

Tariff row: Trump lists India among nations 'harming US'

'PM Modi Will Do What Is Right On Illegal Migrants'

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Washington/New Delhi: US President Donald Trump has said that PM Narendra Modi will do "what is right" on illegal immigrants, underlining that discussions are going on with India.

Making these remarks on Monday while speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One on his way back to Joint Base Andrews from Florida, Trump also mentioned that Modi is likely to visit the White House in Feb. Trump told House Republicans at a Florida retreat on Monday that the US would impose tariffs on countries that "harm" America, naming China, India, and Brazil as high-tariff countries. "We are

'WE'RE GOING TO PUT AMERICA FIRST'

“ We're going to put tariffs on outside countries and outside people that really mean harm to us. Look at what others do. China is a tremendous tariff maker, and India and Brazil and so many other countries. So we're not going to let that happen any longer because we're going to put America first **”** —US Prez Trump to Republicans at a Florida retreat

“ I had a long talk with him (Modi) this morning (Monday). He is going to be coming to the White House, over next month, probably February. We have a very good relationship with India. Everything came up (in a call with the PM) **”** —Trump to reporters on his phone call with PM



going to put tariffs on outside countries and outside people that really mean harm to us. Look at what others do. China is a tremendous tariff maker, and India and Brazil and so many other countries. So, we're not going to let that happen any longer because we're going to put America first," he said.

The remarks followed his phone conversation with Modi in which, as the White House

said in a statement, Trump called upon India to increase its procurement of American-made security equipment and move towards a "fair bilateral trading relationship". The leaders discussed plans for PM Modi to visit the White House, underscoring the strength of friendship & strategic ties between our nations, said the White House.

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CISF to set up 1st women reserve battalion in Nuh

New Delhi: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will establish its first Mahila Reserve Battalion in Nuh, Haryana, which is expected to meet the additional needs for deployment of women personnel in high-alert situations across its units in the Delhi-NCR.

The major CISF units in Delhi-NCR include those deployed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, Parliament House complex, central govt buildings, and eventually, the Jewar International Airport coming up in Noida.

“The establishment of the mahila battalion in Nuh is both cost-effective and operationally viable, ensuring that CISF can deploy trained personnel promptly to meet the requirements of its NCR-based units. The battalion will be equipped with modern security gadgets for policing needs,” said a CISF officer. MHA approved the initiative to create 1,025 posts for the new battalion in Nov last year. TNN

UCC is secular civil code, will strengthen democracy: Modi

'Foundation Of A Dignified Life For Sisters, Mothers'

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Inaugurating the 38th National Games in Dehradun, Modi Tuesday said India was trying its best to get the rights to host the 2036 Olympics

Dehradun: PM Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the 38th National Games in the Uttarakhand capital on Tuesday, said that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), implemented a day ago in Uttarakhand, "has the same team spirit as sports, and discriminates against none".

"Sportsmanship keeps us away from feelings of discrimination, helps us play with team spirit. This is the essence of UCC too. The law would become the foundation for the dignified life of our sisters, mothers and daughters. Democracy and the spirit of the Constitution will be strengthened by it. Sometimes, I even call it a secular civil code," the PM told the audience at the packed Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Rai-

pur area of Doon.

Earlier in his address, CM Dhami also mentioned UCC. "Under the leadership of the PM, we took the pledge in 2022 to implement UCC in the state. And on Jan 27, we implemented it," Dhami said.

Modi also said that India was making an all-out effort to get the hosting rights of the 2036 Olympics. "If we succeed in doing it, then sports in this country will attain new heights. Olympics is not just a sporting event—it boosts the overall economy of the particular country hosting it. It

helps in increasing tourism, development of infrastructure, transport sector and sports facilities, leading to job creation," he said.

Modi also flagged the issue of increasing obesity among people of the country. "It is worrisome because obesity also increases the risk of diabetes and heart-related ailments. To counter that, I urge citizens to squeeze out some time daily to exercise in whatever way possible. They should also focus on having a balanced and nutritious diet," he said.

