

Integration of AI in modern processes raises complex considerations: CJI

NEW DELHI, Apr 13 (PTI)

THE integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern processes, including court proceedings, raises complex ethical, legal and practical considerations that demand a thorough examination, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said on Saturday.

The CJI said AI represents the "next frontier of innovation" and its use in court adjudication presents both opportunities and challenges that warrant nuanced deliberation.

Justice Chandrachud said while AI presents unprece-



Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and Chief Justice of Singapore Sundaresh Menon address at a two-day conference on 'Technology and Judicial Dialogue', particularly focusing on the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in judiciary, at the Supreme Court of India, in New Delhi, on Saturday. (PTI)

dent opportunities, it also raises complex challenges, par-

ticularly concerning ethics, accountability and bias and

addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort from stakeholders worldwide, transcending geographical and institutional boundaries.

He was speaking at a two-day conference on technology and dialogue between the Supreme Courts of India and Singapore.

Chief Justice of Singapore Justice Sundaresh Menon, and several other judges and experts were also present during the conference.

Justice Chandrachud said in the legal sector, AI holds immense potential to transform the way legal profession-

als work, from enhancing legal research and case analysis to improving the efficiency of court proceedings.

He said in the realm of legal research, AI has emerged as a game-changer, empowering legal professionals with unparalleled efficiency and accuracy. With the launch of ChatGPT, a conversation has emerged about whether to rely on AI in reaching a conclusion for a case, the CJI said.

The CJI said amid the excitement surrounding AI's capabilities, there are also concerns regarding potential errors and misinterpretations.

Gopi Thotakura to become 1st Indian space tourist



WASHINGTON, Apr 13 (PTI)

GOPI Thotakura, an entrepreneur and a pilot, is set to become the first Indian to venture into space as a tourist on Amazon founder Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin's NS-25 mission.

Thotakura was selected as one of the six crew members for the mission, making him the

first Indian space tourist and the second Indian to venture into space after the Indian Army's Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma in 1984.

The flight date is yet to be announced, the aerospace company said.

This mission will be the seventh human flight for the New Shepard programme and the

25th in its history. To date, the programme has flown 31 humans above the Karman line, the proposed conventional boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space.

New Shepard is a fully reusable sub-orbital launch vehicle developed for space tourism by Blue Origin.

According to Blue Origin, "Gopi is a pilot and aviator who learned how to fly before he could drive."

He is the co-founder of Preserve Life Corp, a global centre for holistic wellness and applied health located near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

In addition to flying jets commercially, he pilots bush, aer-

obatic, and seaplanes, as well as gliders and hot air balloons, and has served as an international medical jet pilot.

A lifelong traveller, his most recent adventure took him to the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Andhra Pradesh-born Thotakura is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Other crew members of the flight include Mason Angel, Sylvain Chiron, Kenneth L. Hess, Carol Schaller, and former Air Force Captain Ed Dwight, who was selected by President John F Kennedy in 1961 as the nation's first Black astronaut candidate but was never granted the opportunity to fly to space.

Special polling stations for 5,000 voters displaced by Manipur violence

IMPHAL, Apr 13 (ANI)

WHILE the grim memories of the ethnic violence, which left many dead and scores displaced, still fresh in the minds of voters, 29 special polling stations have been set up ahead of the Lok Sabha elections for about 5,000 people, who are presently sheltered in camps. All arrangements to enable displaced people to vote have been made in accordance with the guidance received from the Central Government, polling officials told ANI.

Speaking to ANI on Friday, Imphal West Deputy Commissioner Kiran Kumar said, "Considering the violence and the displacement caused by the ethnic clashes, we have arranged special polling stations to enable the internally displaced people to vote. Twenty nine such polling stations have been opened ahead of the general elections."

"The people displaced within the district will cast their votes at their designated polling stations. There is no specific arrangement for them apart from the transportation services that we will provide. For people from other parliamentary constituencies, who were shifted to Imphal West in light of the violence, we have opened special polling stations. For Inner Manipur, we have arranged for 29 such polling stations. There are about 5,000 internally displaced people," he added.

In an interview with ANI, the officer said some polling stations are also in the process of being opened at relief camps for the displaced people. "Everyone will be given the opportunity to cast their votes," he said. The deputy commissioner added that over the last one or two months, peace has returned to the restive Northeast State following dead clashes over several months.

Georgieva gets 2nd term as IMF MD

WASHINGTON, Apr 13 (IANS)

THE Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Friday selected Kristalina Georgieva to serve as IMF Managing Director for a second five-year term starting on October 1, 2024.

The board's decision was taken by consensus, according to a statement by the coordinators of the Executive Board, Afonso S Bevilaqua and Abdullah F BinZarah.

