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Not neutral, India on the side of peace: PM in Kyiv

Modi assures Ukraine's President of India's commitment towards territorial integrity of countries; two leaders ink pacts on humanitarian aid, agriculture, cultural cooperation, and drug regulation

Dinakar Peri
KYIV

The war in Ukraine was high on the agenda in the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Friday with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar saying India was "willing to do whatever we can" to end the conflict "...because we do think that the continuation of this conflict is terrible, obviously for Ukraine itself and for the world as well".

The "landmark" visit, the first by an Indian Prime Minister since Ukraine became independent in 1991, saw the signing of four agreements.

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Pitch for peace: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on Friday. ANI

lenskyy, Mr. Modi said In-

dia is always ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in Ukraine. "We (India) are not neutral. From the very beginning, we have taken sides. And we have chosen the side of peace," Mr. Modi said. The Prime Minister underlined India's commitment to-

reignty and territorial integrity of countries. "Today in Kyiv, PM Narendra Modi and I honored the memory of the children whose lives were taken by Russian aggression. Children in every country deserve to live in safety. We must make this possible," Mr. Zelenskyy said, on Y-

He later spoke to the visiting Indian media and flagged India's purchase of Russian oil as well as other goods that are getting "billions for them". He said India has a "huge influence on Russian economy".

Mr. Jaishankar said the meeting "was a very detailed, very open and a very constructive discussion". "The Ukraine side wanted continued involvement of India in the peace summit," he said.

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv that New Delhi had not been neutral or an indifferent bystander during the Russia-Ukraine conflict and was always on the side of peace.
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‘Space sector contributed ₹20,000 crore to India’s GDP over the last decade’

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NEW DELHI

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These “preliminary findings” were part of a presentation by Steve Boehinger, Affiliate Executive Adviser, Novaspace, a European consultancy, at



President Droupadi Murmu, Minister Jitendra Singh and ISRO Chairman S. Somanath at the space exhibition in New Delhi. ANI

the National Space Day celebrations here on Friday.

The Space Day celebrations are to commemorate the first anniversary of the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on August 23 last year.

The report was “initiated” by the Indian Space Research Organisation (IS-

RO), Mr. Boehinger said, to evaluate the socio-economic impact of the space sector from 2014 to 2023 and the study was conducted by Indian economics research firms econONE and Novaspace. They interviewed representatives from 56 organisations in public and private sectors.

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Do you know?

- the share of India in the global space economy by 2030 is going to rise 4 times in comparison to 2021. In 2021, the Indian space industry contributed 2% to global share. This is expected to rise to 8% by 2030 and further to 15% by the year 2047.
- . Presently India allows 100% FDI in the space sector thereby unleashing new horizons of innovation and growth to the sector.

The Hindu –Welfare Schemes (GSII)

Odisha CM launches much-awaited aid scheme for women

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BHUBANESWAR

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The Hindu-Places in news(GSI)



Worth a lot: A 2,492-carat diamond, the largest diamond found in more than a century, in Gaborone, Botswana. AP

Botswana discovers the world's second largest diamond

Agence France-Presse
GABORONE

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- Botswana is one of the world's largest producers of diamonds.
- It is a land-locked country dominated in geographical terms by the Kalahari Desert.

It is situated in the Southern African region and about two-thirds of Botswana lies within the Tropics; it is bisected by the Tropic of Capricorn.

It is bordered by Zambia and Zimbabwe to the northeast, Namibia to the north and west, and South Africa to the south and southeast.

Capital City: Gaborone

Botswana's highest point is Tsodilo Hills

Major Rivers : Significant rivers include the Limpopo, Okavango, and Shashe with the Molopo River creating a geographical border between South Africa and Botswana.

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India, US sign key defence supply pact as Rajnath begins 4-day visit

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

AS DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh reached Washington DC on a four-day official visit, India and US on Thursday signed two key pacts — a non-binding Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA) and a Memorandum of Agreement regarding Assignment of Liaison Officers.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin in Washington on Friday. P71

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 - India is the 18th SOSA partner of the US after Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and the UK.
- The SOSA will mandate the US and India to provide reciprocal priority support for goods and services that promote national defence.
- “The arrangement will enable both countries to acquire the industrial resources they need from one another to resolve unanticipated supply chain disruptions to meet national security needs,”

HEADLINES OF THE DAY



PIB-Economy(GSIII)

Ministry of Communications

TRAI releases Telecommunication Tariff draft amendment order on regulatory framework for PM-WANI scheme

Posted On: 23 AUG 2024 7:04PM by PIB Delhi

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a draft Telecommunication Tariff (70th Amendment) Order, 2024 on "Regulatory framework for PM-WANI scheme".
- The National Digital Communications Policy, 2018 under 'Connect India' mission had set the goal to enable deployment of 10 million public Wi-Fi hotspots by 2022 for creating a robust digital communication infrastructure. Further, the Bharat 6G Vision also sets the goal of 10 million public Wi-Fi hotspots by 2022 and 50 million by 2030 for Digital India 2030 mobile and broadband policy objectives.
- However, PM-Wani hotspot numbers presently are much below the targeted numbers, as envisaged in NDCP, 2018 document and in Bharat 6G vision document.

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PIB-Welfare Schemes(GSII)

Ministry of Communications

Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana scholarship by India Post to inculcate the hobby of Philately among the students – Postmaster General Sh. Krishna Kumar Yadav

Last date for applying 'Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana' scholarship scheme is 18th September, 2024

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- With a view to promote and bring philately into the mainstream of the education system, Department of Posts has launched a philately scholarship scheme Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana for the promotion of aptitude and research in stamps as a hobby for generating interest regarding philately amongst students. Shri Krishna Kumar Yadav, Postmaster General of North Gujarat Region, Ahmedabad said It is proposed to grant scholarship of ₹ 6,000/ - per annum to those meritorious students of classes 6 to 9, whose academic records are good as well as who have adopted Philately as a hobby. Last date for applying in the prescribed format to appear in the examination to be conducted for the selection of beneficiaries in this scholarship scheme is 18th September, 2024.

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PIB-Welfare Schemes(GSII)

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

IEC Campaign on PM-JANMAN mission, to raise awareness and ensure 100% saturation of Government Schemes in PVTG majority tribal areas, to run from 23rd August till 10th September, 2024

Campaign to reach around 44.6 lakh individuals (10.7 lakh households) in 28.7 thousand PVTG habitations; To cover 16,500 villages, 15,000 Gram Panchayats and 1000 Talukas in 194 districts across the country

Government launches campaign to reach over 44 lakh PVTG members, deliver benefits under PM-JANMAN

- Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on November 15 last year in Jharkhand, PM-JANMAN aims to provide essential services like housing, clean water, sanitation, education, healthcare, and better road and telecom connectivity to PVTG families. ₹15,000 crore has been allocated for this mission over three years, starting from 2023.
- The PM-JANMAN mission focuses on 11 critical interventions related to 9 key aligned Ministries/Departments, with budgetary outlay of Rs. 24,104 crores (Central Share: Rs.15,336 crore and State Share: Rs.8,768 crore) from FY 2023-24 to 2025-26, under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST).

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PIB-Defense (GSIII)

India, Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI Concludes With Final Drills In Sri Lanka



High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Santosh Jha and Sri Lanka's State Minister of Defence, Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, witnessed the final exercise at the 10th edition of India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.

- The joint exercise enhances interoperability between the two forces as well as further strengthens already strong bonds. MITRA SHAKTI is an annual training event conducted alternatively in India and Sri Lanka, which was last held in Pune in November 2023.
- The 14-day exercise concludes on August 25th.