Coldplay on lips, Modi says go big on 'gig' economy

Bhubaneswar: British band Coldplay's sell-out concerts in Mumbai and Ahmedabad struck a chord with PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday, prompting him to pitch India as a "concert economy" that could potentially generate huge revenue and employment with concerted public-private investment in infrastructure for live events, report **Debabrata Mohapatra & Minati Singha**.

"You might have seen fabulous pictures of the Coldplay concerts...Renowned international artists are increasingly drawn towards India," he said in Bhubaneswar. "In a country with such a rich heritage in music, dance and storytelling, with such a large pool of youth and a massive consumer base for concerts, there are vast opportunities for the concert economy. I expect the state and private sector to focus on the required infra and skills."

China still boosting infra, def positions along LAC

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New Delhi: Despite troop disengagement in Depsang and Demchok last Oct and a flurry of top-level diplomatic meetings, there has been no let-up in China's strengthening of its military positions and infrastructure all along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) stret-

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ching from eastern Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.

"The infrastructure development activities of the People's Liberation Army are continuing at multiple locations along LAC. In the east, for in-

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- China has been **constructing 2 new roads**, including one from Lampug towards Tangwu, during winters to provide alternative connectivity
- **PLA has also upgraded a couple of dirt tracks** to ensure it can 'surge' troops
- New **military camps** and concrete road built from its **Tangwu dual-use Xiaokang border village**

stance, it is happening in Rongto Chu and other valleys," a defence source told TOI.

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HOSTING 2036 OLYMPICS WILL TAKE INDIAN SPORTS TO NEW HEIGHTS, SAYS PM MODI

DEHRADUN, Jan 28 (PTI)

A MODEST but colourful opening ceremony showcasing Uttarakhand's religious heritage and bio-diversity kicked-off the 38th National Games here on Tuesday with guest of honour Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterating his commitment to bring the 2036 Olympics to India during his address.

Around 10,000 athletes are gearing up to compete for podium finishes across 32 disciplines in the Games that will run till February 14. Events will be held across seven cities of the hill state with Dehradun being the main venue.

Around 450 gold medals, and a similar number of silver and bronze medals are at stake.

Modi declared the Games open after the teams marched in and he was presented the flame at the ceremony.

"It is our endeavour to enhance your capabilities and we are focussed on supporting you. We consider sports an essential aspect in development of country," Modi told the gathered athletes at the ceremony.

"It is a beautiful portrait of 'Ek Bharat, Sreshth Bharat,'" Modi said referring to the Games. The Prime Minister also used the opportunity to pass some health tips, urging youngsters to fight the growing menace of obesity by cutting down the oil in their food and adding more walks and exercise to their daily routines.

The ceremony started with a performance of 'Tandav', a classical dance form that is an ode to Lord Shiva. The Games were declared open with blowing of 2025 conches to mark the year.

Local favourite and popular Bollywood singer Jubin Nautiyal also performed during the ceremony.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at gathering as he attends the opening ceremony of 38th National Games in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

(PTI)

Earlier, Modi arrived at the stadium riding on a decked-up golf cart along with Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama.

After taking a round of the stadium, he was presented a traditional cap, shawl and a memento containing replicas of Games mascot 'Mauli' and the medals. An estimated 25,000 spectators have packed the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium despite the chilly weather to catch the ceremony live.

The PM had also opened the last two editions of the Games in 2022 (Gujarat) and 2023

(Goa).

Uttarakhand Governor Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh, Union Minister of State for Sports Raksha Khadse, and Uttarakhand Sports Minister Rekha Arya were the dignitaries present on the occasion.

Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha and Commonwealth Games Federation chief Chris Jenkins were also in attendance at the ceremony.

Uttarakhand's own Lakshya Sen, a world championships medal-winning shuttler, brought the Games torch and handed it over to Modi, who

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placed it in its designated place.

During the Athletes' Parade, Uttarakhand expectedly received the loudest cheer. Almora's Sen and distance runner Ankita Dhyani were Uttarakhand's flag-bearers in the parade.

