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All-party delegation visits Kuwait, conveys India's tough stance against terrorism

KUWAIT CITY: As part of their concluding day of engagements in Kuwait, the all-party delegation of India, led by MP Baijayant Panda, undertook a series of media engagements and cultural visits aimed at strengthening bilateral ties and highlighting India's united stance against terrorism.

The delegation held an interaction with representatives of leading Kuwaiti media houses. The leader of the delegation underscored various facets of India-Kuwait strategic partnership, including recent high-level exchanges, the growing bilateral trade and investments, cultural affinity and the large and the vibrant Indian community. The delegation



The all-party delegation for diplomatic outreach on Operation Sindoor, led by Lok Sabha member Baijayant Panda, visited Kuwait and had discussions with various groups. India's ambassador in Kuwait Dr Adarsh Swaika welcomed the delegation. They also visited the on going "Rihla-e-Dosti" exhibition, showcasing 250 years of India-Kuwait Cultural Ties.

highlighted the security and counter-terrorism to fight global menace of terrorism. The delegation also visited the special exhibition "Rihla-e-Dosti: 250

outlined India's policy of zero tolerance and the "New Normal" approach towards terrorism while emphasising that combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations remains a national priority for India.

The delegation also engaged with representatives of the Indian regional media based in Kuwait. During the discussions, the delegation reiterated India's national consensus and unwavering resolve to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

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the shared Pahalgam was a deliberate attempt to disrupt peace and development in Jammu & Kashmir. The delegation leader Panda

Court blocks Trump's sweeping tariffs

NEW YORK: A federal court in the US blocked President Donald Trump from imposing "sweeping" tariffs on imports citing an emergency-powers law.

A three-judge panel at the New York-based US Court of International Trade issued the ruling. The development comes after several lawsuits were filed against Trump, arguing that he has exceeded his authority.

The ruling serves as a setback to Trump, who has repeatedly mentioned that the tariffs would compel manufacturers to bring factory jobs back to the US, arguing that the move would generate enough revenue to reduce the federal budget deficit.

Some accounts suggest that Trump used these reciprocal tariffs as a negotiation tool, one that would compel the other nations to negotiate agreements with the US that favoured them. White House spokesperson Kush Desai noted: "Trade deficits amount to a national emergency that has decimated

American communities, left our workers behind, and weakened our defence industrial base, facts that the court did not dispute." He further added that the Trump administration is committed to using every lever of executive power to address

Flipkart to hire 5,000 employees

MUMBAI: Walmart-backed ecommerce giant Flipkart will hire at least 5,000 employees in 2025 amid AI push. According to sources, Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy and chief human resources officer (CHRO) Seema Nair told employees at the company's town-hall "Flipster Connect" that the company would be hiring 5,000 employees and that a majority of these hires will be working at Flipkart Minutes, which is the firm's quick commerce arm and Supermoney, its fintech platform.

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The all-party success

The union government's bold decision to send all-party delegations to various countries to explain the Operation Sindoor and its outcome has worked very well with desired results. Thus, seven delegations of MPs and bureaucrats consisting of 40 veterans fanned out to different regions of the world and raised the heat on Pakistan for its support for cross-border terrorism. One should be grateful to opposition MPs for the timely support for the national cause forgetting all party affiliations and petty politics. It may be recalled that when PV Narasimha Rao was the prime minister, he had sent a delegation to the UN, which was led by the then opposition leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Sharad Pawar was among the delegates. Vajpayee, a great orator, writer and poet, spoke everywhere in Hindi and his speeches were a big hit in the US. This delegation was able to make a great impact abroad. In democracies such as Germany and Israel, all-party delegations and consultations with opposition leaders are part of their political culture. In Israel, leader of the opposition is even invited to attend the cabinet meetings when important national security matters are discussed.

Members of our MPs delegations were briefed ahead of their departure by foreign secretary Vikram Misri, who highlighted India's "new normal" in tackling cross-border terrorism as exemplified by the military strikes under Operation Sindoor on terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan.

