

PM Modi outlines his 5 I vision in G-20 meet at Osaka to maximize digital technology for social benefit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has outlined his 5 I vision to maximize digital technology for social benefit. In his intervention at the G-20 summit on digital economy and artificial intelligence (AI) at Osaka yesterday, he put thrust on inclusiveness, indigenization, innovation, investment and infrastructure and international cooperation. During his meeting with BRICS leaders, Mr Modi said fast changing technologies like digitalization and climate change pose a challenge to the current as well as future generations. Before the leaders of the G-20 Prime Minister emphatically put his point that development is worthwhile

only when it reduces inequality and contributes in empowerment.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also held a tri-lateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin and discussed issues like terrorism and climate change on the sidelines of the G-20 summit. Mr Modi said the trilateral meeting in Osaka is a useful medium of discussion and coordination on major global issues. Earlier in the day Prime Minister met several world leaders including US President Donald Trump, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Prime Minister chaired RIC (Russia, India and China) framework and participated in a meeting of

BRICS countries. The leaders called for rule based multilateral trading system as embodied in the WTO to ensure transparent, non-discriminatory, open and inclusive international trade, amid growing protectionism. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is holding bilaterals and pull-asides with a host of world leaders on the final day of the G-20 summit today. He held talks with Indonesian President Joko Widodo on ways to deepen bilateral cooperation. Official sources said, both leaders congratulated each other for winning election. Mr. Modi congratulated Mr. Joko Widodo for steps taken by him for disaster management. Prime Minister Modi also held talks with the President of the Republic of Brazil Jair Bolsonaro.

AIR Correspondent covering the summit reports, the fourth and final session of the summit will deliberate on Climate Change, Environment, and Energy. Prime Minister will hold three pull-asides with Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong, Italian President and Chile President Sebastian Pinera, as well as a bilateral meet with Turkish President Erdogan. The bilateral meeting comes as India and Turkey are facing a sanction threat by the United States over an S-400 missile deal with Moscow. Prime Minister Modi will also participate in the closing ceremony of the summit. Shortly before departing for New Delhi, Prime Minister Modi will host a final bilateral meet with Australian PM Scott Morrison.

Rahul Gandhi wants to resign. Here's why this may be farcical, writes Barkha Dutt

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A month and a few days after the Congress debacle, the party is still floundering and in a grave state of drift. Innumerable Congress politicians have privately expressed a sense of deep frustration and anxiety for their own future. One or two have thought aloud about whether it is time to leave the party. Yet the irony is this: a party that is in urgent need of cataclysmic change looks like it is headed for more of the same. And this will be true even if Rahul Gandhi steps down from the post of party president. At a meeting of the party's parliamentarians this week, Rahul Gandhi declared that he was not budging from his decision. He said he had decided well before the elections that were the party to lose in 2019 he would quit, "because someone has to take accountability". But in what is so symptomatic of the sycophancy cult that plagues the Congress, every member

stood up in perfunctory protest. However, one of the more interesting arguments is said to have come from Shashi Tharoor who, while commending Gandhi for taking ownership of the defeat, asked: What about someone taking accountability for rebuilding the party? Who would that person be? Shouldn't Gandhi at least postpone his decision for a few months and oversee the rebuilding of the party? Gandhi remained adamant. When some other leaders pointed out that the party was in danger of losing legislators in states like Maharashtra and Karnataka, Gandhi was reportedly belligerent. Those who wanted to leave, were welcome to do so, he declared, betraying no acknowledgment of the crisis that stares him in the face. It could be only a matter of time before the Congress governments in Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka fall. But no, the meeting ended with a decision to choose a

new party president and no plan for how to achieve this. But frankly, this is just a whole lot of same-old same-old status quo hiding behind a camouflage of cosmetic tinkering. If the new president of the Congress party is to be chosen by the Congress working committee (CWC), an unelected decision making body, mostly made up of trusted lieutenants of the Gandhi family, you can bet that the next party president will be low-key, non-threatening, without too much of a personality and, above all, a figurehead. He/She will be someone who will continue to derive authority from the first family of the party who will then remain the effective power centre. So what exactly would have changed? We have already seen this reflected in the choice of the leader of the party in the Lok Sabha. Without making any personal judgement on the calibre of Adhir Choudhary, to pick him over Shashi Tharoor or Manish Tewari, two strong,

experienced candidates, can only be because there is no danger of him acquiring a profile of his own that could compete with the Gandhi siblings. Isn't it intriguing that a man who was removed as the head of the state Congress in West Bengal should be catapulted to the head of the party inside Parliament, even though he is a red rag for the Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee? This is proof that whether or not Gandhi resigns from the post of party president, power will continue to flow from the family fount. So, tomorrow, if the unelected CWC of Gandhi loyalists picks a person to replace Rahul Gandhi it will be an entirely meaningless exercise. First, why isn't the CWC resigning en masse as part of the "exercise of taking accountability? Second, why aren't genuine elections being held to the CWC that have the possibility of ushering in new leadership and fresh blood? In the past 50 years, authentic elections have been held to the CWC only twice, in 1992 and 1997, both times when a non-Gandhi was at the helm. If Rahul Gandhi is serious about bringing change to the party, why not step out of the way and hold immediate elections to the CWC?

Today, there are only a handful of leaders in the Congress who have some traction across ideology or grudging admiration from even those who vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party. Amarinder Singh, Shashi Tharoor, Sachin Pilot and Manish Tewari, to name a few. Why should they not assert their ambition instead of being punished for it? In the next act, if the Gandhi family intends to remain the puppeteers controlling the strings by which the next party president's future hangs, they may as well give up on the insistence on quitting. For real change, the Congress needs a new leader. One who does not need to seek the approval or affection of the Gandhis and is able to be her own person. To save the Congress, are the Gandhis ready to give up their entitled control over India's oldest party? Without that, Gandhi's decision to quit is farcical.

