayushman Bharat as a revolution in health services to the poor. He said, deaths of children in Bihar due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome is unfortunate. However, Mr. Modi expressed solidarity with the state government and confidence that country will collectively come out of this crisis soon.

Haryana Congress leader Vikas Chaudhary shot dead near Delhi

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Faridabad June 27,

Haryana Congress leader Vikas Chaudhary was shot dead in Faridabad on the outskirts of the national capital Delhi on Thursday morning. Officials said the attack took place just as he was parking outside a gym that he was known to frequent in Faridabad's Sector 9. It is around this time that 2 assailants, who were reported to have come in a car, fired multiple shots. The attack, captured in the gym's CCTV camera, shows the two men approach Vikas Chaudhary's sports utility vehicle from both sides and firing at him. One fired at him through the wind shield, the other assailant approached him from the driver's side and shot at him. Vikas Chaudhary was rushed



to a local hospital but did not survive. "Doctors tried their best to save him... Our entire team was there but he had been shot too many times... We could not save him," Dr Saurabh at the hospital said. He said the autopsy would give a clear picture of the number of bullets that the

young politician. Dr Saurabh, however, added that doctors who treated him had spotted at least 10 bullet wounds. It is not clear from the CCTV footage if the assailants had followed him to the gym or were lying in wait. But the footage shows the 2 assailants being dropped off in a white sedan even as Vikas Chaudhary was parking his SUV. Vikas Chaudhary, who is the state unit's spokesman, is said to have been close to Haryana Congress chief Ashok Tanwar. But it was in the Indian National Lok Dal where Vikas Chaudhary cut his teeth in politics, mostly in the party's youth wing. He crossed over to the Congress in 2015 when INLD ignored his claim for a ticket in Haryana's state elections and fielded a BJP turncoat.

Broadband connectivity under BharatNet project to all gram panchayats

Agency
New Delhi June 27,

Government plans to provide broadband connectivity under BharatNet Project to all gram panchayats in the country. In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Electronics and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said that one lakh 28 thousand and 870 gram panchayats have been connected with optical fibre till date. Under BharatNet project, the last mile connectivity is to be provided at all the 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country. The Minister informed that wi fi spots have been installed in 44,140 gram panchayats as of now. The Phase I of the project was completed in December 2017, and one lakh gram panchayats were made service ready. The Phase II is under implementation, and a total of 2 lakh gram panchayats are targeted to be completed by March 2020.

139th Birth Anniversary of Helen Keller Observed

IT News
Thoubal June 27,

The Disabled and Destitute Children Welfare Association and Handicapped Development Foundation, Manipur in Association with Andro Western Baruni Road Youth Club, Parents & Guardians of People with Disabilities and SAKSHAM Manipur Prant today celebrated the 139th birth anniversary of Helen Keller at Andro Kharom Leikai Community hall. The Celebration starts with floral tributes to Photo of Helen Keller followed by Rhymes song by children with disabilities. The anniversary was attended by Former President of Andro Western Baruni Road Youth Club (AWBRYC) Dhanamukta Singh, Chairperson of Andro Nagar Panchayat Y.Sajou Singh, State Commissioner for People with disabilities Dr.Rk. Kumarjit Singh, President for Parents & Guardian Council of Persons with Disabilities



Th.Sharatkumar Singh and Vice - President of Handicapped Development Foundation Manipur Thiyam Ram Singh as chief guest, president and guests of honours respectively. As Part of function, An assistive mobility tech device called 'Saathi device' made for visually challenged person distributed and Dance and rhythms were also Presented

Children with disabilities. Helen Adams Keller (June 27, 1880 - June 1, 1968) was an American author, political activist, and lecturer. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. The celebration was attended by around 200 participants which includes persons / students /children with disabilities, parents and members from other NGOs etc.

MACR organises District Level Multi Stakeholder Convergence meeting

IT News
Senapati June 27,

Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) organised a program on the topic District Level Multi Stakeholder Convergence Meeting/ workshop on ensuring Child Protection in the Senapati district at DRDA Hall, DC office, Senapati today. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Robin Raomai - Convener, MACR Senapati Chapter. The meeting was participated by Lalmilen Misao Add. Superintendent of Police, Pocos act, JJ Act, customary laws and the convergence between different stakeholders. MACR handed over posters,



youth organisations and staffs of MACR. The meeting discussed on the various issues of Child Rights, Pocos act, JJ Act, customary laws and the convergence between different stakeholders. MACR handed over posters,

reading material and Holding to the Child Friendly Police Station - Senapati Police HQ. Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR) is a collective body working for ensuring the protection of the rights of children in Manipur for the last 18 years.

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15 Rights and Civil bodies urges PM to ratify CAT

However, it was decided to go for standalone legislation and the prevention of torture bill 2010 was introduced in the Lok Sabha to give effect to the provision of CAT. Rayja Sabha referred the bill to a selection committee which as proposed amendments to the bill to make it more compliant to CAT. But the bill lapses with the dissolution of 15th Lok Sabha. Thereafter in a civil writ petition filed by Dr. Ashwani Kumar submitted before the Supreme Court that "India faces problem in extradition of criminal from foreign countries because of these (having no law against torture). It's in our own national interest to have such a law". The writ petition sought direction to the government to have a legal framework and proper guidelines in terms of the CAT to prevent torture, cruelty, inhumane or degrading treatment to jail inmates. The Law Commission of India in its reported number 273 dated

October 2017 have also recommended the ratification of CAT, the memorandum urged. India has repeatedly promised in its voluntary pledge while seeking membership to the UN Human Rights Council that India will ratify the Convention. Also in the Universal Periodic Review the issue of non-ratification of CAT has attracted maximum attention from other governments. In the last third cycle as many as 42 governments have recommended for its ratification. Those signed in the memorandum are Santa Khurai, Secretary, All Manipur Nupi Manbi Association (AMANA), Jiten Yumnam, Director, Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur (CRAM), Punildro Konsam, Co-convenor, Civil Society Coalition for Human Rights in Manipur and the UN (CSCHR), Okram Nutankumar, Secretary, Committee on Human Rights (COHR),

Manipur, RK Komoljit, Secretary, Community Network for Empowerment (CoNE), Edina Yaikhom, Secretary, Extrajudicial Execution Victim Families Association, Manipur (EEVFAM), Kangjiam Ranjit, President, Families of the Involuntarily Disappeared Association Manipur (FIDAM), Babloo Litoingbam, Executive Director, Human Rights Alert (HRA), Manoj Thokchom, Administrator, Human Rights Initiative (HRI), Joy Chingakham, Chairman, Human Rights Defender, Manipur (HRDM), Onil Kshetrimayum, Co-ordinator Reach Out (RO, Maharabi, Secretary, United Voluntary Youth Council (UVYC), W. Second, President, United People's Front (UPF), Khangembam Anandi, Managing Trustee, Just Peace Foundation (JPF) and Keisam Pradip Kumar, Member, State Core Group, Manipur Alliance for Child Rights (MACR)

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I, the undersigned, Wangjam Nimai Singh, have lost my original certificate and mark sheet for passing the High School Leaving Certificate Examination, 1974 from the Board of Secondary Education, Manipur under Roll No. 10852 on the way between Pishum Ningom Leirak, Imphal to the Office of the Director of Education (S), Manipur, Lamphelpat on June 24, 2019.

Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

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