On their trip, members of these delegations were able to raise the world community's lacklustre record in holding the Pakistani military and intelligence community to account despite considerable evidence provided by India that linked it to past terror strikes such as the 2008 Mumbai attacks and the 2019 Pulwama suicide bombing. The delegations also explained to foreign government, media and intellectuals India's decision to keep the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance till Pakistan "credibly and irrevocably" abjures its support for cross-border terror. It was explained that all forms and manifestations of terrorism, whether state-sponsored or carried out by individuals, poses a serious threat to peace, security and development of the region. The delegations were able to emphasise the need to hold Pakistan and its military establishment guilty of supporting terror groups. The delegations at various places made it clear that India will no longer allow terrorists to carry out their activities under the cover of Pakistan's "nuclear blackmail" and that the Pakistani military establishment will have to pay a price for attacks through its terrorist proxies. India is committed to the progress of nations of the Indian Ocean and co-operation and collaboration among member states are essential for convergence on issues of common interest, it was explained. India is currently vice-chair of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and will soon assume the chairmanship for 2025-2027.

The highly vocal and well educated MP from Hyderabad Asaduddin Owaisi, who was part of the all-party delegation to Kuwait led by Baijayant Panda, blasted Pakistan and said it should be brought back to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list as it might use the \$2 billion IMG loan to support its military terror groups. Likewise, former diplomat, author and MP Shashi Tharoor's speeches and interaction with intellectual community in the US is worth mentioning.

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"Never, never, never give up."

---Winston Churchill

IndiGo to operate first flight from Navi Mumbai International Airport

MUMBAI: IndiGo will become the first airline to begin commercial flight operations from the Adani Group-owned Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA).

IndiGo will operate 18 daily departures (36 air traffic movements) to over 15 Indian cities from day one. The airline plans to scale up operations to 79 daily departures, including 14



international flights, by Nov 2025 and to 140 daily departures with 30

international flights by Nov 2026.

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said: "IndiGo will be the inaugural airline to operate from NMIA, and we couldn't be more pleased to announce this. This expansion underscores our dedication to the evolving needs of travellers and the growth of India's aviation sector." Airport CEO Arun Bansal added: "Our partnership with IndiGo marks a major milestone in making NMIA a key aviation hub. Together, we are poised to transform travel for millions." The greenfield NMIA, spanning 1,160 hectares, will initially handle 20 million passengers and 0.5 million tonnes of cargo annually. Once fully developed, it will accommodate 90 million passengers and 3.2 million tonnes of cargo per year. The airport will feature two parallel runways.

Vikram Singh Mehta IndiGo's new chairman

MUMBAI: IndiGo airlines has appointed Vikram Singh Mehta as the chairman of its board. He will succeed Venkataramani Sumantran, who took charge of the low-cost carrier as chairman three years ago.

Sumantran resigned from the post after completion of his five-year term as a board member. Sumantran was appointed as the chairman of the Board in May 2022 and post-Covid, navigated the Board during IndiGo's strong recovery and incredible growth over the past three years," the company mentioned.

Mehta, a former Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, has



held key positions including chairman of the Shell Group of Companies in India and CEO of Shell Markets and Shell Chemicals in Egypt. He has also been a board member of several companies. He holds a degree in Mathematics from St Stephen's College, Delhi University, and two master's degrees—one in Politics and Economics from Oxford University.

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They unveiled the hiring plan as an employee asked them about recruitment plans going forward considering the present market conditions and uncertainty environment. Sources

also said that the CEO spoke about the e-commerce firm's strong uptick in customer growth and that the organisation is focused on Artificial Intelligence as there has been a 6X increase in investment in the AI

space. He also said that Minutes is doing well and that they are targeting 800 dark stores by the end of this year. Last year, Flipkart announced its foray into quick commerce with Minutes to compete with players such as Zepto, Swiggy Instamart and Zomato's Blinkit.

The IPO-bound company has already initiated the shift of its domicile to India from Singapore. In his address, Krishnamurthy also spoke about the flip back of the company and said that he was confident that they will continue to focus on profitability with a renewed emphasis on customer centricity.

All-party delegation visit...

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Years of India-Kuwait Friendship" at the National Library of Kuwait, which featured a rich display of rare manuscripts, ancient books, historical coins, and cultural artefacts. The exhibition showcased the deep-rooted and strong people-to-people ties between India and Kuwait. The delegation con-

cluded its highly productive visit to Kuwait by effectively conveying India's message of "Zero Tolerance" and "New Normal" against terrorism to a variety of interlocutors in Kuwait, including the government, civil society, media, think-tanks, opinion-makers and members of Indian community.

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Norwegian Krone	8.24	8.48
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New Zealand Dollar	50.18	51.28
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GULF FAQs

Sub-letting apartments in Dubai? What tenants, sub-tenants must know?

I am an NRI and I cannot afford an apartment alone, so I am considering getting a couple of roommates to share a one-bedroom apartment in Dubai. I don't want to break any laws. Could you please explain the rules around room sharing and how it works?

