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Modi pushes for effective reforms in global governance

"Africa's goals are our priorities. Our approach is to grow together as equals. Our development partnership with Africa is demand-driven. It is focused on building local capacities and creating local opportunities. Our objective is not just to invest, but to empower," he said.

In his address, Modi said it was a privilege to be in Ghana - a land that radiates the spirit of democracy, dignity, and resilience.

"When we look at Ghana, we see a nation that shines with courage, that rises above history, that meets every challenge with dignity and grace. Your commitment to democratic ideals and inclusive progress truly makes Ghana a beacon of inspiration for the entire African continent," he said.

Modi, who was conferred with 'The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana', the country's national honour, said it was a deeply moving experience and he will always cherish it. "I dedicate it to the enduring friendship and shared values that bind India and Ghana," he said.

"India is the mother of Democracy. For us, democracy is not merely a system. It is a part of our fundamental values. From thousands of years ago, we have examples of centres like Vaishali," he said.

Noting that the histories of India and Ghana bear the scars of colonial rule, Modi said, "But our spirits have always remained free and fearless. We draw strength and inspiration from our rich heritage. We take pride in our social, cultural and linguistic diversity."

"We built nations rooted in freedom, unity, and dignity. Our relationship knows no bounds. And with your permission, may I say, our friendship is sweeter than your famous 'Sugarloaf' pineapple. With President Mahama, we have decided to elevate our ties to a comprehensive partnership," he said.

Modi said India shared vaccines and medicines with over 150 countries, including Ghana, during the pandemic.

He said India launched Mission LiFE - Lifestyle For Environment, to address climate change and promote sustainable living. This inclusive spirit powers our global initiatives like: One World, One Sun, One Grid; One World One Health; for a healthier planet; International Solar Alliance; International Big Cats Alliance and the Global Biofuels Alliance to advance clean biofuels and cut carbon emissions, he said.

Modi said India has seen a major transformation in the past decade. "The people of India have reposed their faith in peace, security, and development," he said.

"We are recognised as the Pharmacy of the world. Indian women today lead in science, space, aviation and sports. India landed on the Moon. And, today an Indian is in orbit giving wings to our human space flight mission," he said.

Modi said the people of India have resolved to make India a developed nation by 2047.

He said free and fair elections are the soul of any democracy. "It is encouraging to see our Electoral Commissions working closely together," he said.

Modi welcomed the establishment of the Ghana-India Parliamentary Friendship Society in Ghana's Parliament.

He said Ghana holds great potential to become an IT and innovation hub in the region. "Together, we will shape a future, full of promise and progress," he said.

"India and Ghana share a dream. A dream where every child gets opportunities. Where every voice is heard. Where nations rise together, not apart," Modi said.

He said India carries Africa in its heart. "Let us build a partnership not only for today but for generations to come," he added.

This is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Ghana in over three decades.

Message conveyed with clarity: EAM on objective of Op Sindoor

shared with his counterparts, in the Quad as well as globally, the nature of the terrorism challenge that India faces and has confronted over multiple decades, and "that

we are very resolved today to respond to it very firmly and that we have the right to defend ourselves".

Apart from the Quad discussions, Mr. Jaishankar said he had a good bilateral meeting with Rubio and the two leaders "essentially did a stock-taking of the last six months" and the path looking ahead.

"This included a discussion on trade and investment, technology, defence and security, energy and on mobility," he said, adding that he had separate meetings with Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth and Energy Secretary Chris Wright.

To a question on the US plan to impose 500 pc tariff on imports from countries buying Russian oil under a bill by Senator Lindsey Graham, Jaishankar said that any development happening in the US Congress is of interest to India "if it impacts our interest or could impact our interest".

The Indian Embassy and officials have been in touch with Graham over the issue, he said.

"I think our concerns and our interests in energy security have been made conversant to him. So, we'll then have to cross that bridge when we come to it, if we come to it," Jaishankar said.

Police advisory for Amarnath pilgrims

originating from Bhagwati Nagar, Baltal and Nunwan base camps."

"The yatris arriving long before the scheduled date are advised to arrive reasonably prior to their day of yatra," police said.

The advisory came amid increased focus on security arrangements and preparedness for the annual pilgrimage, which sees thousands of devotees trekking to the sacred Amarnath cave shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas.

Chargesheet filed against 'doctor'

rooq Ahmad Wani, a resident of Abu Bakar Lane, Umarabad Zainakote, Srinagar.

He is accused of submitting a fake Medical Council of India (MCI) registration certificate along with forged MBBS and MD documents at the time of his engagement at SKIMS Medical College and Hospital, Bemina.

The case was initiated after the Economic Offences Wing received a complaint, alleging that Wani had been fraudulently working as a doctor at SKIMS since December 2016, drawing a salary from the government exchequer based on forged documents.

The complaint alleged that the MBBS, MD certificates and registration documents purportedly issued by the MCI and State Medical Council were fake.

Following a detailed investigation, the charges against Wani were found to be substantiated. The crime branch concluded the case as proved and submitted the final charge report for judicial determination, officials said.