Manipur bagged 2nd Runner-up in National Sub junior and Pree teen Pencak Silat Championship



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Manipur bagged 2nd Runner-up in National Sub junior and Pree teen Pencak Silat Championship 2019, organised by Pencak Silat Association, Madhya Pradesh, under the supervision of Indian Pencak Silat Federation held from June 21st to June 23rd at CNCT

College, Bhopal.

The Manipur team, coach, officials were warmly greeted at ISBT Khuman Lampak by Pencak Silat Association, Manipur, Sekmai AC ex MLA, N. Biren, Social Worker, A. Deven, clubs members of phayeng, Kharason, Pungdongbam, Lamai, Sekta. Huge crowds were also greeted the team. Pungdongbam Gram

Panchayat Ex Pradhan, I. Prem handed over Rs. 3000 as a mark of encouragement to the team and Lamai Chalou Yaoshang Sports Association also gifted simple reward to the team at Lamai Bazar. The State team won 10 Gold, 5 Silver, 5 Bronze total of 20 medals and claimed the 2nd Runner-up at the championship.

As a Part of Van Mahotsava, WBCC will plant 2000 tree saplings

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Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Committee (WBCC) Manipur started planting tree as a part of the Green Manipur Mission. The Committee aims to plants

at least 2000 tree saplings at various places. A press statement by WBCC Manipur said that every year in the month of July tree planting festival or "Van Mahotsava" is celebrated across the country. With the coming of the "Van Mahotsava", WBCC in

collaboration with Club/Organisation and Schools of Manipur, will plant saplings to make the villages area green. WBCC appealed people to joined the tree plantation festival by planting sapling at various office, school, college and other area.

Oil India Limited offer

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In a press statement Oil India Limited (OIL) invites offer for enhancing production on revenue sharing basis from of its marginal fields. The statement further said that Oil India Limited (OIL), India's second largest National Exploration and Production Company, in its endeavour to enhance the production from

its old and ageing fields has published Notice Inviting Offer (NIO) seeking partners for enhancement of production from two of its marginal fields (Digboi field in Assam and Bagbitibba field in Rajasthan) through induction of new and appropriate technology. The total in place hydrocarbon volume of the two fields is of order of 49 MMTOE.

The offer would provide an opportunity to oil and gas service providers and operators to partners with OIL on a revenue sharing model. However, the Petroleum Mining Lease and Ownership of the fields will remain with oil. The new technology partner will infuse new and appropriate fit for purpose technology to increase the production. the statement added,

Donald Trump, Xi Jinping agree to resume trade talks

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Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump agreed on Saturday to restart fractious China-US trade negotiations, with Beijing saying Washington agreed not to slap new tariffs on its exports, according to Chinese state media. The two countries will

restart the talks "on the basis of equality and mutual respect", according to the official Xinhua news agency after the two leaders met on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka. Xi opened the meeting by noting they sat not far from the spot where 48 years earlier Chinese and American athletes faced off in table tennis, opening the door to "ping-pong

diplomacy" that eventually led to the restoration of normal diplomatic relations. "China and the United States can both win through cooperation and both lose through fighting," Xi told Trump, according to Xinhua. "Recently, I have maintained close contact with the President through telephone and written correspondence," Xi said at the start, adding he would like to exchange views with Trump to guide relations to the next step. We want "to promote China-US relations based on coordination, cooperation and stability", Xi said, according to Xinhua. China and the United States have hit each other with steep tariffs on more than \$360 billion in bilateral trade, rattling financial markets and business confidence.

About 100 fighters killed in clashes between govt forces, rebel militants

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In Syria, nearly 100 fighters have been killed including government forces and rebels jihadists in clashes in northwestern part of the country as troops tried to regain control of two

villages they lost earlier this month. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said during fighting alone, 51 troops and pro-government gunmen were killed as well as 45 insurgents. The clashes continued in the afternoon.

Sheldon Cottrell on Mohammed Shami's salute celebration: 'Nakal karna hi sabse badi chaploosi hai'

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West Indies fast bowler Sheldon Cottrell gave an epic reply to Indian seamer Mohammed Shami for mocking his salute celebration during the ICC World Cup 2019 match against India on Thursday. The bowler played down the controversy about the Indian pacer disrespecting the army. In a tweet, the left-arm bowler replied to Shami in Hindi and described the banter as

"great fun". Cottrell further wrote: "Great fun! Great bowling. Nakal Karna Hi Sabse Badi Chaploosi Hai" During the group stage match between India and West Indies on Thursday, Virat Kohli and Mohammed Shami were spotted imitating the celebration after the Windies cricketer was dismissed by Yuzvendra Chahal in the 30th over of their innings. While Shami was spotted marching with the salute, skipper Kohli

was caught briefly repeating the end of the celebration where Cottrell imitates an explosion. Cottrell's celebration is a tribute to the Jamaican armed forces where he served for six months. Indian bowlers, led by the deadly Mohammed Shami, produced yet another splendid performance to put their team on the cusp of a semi-final berth with a 125-run rout of the West Indies in their sixth World Cup encounter.

ICC World Cup: South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 9 wickets

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In the ICC Cricket World Cup, South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 9 wickets at Chester-le-Street last night. Put into bat, Sri Lanka were all out for 203

in 49.3 overs. D. Pretorius and C. H. Morris claimed three wickets each for South Africa. Two matches are scheduled for today. In the first match at 3 p.m., Pakistan will face Afghanistan at Headingley,

Leeds and New Zealand take on Australia at the Lord's in London. India will play England in Birmingham tomorrow. India are placed 2nd with 11 points while England with 8 points are at 4th.