In Dubai, sharing a rented apartment without obtaining the landlord's approval is illegal. This is in accordance with Article 24 Law No. 26 of 2007 regulating the relationship between

landlords and tenants in Dubai which states: "Unless otherwise agreed in the tenancy contract, the tenant shall not assign benefit or sublease premises without obtaining the landlord's approval."

Furthermore, a landlord may evict a tenant prior to the expiry of the tenancy term in Dubai if a tenant sub-lets the property or any part thereof without a landlord's prior written consent. Such eviction shall extend to both a tenant and any sub-tenant with-



out prejudice to the sub-tenant's right to seek compensation from the tenant.

ty or any part thereof without obtaining the landlord's approval in writing.

In this case, the eviction will apply to both the Tenant and Sub-Tenant. However, the sub-tenant's right to claim compensation

from the tenant will be preserved."

This is under Article 25 (1) (b) of Law no. 33 of 2008 regulating the relationship between landlords and tenants in Dubai which states: "The landlord may seek eviction of the tenant from the real property prior to the expiry of the term of the tenancy only where the tenant sub-lets the Real Proper-

Based on the aforementioned provisions of law, if you intend to sub-let an apartment, you should obtain written consent from the apartment's landlord before sub-letting or sharing the apartment with others.

Can I file a complaint if my landlord deducts from my security deposit?

It's been two months since I moved out of my rented apartment in Dubai but I am yet to receive the deposit amount. If a real estate agency sends me the amount and I find that it has unjustly deducted some amount, what must I do?

As you were residing in a rented apartment in Dubai, the provisions of Law No. 26 of 2007 Regulating the Relationship between Landlords and Tenants in the Emirate of Dubai is applicable. In Dubai, a landlord or management company is authorised to collect a security deposit from a tenant when the landlord and tenant enter a rent contract. This is in accordance with Article 20 of the Dubai Rent Law, which states: "When entering into a rental contract, a landlord may collect from the tenant a security deposit for the purpose of maintenance of the real property upon the expiry of the rent contract. The landlord must refund this deposit or the balance thereof to the tenant upon expiry of

the rent contract."

Moreover, it is the responsibility of a tenant to maintain a rented apartment in a good condition, except for reasonable wear and tear. This is in accordance with Article 21 of the Dubai Rent Law, which states: "Upon expiry of the term of the rental contract, the tenant must surrender possession of the real property to the landlord in the same condition

sion on the same."

Based on the aforesaid provisions of law, it is your right to receive the refund of the security deposit which you had paid at the time you entered into a rent contract with the landlord. The security deposit should have been refunded to you when you moved out of the said rented apartment upon settlement of all the dues with your landlord (if any) and hand-



in which the tenant received it at the time of entering into the lease contract, except for ordinary wear and tear or any damage sustained due to reasons beyond the tenant's contract. Where a dispute between the parties arises in this regard, it shall be referred to the Tribunal to issue its deci-

ing over the keys of the said rented apartment. If the management company deducted the amount from the security deposit without a valid reason, then you may file a complaint/case against your landlord and its management company before the Rental Dispute Centre of Dubai.

Never sign a settlement until you get the amount

I have been working in a private company for more than six years. Five years ago, my employer asked me to sign that I had received my end of service in exchange of not terminating me. A month ago. The employer terminated my services and refused to give me my entitlements under the pretext that I signed a release for the past five years. He also requested me not to work with a competitor under the pretext of signing a condition of not competing. My question: What is the position of the law regarding my signature to receive end-of-service benefits, but in reality, I did not receive any amounts? What is the appropriate legal action to be taken against the employer?

According to Article 65/3 of the labour law, signing such paper is considered a waiver or

a release of your right and violates the Labour Law, unless the employer provide the receipt of payment of these entitlements to the court and prove that you have really been paid. "Every release, reconciliation or waiver of the rights arising to the worker under the Labour law shall be considered null, if it is in violation of its provisions".

Based on this, you shall file a complaint in front of the labour office against the employer and claim all the amounts from the date you have joined his company until the termination. Regarding working to a competitor, the non-competition clause shall according to Article 10 of labour law "shall be null if the employer terminates the employment contract in violation of the provisions of this Decree by law.

India's FDI inflow jumps to \$81b

MUMBAI: India's FDI inflows increased to \$81.04 billion in FY 2024-25, marking a 14pc increase from \$71.28 billion in FY 2023-24.

There is an increase in FDI from \$36.05 billion in FY 2013-14, due to the investor-friendly policy, under which most sectors are open for 100pc FDI through the automatic route.

