

India has a ~~'special China problem'~~: EAM

'It is over and above world's 'general China problem''

NEW DELHI, Aug 31 (PTI)

ASSERTING that India has a "special China problem" which is over and above the world's "general China problem", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday the border and the state of relations with the country call for investments from there be scrutinised.

Jaishankar said that if people are complaining of trade deficit with China and "we are too", it is because decades ago, "we consciously overlooked the nature of Chinese production



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar speak at the ET World Leaders Forum, in New Delhi on Saturday.

(ANI)

and the advantages which they enjoyed in a system where they got a level playing field with all the advantages they brought to bed".

"China in many ways is a unique problem because it is a unique polity, it is a unique economy. Unless one tries to grasp that uniqueness and understand it, the judgements, the conclusions and the policy prescriptions flowing out of it can be problematic," he said at the ET World Leaders Forum here during a session titled 'New India's Risks, Reforms and Responsibilities'.

IAF's MI-17 jettisons chopper airlifted

'FOR SAFETY REASONS'

NEW DELHI, Aug 31 (IANS)

A CHOPPER being transported to the Gauchar airstrip by an Indian Air Force MI-17 helicopter for repairs, crashed in Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag on Saturday.

The chopper, operated by Crystal Aviation Company, had previously made an emergency landing near the Kedarnath helipad on May 24, 2024, due to a technical fault.

The MI-17 had lifted the helicopter, suspending it beneath, for the journey. However, during the flight, the MI-17 started to lose balance due to the weight of the helicopter and



Crystal Company's helicopter after it fell down upon losing its balance from IAF's MI-17 helicopter, at Kedarnath in Rudraprayag district on Saturday. (PTI)

the effects of the wind and crashed near the Mandakini River in Lincholi. Sensing the growing danger, the MI-17 pilot made the decision to release the helicopter into a valley after identifying an empty area. The helicopter subsequently fell near Mandakini River in Lincholi.

Chinese and Philippine vessels collide at disputed atoll; Govts trade accusations

TAIPEI (Taiwan), Aug 31 (AP)

CHINA and the Philippines accused each other of causing a collision between their two vessels Saturday in the latest flareup of tensions over disputed waters and maritime features in the South China Sea.

In a statement posted on social media, Chinese coast guard spokesperson Liu Dejun was quoted as saying that a Philippine ship maneuvered and “deliberately collided” with a Chinese coast guard ship “in an unprofessional and dan-

gerous manner.”