Sen later took oath on behalf of the participating athletes.

Under IOA's objective of inclusivity, the National Games also following established norms of having a male and a female flag bearer leading each team.

Hosting the National Game holds a special significance for Uttarakhand as the state is celebrating the 25th year of its creation. 'Mauli', inspired by Uttarakhand's state bird 'Monal', is the Games mascot, symbolising the region's unique natural beauty, diversity and cultural heritage.

Among the prominent names who will turn up are Olympic medal-winning shooters Swapnil Kusale and Sarabjot Singh, world championships medallist shuttler Lakshya Sen and Tokyo Games bronze-winning boxer Lovlina Borgahain.

Most of the established sporting stars of the country such as javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, shuttler PV Sindhu, shooter Manu Bhaker are giving it a miss, leaving the stage for other athletes to make a mark.

Four sports -- kalarippayattu, yogasana, mallakhambha and rafting -- will be demonstration (non-medal) sports.

With the theme of 'Green Games', the event aims to inspire individuals and organisations to adopt eco-friendly and sustainable practices.

India's semiconductor market projected to reach \$103.4 billion by 2030

BHUBANESWAR, Jan 28 (IANS)

INDIA'S semiconductor market is projected to grow to \$103.4 billion by 2030, powering the over \$400 billion electronics market, the Indian Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) said on Tuesday.

The government's targeted incentives for fabrication facilities (Fabs) and outsourced semiconductor assembly and

testing (OSATs), increased R&D investments and collaborative industry initiatives are key to propelling India's semiconductor sector forward, with significant investment commitments of over \$21 billion by the IESA member companies in last one year, said Ashok Chandak, President of IESA. At the two-day 'Utkarsh Odisha' – Make in Odisha Conclave 2025' here, the indus-

try body also launched "India Semiconductor Market Report 2030" in the presence of Union Minister of Railways and Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw. The report highlighted key recommendations for achieving India's semiconductor ambitions, like continuing the 'Semicon India' programme beyond the initial outlay of \$10 billion and DLI scheme with some modifications.

Can't accept export of raw materials: PM

'Value addition must happen in India'

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Inaugurating the 'Utkarsh Odisha - Make in Odisha Conclave' in Bhubaneswar's Janata Maidan, Modi said he considers eastern India as the growth engine of the country, and the State plays

he said.

"The minerals are extracted here and exported to some other country where value addition is done and finished products are then sent back to India. This trend is not acceptable to Modi," he added, citing the example of the export of marine products for processing in other countries.

"Instead, a robust supply and value chain must be built within India to minimise the impact of global fluctuations. This responsibility lies with both the government and the industry," he said.

The PM said the milestone of a USD5 trillion economy was not far away for India.

He said India's economy rests on two major pillars -- the innovative service sector and quality products.

"The potential for green jobs is also growing significantly. There is a need to adapt to the demands and requirements of the times. India is focusing on green technology and a green future, including solar, wind, hydro, and green hydrogen, which will power the energy security of a developed India," he said.

The PM said the aspirations of crores of people were driving India's movement on the path of development.

"Today, India is moving on a path of development driven by the aspirations of crores of people. This is an era of AI. However, the aspiration of India, not just AI, is the power of our country. Aspiration grows when the needs of the people are fulfilled. In the last decade, the country has witnessed the benefit of empowering crores of people. Odisha represents the same aspiration," he said. Modi said the 21st century is about connected infrastructure and multi-modal connectivity.

"India is building specialised infrastructure at unprecedented speed and scale. It will make India a great destination for investment," he said.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at an exhibition during the 'Utkarsh Odisha' - Make in Odisha Conclave, in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday. (PMO via PTI)

BHUBANESWAR, Jan 28 (PTI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he cannot accept raw materials getting exported and finished products being shipped into the country, assert-

an important role in it. "The country's development is not possible only by exporting raw materials. Therefore, we are changing the entire ecosystem and working with a new vision,"

Urging all to recognise the challenges of the global supply chain in a changing world, the PM said India cannot rely on fragmented and import-based supply chains.