Govt seeks consensus over impeachment motion on Justice Varma

of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) or a Supreme Court judge, the chief justice of one of the 25 high courts and a "distinguished jurist." Rijiju said, "Since the matter involves corruption in the judiciary, the government wants all political parties to be on board."

On being asked about the report of the in-committee which proved the cash discovery incident at Justice Varma's official residence here, he said the report of the three-judge panel had not indicted Justice Varma and was meant to recommend future course of action as Parliament can only remove a judge A fire incident at Justice Varma's residence in the national capital in March, when he was a judge at the Delhi High Court, had led to the discovery of several burnt sacks of banknotes in the outhouse.

Though the judge claimed ignorance about the cash, the Supreme Court-appointed committee indicted him after speaking to a number of witnesses and recording his statement.

Then-CJI Sanjiv Khanna was believed to have prodded him to resign but Justice Varma dug in his heels.

The apex court has since repatriated him to his parent court, the Allahabad High Court, where he has not been assigned any judicial work.

Justice Khanna had written to the president and the prime minister, recommending the removal, which is the procedure for axing members of the higher judiciary from service.

No insurance for rash driving deaths: SC

year which had dismissed the plea filed by the deceased legal heirs claiming compensation.

"We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment passed by the high court. Hence, the Special Leave Petition is dismissed," the bench said in an order passed on Wednesday.

On June 18, 2014, one N S Ravisha was driving from Mallasandra village to Arasikere town when the accident took place. His father, sister and her children were traveling in the car.

The court had found that Ravisha drove the car in a negligent manner without following traffic rules and lost control over the vehicle which toppled on the road. Ravisha sustained fatal injuries in the accident.

The high court had held that because "the accident occurred due to the rash and negligent driving of the deceased himself and he being self tort-feasor, the legal heirs cannot claim any compensation for his death, otherwise it would amount to a person who committed breach getting the compensation for his own wrongs."

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje joins Amarnath pilgrims

works in the area.

She joined devotees to seek blessings of Almighty Shiva. "Today, we are all going to have the darshan of Bholenath. It feels wonderful. May God bless us all. The atmosphere here is very pleasant; people are feeling good because development work is happening here too," she said.

The union minister praised the efforts made by local authorities and the government to improve facilities and infrastructure around the pilgrimage route. She noted that enhanced arrangements had added to the comfort and spiritual experience of pilgrims.

Grievance cell set up at PCR for terror victims

"The cell offers the families of victims of terrorism a dedicated channel to share their grievances, which shall be forwarded to the relevant departments for swift redressal," officials said and added that the district police in Srinagar had also established a dedicated grievance cell for this purpose.

"This initiative aims to facilitate the registration and redressal of complaints and concerns from families affected by acts of terrorism, especially within the jurisdiction of district Srinagar," officials said.

The grievance cell was established two days after LG Manoj Sinha said that a special cell and a toll-free number would be established in the Jammu and Kashmir secretariat for addressing the concerns of the terror victims' families and to bring the culprits to justice.

"A Special Cell to be established in the LG Secretariat to address concerns of families. A similar cell to be set up in the chief secretary's office. Every possible assistance would be provided to terror victims' families and culprits roaming free for many decades will be brought to justice," Sinha said on Tuesday.

Ops continues in Kishtwar woods

cial confirmation in this regard.

According to officials, drones and sniffer dogs were part of the search operation. Reinforcements too had been rushed to further tighten the cordon and neutralise the terrorists.

As per unconfirmed reports, one terrorist is believed to have been injured in the gunbattle, which continued this morning.

Officials said top terrorists - Saifullah and Adil - were believed to be operating in the hills of the district.

On June 26, a Pakistan-based JeM terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces, and three of his associates had escaped into the forested area of Basantgarh belt of Udhampur district.

Second batch of 5,246 pilgrims leaves for holy cave shrine

said.

LG Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of pilgrims for the annual yatra from Bhagwati Nagar base camp yesterday.

Putin, Trump discuss Iran and Ukraine in phone call, Kremlin official says

MOSCOW, JULY 03: US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed Iran, Ukraine and other issues by phone on Thursday, the Kremlin said, in their sixth publicly disclosed chat since Trump returned to the White House.

While discussing the situation around Iran, Putin emphasised the need to resolve all issues by political and diplomatic means, said Yuri Ushakov, his foreign affairs adviser.

The United States struck three sites in Iran on June 22, inserting itself into Israel's war aimed at destroying Tehran's nuclear programme.

On the conflict in Ukraine, Ushakov said Trump emphasised his push for a quick halt to the fighting, and Putin voiced Moscow's readiness to pursue talks with Kyiv.

At the same time, the Russian leader emphasised that Moscow will seek to achieve its goals in Ukraine and remove the "root causes" of the conflict,

day.

A multi-tier security setup has been activated in and around the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the annual pilgrimage.

Thirty-four accommodation centres have been set up across Jammu, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags are being issued to the pilgrims.

Twelve counters have been set up for on-the-spot registration of pilgrims who intend to undertake the yatra.