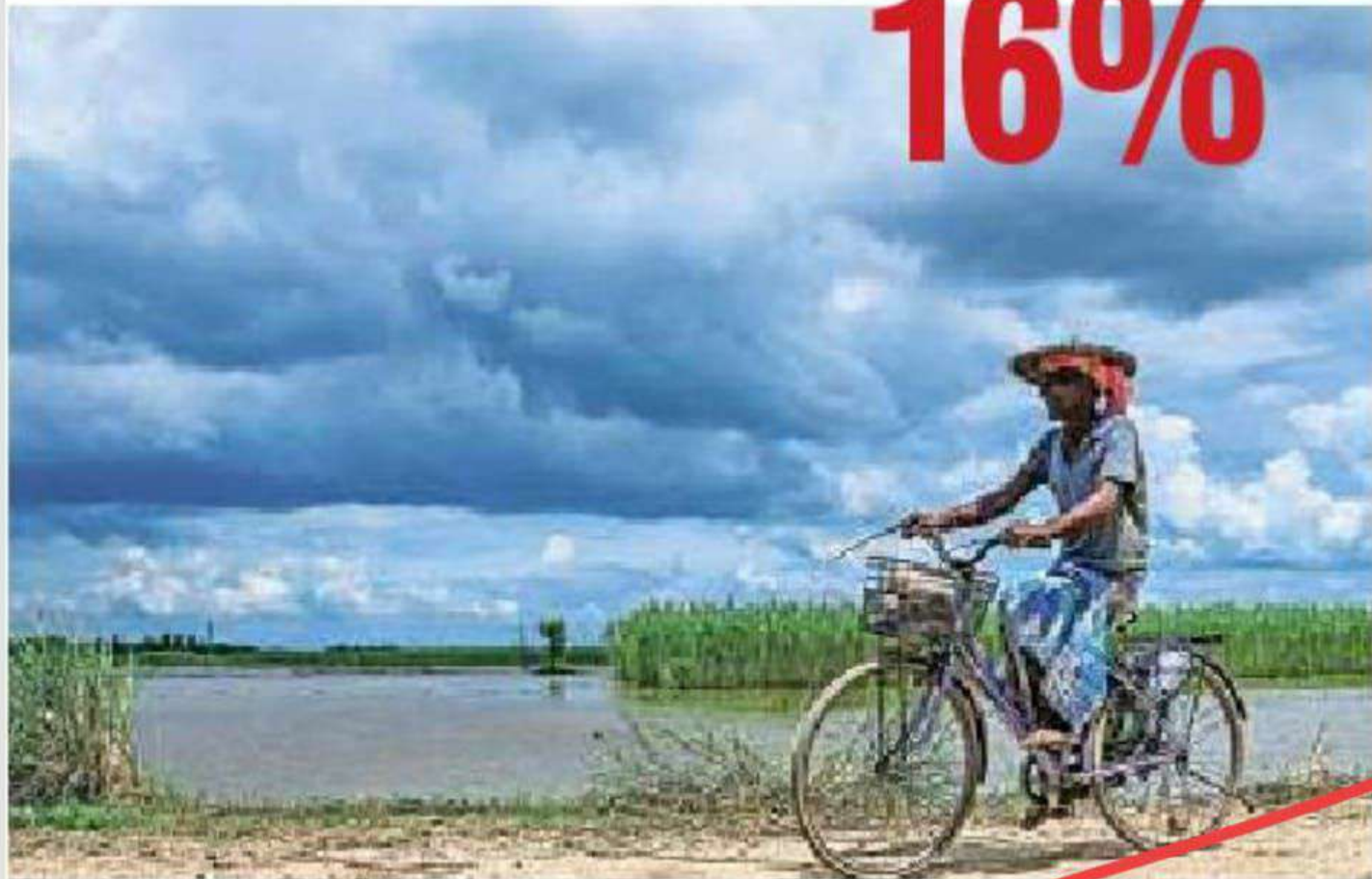
Philippine officials in Manila said it was their coast guard ship, the BRP Teresa Magbanua, that was rammed thrice by the Chinese coast guard without any provocation, causing damage to the Philippine vessel. It was the second confrontation in days near Sabina Shoal, about 140 kilometers (85 miles) west of the Philippine province of Palawan, in the internationally recognized exclusive economic zone of the Philippines.

The Philippine ship, the

Magbanua, has been anchored in Sabina since mid-April after Manila suspected that China may construct a structure to seize the uninhabited atoll. China harbored the same suspicions and recently filed a diplomatic protest against the Philippines due to the ship's prolonged presence at the shoal.

China is rapidly expanding its military and has become increasingly assertive in pursuing its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, which is crucial to international trade.

16%



Above normal rainfall likely in Sept: IMD

NEW DELHI, Aug 31 (PTI)

INDIA recorded around 16 per cent more rainfall than normal in August, with rainfall over north-west India recorded at 253.9 mm, the second highest in August since 2001, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Saturday.

Addressing a virtual press conference, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said, the country recorded 287.1 mm of rainfall in August, compared to the normal 248.1 mm. Overall, India has received 749 mm of precipitation against the normal

701 mm since the start of the monsoon season on June 1.

Several districts in the foothills of the Himalayas and the north-east experienced below-normal rainfall as most of the low-pressure systems moved south of their usual position, and the monsoon trough also remained south of its typical position, the IMD chief said. Many States in the north-east, along with Kerala and the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, experienced deficient rainfall, he added.

The IMD chief said that six low-pressure systems formed

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