The decision was made near-



Kristalina Georgieva

ly a week after the coordinators announced that Georgieva, the IMF's current Managing Director, is the only candidate for the position, Xinhua news agency reported.

"In taking this decision, the Board commended Georgieva's strong and agile leadership during her term, navigating a series of major global shocks," the statement said.

Georgieva led the IMF's unprecedented response to these shocks, including the approval of more than \$360 bil-

lion in new financing since the start of the pandemic for 97 countries, debt service relief to the Fund's poorest, most vulnerable members, and a historic Special Drawing Rights (SDR) allocation equivalent to \$650 billion, the statement noted. Under her leadership, the Fund introduced innovative new financing facilities, including the Resilience and Sustainability Facility and the Food Shock Window.

It also secured a 50 per cent quota increase to bolster the Fund's permanent resources and agreed to add a third Sub-Saharan African chair to the IMF Board.

"Looking ahead, the Board welcomes Georgieva's ongoing emphasis on issues of macro-economic and financial stability, while also ensuring that the Fund continues to adapt and evolve to meet the needs of its entire membership," the statement said. Georgieva, a national of Bulgaria, has been the IMF's Managing Director since October 1, 2019.

Before joining the Fund, Georgieva was Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank from January 2017 to September 2019, during which time she also served as interim President of the World Bank Group for three months.

India's budget for infra on China border rose after 2014: Jaishankar

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EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday said, India's budget for infrastructure on the border with China was increased significantly after Narendra Modi became Prime Minister.

India should have learnt lessons from the 1962 war but no headway was made in the development of border infrastructure till 2014, he claimed, adding that the Modi Government increased the budget for the same from Rs 3,500 crore to Rs 14,500 crore.

With China, India must have "realistic, grounded and practical policy," Jaishankar said, interacting with youth at an event titled 'Why Bharat Matters: Opportunity for youth and participation in global sce-

nario' here. "China is our neighbour, and be it China or any other neighbour, the border settlement is one kind of challenge. I would like to dwell upon history here as if we do not learn lessons from history,

we will continue to make mistakes again and again," the Minister said.

China occupied Tibet in 1950, and then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel wrote to Prime

Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, stating that he was very disturbed with India's policy towards China, Jaishankar said.

Patel cautioned that India should not take assurances by China at face value, but Nehru dismissed his concerns and said the Chinese were Asian people and did not harbour any ill-will towards India, he claimed.



Iran to attack Israel sooner than later: Fears Biden



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WASHINGTON, Apr 13 (ANI)

AMID fears of the ongoing hostilities in Gaza devolving into a larger Middle-Eastern conflict, US President Joe Biden on Friday said that he expects Iran to attack Israel ‘sooner than later’, ‘CNN’ reported.

“I don’t want to get into secure information but my expectation is sooner than later,” Biden told

reporters when asked how imminent an Iranian attack on Israel would be. As has been reported globally, Tehran vowed revenge after Israel launched airstrikes on the Iranian embassy in the Syrian capital, Damascus, taking out three top military Generals.

On his message to Iran at this time, the US President said, “Don’t.”

In response to more shouted

questions from reporters in the White House, asking if American troops were at risk, Biden returned to the podium saying that the United States was ‘devoted’ to the defence of Israel, ‘CNN’ reported.

“We are devoted to the defence of Israel. We will support Israel we will help defend Israel and Iran will not succeed,” Biden said.

The US has been on high alert for a significant Iranian retaliatory attack on Israel in recent days, as fears grow of a wider regional war. There remains a “real, credible and viable” threat of Iran launching strikes, the White House said on Friday, following Israel’s attack on an Iranian diplomatic compound in Syria last week, killing three Iranian Generals.

Biden, who warned this week that Iran was threatening a ‘significant attack’ on Israel, has been receiving constant updates on the situation from his national security team.

The US and several other countries, including India, Britain and

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17 Indians onboard ship seized by Iran near Strait of Hormuz

NEW DELHI, Apr 13 (PTI)

SEVENTEEN Indians are on board an Israeli-linked container ship that has been seized by the Iranian military amid heightened tensions between Iran and Israel.

Official sources said India is in touch with Iranian authorities through diplomatic channels, both in Tehran and in Delhi, to ensure the welfare and early release of the Indian nationals.

The Iranian action came amid increasing fears that Tehran may launch an

attack on Israeli soil in retaliation to a strike on the Iranian consulate in Syria 12 days ago. “We are aware that a cargo ship ‘MSC Aries’ has been taken control by Iran. We have learnt that there are 17 Indian nationals onboard,” said a source. “We are in touch with the

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