

# CJI: Don't reduce SC to 'tarikh pe tarikh' court

## Frowns At Avg 154 Adjournment Requests Daily

**New Delhi:** Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud on Friday said lawyers must not reduce the Supreme Court to a "tarikh pe tarikh court" by sending requests at the drop of a hat for adjournment of cases listed for hearing.

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the highest court to the public," said the CJI, referring to Sunny Deol's angry outburst in the film 'Damini' over the stubborn pattern of clients seeking adjournments and the courts, very often, granting the requests.

The CJI said with the help of two advocates bodies — the

SC Bar Association and the SC Advocates on Record Association — the registry has been able to cut down the time between filing of a fresh case and its listing before a bench for hearing. But the adjournment requests create a major hindrance in expeditious hearing of the pending cases. Chandrachud said between September 1 and November 3, advocates have sent in on an average 154 slips daily seeking adjournment of listed cases for Mondays and Fridays, when the court takes up fresh and after notice cases for hearing.

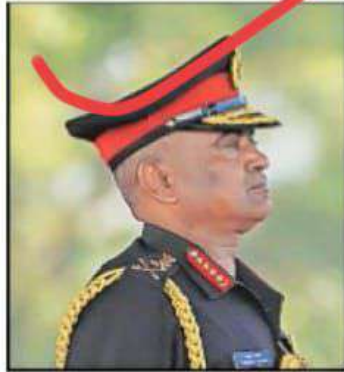
The "tarikh pe tarikh" line had hit a chord with the public because of the lived experience of court proceedings turning out to be a never-ending affair. The perception has been fuelled by the long average life of civil and criminal cases in courts. TNN

# INDIA

## 'Establishing defence wings in new locations AROUND THE WORLD'

NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (PTI)

INDIA'S outlook emphasises respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations as well as peaceful resolution of disputes and adherence to international rules, Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande said on Friday, against the backdrop of the festering border row with China in eastern Ladakh.



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In an address at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, General Pande also said that India is establishing defence wings in new locations around the world and that the Army is keen to enhance the scope and scale of joint military training and exercises with friendly foreign partner nations. Delving into current geo-political upheavals, he emphasised on the need to take note of growing salience of national security in international affairs and the "renewed currency" of hard power.

The Chief of Army Staff described India as the "bright spot" amidst despondency and geopolitical flux. "Our outlook emphasises respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity

of all nations, equality of all, peaceful resolution of disputes, avoidance of use of force and adherence to international rules, laws and regulations," General Pande said without making any specific references.

The Chief of Army Staff said India's commitment towards positively engaging all stakeholders has been "unwavering and enduring" over the years.

"In the military domain we understand our role in the emerging multilateral architecture. We are keen to enhance the scope and scale of our joint training and exercises, interoperability, sub-regional perspectives and sharing of best practices with friendly foreign partner nations," he said.

## To resolve Conflicts

## 'Revitalise diplomacy'

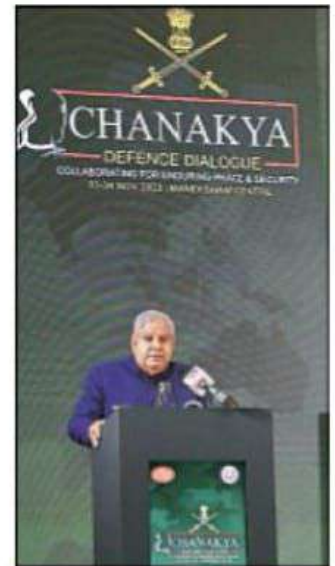
NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (PTI)

VICE President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said there was an urgent need to explore innovative approaches to strengthen deterrence and revitalise diplomacy for more effective conflict resolution. Addressing the Chanakya Defence Dialogue-2023, the Vice President also underscored the paramount importance of achieving and upholding peace through a multi-faceted approach, combining ideation, advocacy, outreach, persuasion, and dialogue, while also being vigilant and prepared.

"Being prepared for war is a pathway to peace," he said, and emphasised that a nation's strength was the most impactful defence and deterrent. Dhankhar also highlighted the significance of harnessing a nation's soft power and economic strength as integral components in enhancing the security environment.

He said the emergence of deep technologies like AI, robotics, quantum, semiconductors, bio-tech, drones and hypersonics have re-written the very character of war.

"Prowess and mastery of



Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar addresses the gathering at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023 at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi on Friday. (PTI)

these domains will determine the strategic haves and have nots of the future," Dhankhar said. Referring to the ongoing crises in Ukraine and West Asia, the vice president expressed concern that despite globalisation and economic interdependencies, conflicts endure.

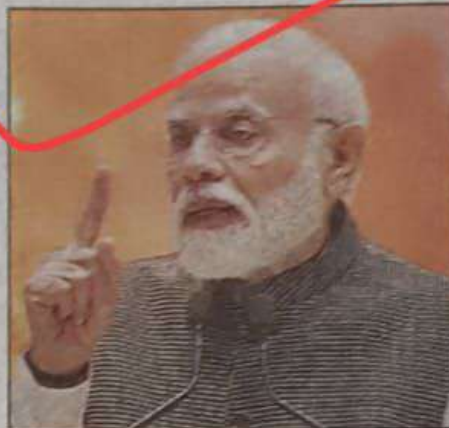
# PM releases ₹380cr to 1L SHGs in food sector

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** PM Narendra Modi on Friday said that rapid urbanisation is pushing up demand for packaged food and urged companies to tap into India's food diversity, arguing that it will help them reap dividends in the coming years, even as he urged cutting down on post-harvest losses and food wastage to bolster food security.