The services sector emerged as the top recipient of FDI equity in FY 2024-25, attracting 19pc of total inflows, followed by computer software and hardware (16pc) and trading (eight per cent). FDI into the services sector rose by 40.77pc to \$9.35 billion from \$6.64 billion in the previous year. India is also becoming a hub for manufacturing FDI, which grew by 18pc in FY 2024-25, reaching \$19.04 billion compared with \$16.12 billion in FY 2023-24.

Maharashtra accounted for the highest share (39pc) of total FDI equity inflows in FY 2024-25, followed by Karnataka (13pc) and Delhi (12pc).

Among source countries, Singapore led with

a 30pc share, followed by Mauritius (17pc) and the US (11pc). Over the last 11 financial years (2014-25), India attracted FDI worth \$748.78 billion, reflecting a 143pc increase over the previous 11 years (2003-14), which saw \$308.38 billion in inflows. This constitutes nearly 70pc of the total \$1,072.36 billion in FDI received over the past 25 years.

Income tax return filing due date extended to Sept 15

NEW DELHI: The CBDT has informed that it has extended the due date for filing ITRs from July 31 to Sept 15, 2025 for the Assessment Year (AY) 2025-26.

"In view of the extensive changes introduced in the notified ITRs and considering the time required for system readiness and rollout of Income Tax Return (ITR) utilities for Assessment Year (AY) 2025-26, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to extend the due date for filing returns," the CBDT said in a statement.

"Accordingly, to facilitate a smooth and convenient filing experience for taxpayers, it has been decided that the due date for filing of ITRs, originally due on July 31, 2025, is extended to Sept 15, 2025. A formal notification to this effect is being issued separately," the statement said.

The income tax department said that the extension will ensure a smoother and more accurate filing experience for the taxpayers. "This extension will provide more time due to significant revisions in ITR forms, system developments.

ALL-PARTY DELEGATION IN ITALY



An all-party delegation led by BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad arrived in Rome following a successful visit to France, conveying India's strong anti-terror stance.

US plans social media vetting for international student visas

WASHINGTON: The Trump administration is considering requiring all international students applying to study in the US to undergo social media screening, a major expansion of earlier efforts, according to a Politico report.

To prepare for this new requirement, the administration has directed US embassies and consular offices to halt scheduling new interviews for student visa applicants. The cable, dated Tuesday, was signed by Secretary of State Marco Rubio. If implemented, the plan

could significantly slow down student visa processing and financially impact universities that depend on foreign students.

"Effective immediately, in anticipation of expanded mandatory social media screening and vetting, consular sections should refrain from adding new appointment slots for student or exchange visitor (F, M, and J) visas until further guidance is provided via a separate telegram in the coming days," the cable instructed.

Previously, the administration had imposed social media screening requirements primarily targeting returning students who may have

been involved in protests against Israel's actions in Gaza. The administration has also intensified scrutiny of universities, particularly elite institutions like Harvard.

On May 22, the Trump administration withdrew Harvard University's authorisation to enroll international students, creating uncertainty over the legal standing

of thousands of students currently studying there.

The administration had instructed the Department of Homeland Security to revoke Harvard's certification for the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). On the same day, a federal judge in Boston temporarily blocked the order from the Trump administration.

Court blocks Trump's...

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this crisis and restore American greatness.

On April 2, Trump announced sweeping tariffs on goods imported from over 100 countries to the US, which included India, China, Japan and South Korea. These

tariffs shook the global financial markets and led many economists to downgrade the outlook for US economic growth. These tariffs, according to Trump, were imposed to reverse the US' long-standing trade deficits.

Sureshwar Thakur new chief of Punjab State NRI panel

CHADIGARH: A former Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Sureshwar Thakur was appointed as the Chairman of the Punjab State Commission for NRIs. Justice Thakur, scheduled to assumed charge on May 29, is known for dispensing value-oriented justice since the commencement of his judicial career in 2001. Over the years, Justice Thak-

ur was known for his clarity in reasoning and his firm grasp of constitutional principles.

Born in Shimla on May 18, 1963, Justice Thakur hails from a distinguished legal and literary family. His father, late Justice Hira Singh Thakur, served as a judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, while his mother, Nirmla Thakur, is a renowned English poet.

He studied at St. Edward's School, Shimla, completed his law degree from Himachal Pradesh University, and began practicing in the HP High Court in 1987. He was appointed Additional District & Sessions Judge in 2001. Thakur went on to hold several key judicial and administrative posts across HP and was elevated as a judge of the HP High Court in May 2014.