So far, more than 3.5 lakh people have registered themselves online for the pilgrimage.

LS Speaker urges political parties to curb disruptions in Par

proceedings since 2014 when he was elected as a member for the first time.

"The members used to get placards to disrupt the proceedings of the House. The 17th Lok Sabha (2019-2024) was no different, but change was visible in the 18th Lok Sabha," he said.

Birla said the political parties and members started thinking that the House should be allowed to function so that issues faced by people could be raised effectively.

"All political parties made efforts to ensure that the House functions properly," he said.

Birla also wanted the Urban Local Bodies to adopt similar practices as the Lok Sabha and state assemblies of having the Question Hour and Zero Hour in their functioning.

"Why can't we make efforts to have day-long sittings of ULBs? Let the meeting continue for eight hours. It can have Question Hour, Zero Hour. Issues can be discussed and accountability can be fixed to ensure transparency," the speaker said.

Birla said the government will in the coming years implement the law to have 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

"We have to encourage women leaders in urban local bodies as it is from such institutions that a new national leadership will emerge," he said.

Suse posted as MD JPDC; 3 JKAS officers transferred, posted

Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, is hereby posted as Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited with immediate effect," a GAD order said.

As per another GAD order, Sham Lal Abrol, collector ERA, Jammu, is transferred & posted as deputy director, food, civil supplies and consumer affairs, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Pancheri BDO Vishal Kumar Sadhotra is transferred and his services have been placed at the disposal of tourism department for his further posting.

CDPO, Rajouri, Aditi Singhaal is transferred and posted as under secretary, tourism department.

India will continue to lead charge against terror: Kavinder

vant UN Security Council resolutions.

Gupta said this unified stance by Quad nations is a clear message to terror sponsors across the globe that the international community will no longer remain a mute spectator.

He appreciated the strong intervention of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar for effectively conveying India's unwavering position on terrorism and cross-border threats.

"When the Government of India is committed to wiping out terrorism from its roots, global partners stepping up to echo that voice strengthens our resolve manifold," he said.

He emphasised that terrorist attacks, like the one at Pahalgaon, were not isolated incidents but part of a larger proxy war being waged against peace and democracy, especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also stressed the need for strict global accountability mechanisms to isolate nations that provide safe havens and funding to terror networks. "The Quad's call for justice must now be followed by concrete diplomatic and economic actions against rogue elements," he added.

Gupta expressed hope that the upcoming Quad Summit in India later this year will further cement strategic cooperation, not just against terrorism but also in areas like maritime security, supply chain resilience, and regional stability.

"The world must recognise that terrorism anywhere is a threat to peace everywhere. India's stand is clear - we will neither forget nor forgive acts of terror, and now, the world seems ready to stand with us," he added.

Deepika Padukone to get star on Hollywood Walk of Fame, becomes first Indian actor to receive honour

LOS ANGELES, JULY 03:

Deepika Padukone will receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, making her the first Indian actor to be felicitated with the coveted honour.

Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the official organisation which administers the Hollywood Walk of Fame, shared the news on its official Instagram page on Wednesday night.

"A new group of entertainment professionals in the categories of Motion Pictures, Television, Live Theatre/Live Performance, Radio, Recording, and Sports Entertainment have been selected to receive stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame by the Walk of Fame Selection Panel of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce," the post read.

"We are honoured to welcome you to the Walk of Fame Class of 2026!" it added.

Padukone will receive the star along with a host of popular Hollywood actors including Emily Blunt, Timothee Chalamet, Marion Cotillard, Stanley Tucci, Rami Malek, Rachel McAdams, Demi Moore, filmmakers Chris Columbus and Tony Scott.

From the television industry, "The Office" creator Greg Daniels, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Chef Gordon Ramsay, Bradley Whitford, and Noah Wyle will be



honoured.

The Hollywood Walk of Fame celebrates achievements in the entertainment industry with over 2,700 brass stars embedded along the sidewalks of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street

in Los Angeles, making it a

major tourist attraction for visitors from around the world.

Each star honours artists from the worlds of film, television, music, radio, and live performance for their im-

act on popular culture. In 2011, renowned Indian conductor Zubin Mehta received a star on Hollywood Walk of Fame. His was the 2,434th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Hollywood legend Kirk Douglas spoke at a ceremony to honour him.

Before Mehta, Indian-origin American actor Sabu Dastagir, known his work in films during the 1940s, received a star Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Padukone has emerged as one of the top stars of India since she made her Bollywood debut with 2007's "Om Shanti Om". She has starred in critically-acclaimed movies such as "Love Aaj Kal", "Piku", "Bajirao Mastani", "Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela", "Padmaavat", "Chhapaak" and "Gehraiyaan".

In Hollywood, she made her debut with the 2017 action movie "XXX: Return of Xander Cage", co-starring Vin Diesel. She was also named one of TIME magazine's 100 most influential people in 2018 and received the TIME100 Impact Award.

Padukone also served in the main competition jury of the prestigious Cannes Film Festival in 2022.

The actor is currently working on a number of projects, including an untitled film directed by Atlee, co-starring Allu Arjun.