Citing the growing demand within the country, Modi said that the food processing sector has attracted Rs 50,000 crore foreign direct investment (FDI) during the last nine years, with processed food exports rising 150%. Citing how investor-friendly policies have helped the food sector, Modi said the share of processed food in the export of agri products has increased from 13% to 23%.

Before his address at the second edition of World Food India at Bharat Mandapam here, the PM disbursed seed capital assistance worth Rs 380 crore to over one lakh self help groups (SHGs) and inaugurated a 'food street' as part of the event.



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Modi said that rapid urbanisation offers huge "unexplored opportunities" for farmers, start-ups and small entrepreneurs in this sector. He said, "Urbanisation in India is happening at a rapid pace. Because of increasing employment opportunities, now more people are working out of home. This has pushed the demand for packaged food and it is growing." He urged the entrepreneurs to plan big to tap this opportunity.

More than 80 countries, 200 speakers and 12 partner ministries, departments and commodity boards are scheduled to take part in the World Food India 2023.

## Modi, UAE president discuss West Asia

PM Narendra Modi spoke to UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Friday about the Israel-Hamas conflict amid escalating violence in the Gaza Strip. The two leaders expressed concerns over terrorism, loss of civilian lives and called for early resolution of the conflict. "We share deep concerns at the terrorism, deteriorating situation and loss of civilian lives. We agree on the need for early resolution of the security and humanitarian situation and that a durable regional peace, security and stability is in everyone's interest," said Modi on X. TNN

In his address, the PM highlighted measures such as production linked incentive scheme, and establishment of mega food parks for further development of the food processing sector. He said about Rs 50,000 crore investment has been made to set up post-crop harvest related infrastructure projects under Agri Infra Fund.

# India's \$15 mn grant to Lanka To bolster Buddhist connections

COLOMBO, Nov 3 (PTI)

**INDIA** has allocated a "landmark" grant of USD 15 million to Sri Lanka to bolster the long-standing Buddhist connections between the two nations, officials here said on Friday. The bilateral agreement on the grant was signed on Thursday at the President's House in Colombo in the presence of President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during her three-day visit to the island nation.

The first project to be initiated under the USD 15 million grant is the solar electrification of religious

sites across Sri Lanka, with an allocation of USD 10 million, the President's Media Division of Sri Lanka said in a statement. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for this significant project was jointly finalised by the governments of India and Sri Lanka, it said.

The "landmark USD 15 million grant" strengthened Buddhist ties between India and Sri Lanka, the statement said.

"This grant is specifically allocated to bolster the longstanding Buddhist connections between India and Sri Lanka, underscoring the deep historical and cultural ties that bind these two nations togeth-

er," it said. Wickremesinghe and Sitharaman engaged in "lengthy bilateral discussions" during the bilateral agreement signing event, the statement said.

Noting that the grant underscores the significance of strengthening Buddhist linkages between India and Sri Lanka, the President's Media Division said that the fund would be allocated towards various initiatives, including the construction and renovation of Buddhist monasteries, capacity development, cultural exchange, archaeological cooperation, reciprocal exhibition of relics and other areas of mutual interest.

# **Bhutan King offers prayer at Kamakhya Temple**

GUWAHATI, Nov 3 (PTI)

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BHUTAN King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuk on Friday began his maiden three-day tour to Assam with a visit to the famed Kamakhya Temple atop the Nilachal Hills in Guwahati.

Earlier in the day, the 43-year-old King of the neighbouring Himalayan country arrived at the Lokpriya Gopinath International Airport here and was received by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, his Cabinet colleagues and State Government officials.

# India and Italy sign pact to enable seamless movement of students, professionals

ROME, Nov 3 (PTI)

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INDIA and Italy have signed the Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement to enable seamless movement of workers, students and professionals after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a comprehensive and productive meeting with his counterpart Antonio Tajani.

Jaishankar is here on the last leg of his four-day visit to Portugal and Italy.

“A comprehensive and productive meeting this evening with DPM & FM @Antonio\_Tajani,” Jaishankar posted on X after the meeting.

“Conversed about deepening our strategic partnership. Agreed that potential in agro-tech, innovation, space, defence and the digital domain should be explored,” he wrote. “Signed the Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement and the Cultural Exchange Programme at the end of our talks,” Jaishankar said.

# Hezbollah chief threatens escalation

**Beirut:** Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said Friday that his powerful militia is already engaged in unprecedented cross-border fighting with Israel along the Lebanon-Israel border and threatened a further escalation.

In the televised remarks — Nasrallah's first since the beginning of the Hamas-Israel war — he stopped short of announcing that his Lebanese militia would fully enter the war, a move that would have devastating consequences for both Lebanon and Israel. The US, Israel's strongest backer, has warned Hezbollah and its patron Iran against entering the fray and has sent



Hassan Nasrallah

warships to the Mediterranean, a move that Nasrallah said "will not scare us". Hezbollah is prepared for all options, he declared, "and we can resort to them at any time." The fighting on the Lebanon-Israel border would "not be limited" to the scale seen until now, he added.

"Whoever wants to prevent a regional war, and I am talking to the Americans, must quickly halt the aggression on Gaza," Nasrallah said.

Israel considers Hezbollah its most serious immediate threat, estimating that Hezbollah has 150,000 rockets aimed at Israel, as well as drones and surface-to-air and -sea missiles. AP