

# Jaishankar to visit Pak for SCO summit today

ISLAMABAD, Oct 14 (IANS)

**ALL EYES** are fixed on the visit of India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar as Pakistan hosts the two-day SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting in Islamabad starting Tuesday.

Despite the fact that India has not requested for any bilateral engagement during Jaishankar's stay in Islamabad, several Ministers of the ruling Government and the Opposition leaders have put the spotlight on his arrival for domestic political gains.

It all began with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) lawmaker and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Information Advisor Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif extending an invitation to Jaishankar to come and meet PTI workers who are holding a protest rally in the country's capital. "All foreign delegations coming to Islamabad for the SCO Summit will be happy to

File photo



see our protest and will appreciate the democratic practices and strength of our country... We would also invite Jaishankar to address our anti-Government protest and see for himself how strong Pakistan's democracy is," said Saif.

Responding quickly, the Pakistani Government led by Shehbaz Sharif slammed PTI for its move.

"Inviting Indian FM to address its workers raises questions on PTI's credibility," said

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senator Irfan Siddiqui alleged that the PTI only invited the Indian Minister and no other dignitary to address their protest.

"Out of all the leaders, PTI invited only the Indian FM. It would be better if the PTI takes Jaishankar to more than 200 defence installations and destroyed monuments of martyrs," he said while referring to the massive riots in the country on May 9, 2023.

# Nobel economics prize awarded to three

- Their research explained why societies with poor rule of law and exploitative institutions do not generate sustainable growth

STOCKHOLM, Oct 14 (AP)

**THE** Nobel memorial prize in economics was awarded Monday to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson for research that explains why societies with poor rule of law and exploita-



tive institutions do not generate sustainable growth.

The three economists "have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for a

country's prosperity," the Nobel committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said at the announcement in Stockholm.

Acemoglu and Johnson work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Robinson conducts his research at the University of Chicago.

"Reducing the vast differences in income between countries is one of our time's greatest challenges. The laureates have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for achieving this," Jakob Svensson, Chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences, said.

He said their research has provided "a much deeper  
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# Army chief on 4-day Japan visit

NEW DELHI, Oct 14 (PTI)

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**ARMY** chief General Upendra Dwivedi is on a four-day visit to Japan with an aim to bolster defence cooperation between the two countries.

During his visit from October 14-17, the Army chief will also visit Hiroshima, wherein he will lay a wreath at the Hiroshima Peace Park and pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his statue at the Peace Park.

The visit marks a "significant step in bolstering defence cooperation between India and Japan," the Defence Ministry said in a statement here.

# ISRO chief gets World Space Award for achievement of Chandrayaan-3

BENGALURU, Oct 14 (PTI)

**INDIAN** Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said on Monday that its Chairman S Somanath has received the International Astronautical Federation's (IAF) prestigious World Space Award for Chandrayaan-3's remarkable achievement.

"This recognition celebrates India's contributions to space exploration. Celebrations underway in Milan (Italy) as we continue to strive for new frontiers," the national agency headquartered here said in an online post.

According to the IAF, Chandrayaan-3 mission by ISRO exemplifies the synergy of scientific curiosity and cost-effective engineering, symbol-



ISRO chief S Somanath receives the IAF World Space Award for Chandrayaan-3 mission success during a ceremony in Milan, Italy. (PTI)

ising India's commitment to excellence and the vast potential that space exploration offers humanity.

"Rapidly unveiling previously undiscovered facets of the Moon's composition and geology, the mission stands

as a global testament to innovation.

Achieving a historic milestone, Chandrayaan-3 becomes the first to touch down near the lunar South Pole, showcasing both aspiration and technological prowess on

an international scale," the IAF said in a statement.

Chandrayaan-3 was launched July 6 last year from Sriharikota spaceport and it successfully made the soft landing near the South Pole on August 23.

# S Paramesh appointed new Indian Coast Guard chief

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THE Centre on Monday appointed the Indian Coast Guard's Additional Director General S Paramesh as the new chief of the maritime force.

He will assume his new appointment on October.

He is presently officiating as the Director General after the demise of his predecessor DG Rakesh Pal last month. He has served the organisation in various capacities in ashore and afloat appointments with distinction over the past three decades.

The Flag Officer is an alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi and Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

He has a professional history, studied with achievements and a proven track record of outstanding and meritorious performance in all assign-

ments he has held.

The Flag Officer is specialised in Navigation and Direction and his sea commands include all major vessels of ICG which include Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel Samar and Offshore Patrol Vessel Vishwast.

His key staff assignments include Dy Director General (Operations and Coastal Security), Principal Director (Operations) at the Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi and Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at the Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (East), Chennai.

The Flag Officer was at the helm of Coast Guard Region (East) and Coast Guard Region (West) and Coast Guard Commander (Eastern Seaboard) from July 23, 2018, to August 7, 2023, before assuming the Additional Director General Coast Guard.

## India expels 6 Canadian diplomats; withdraws High Commissioner, officials from Canada

# 'Preposterous Imputations': India hits back after Canada cites Indian diplomats as 'persons of interest'

NEW DELHI, Oct 14 (PTI)

INDIA on Monday expelled six Canadian diplomats and announced withdrawing its high commissioner and other "targeted" officials from Canada after strongly dismissing Ottawa's allegations linking the envoy to a probe into the killing of Sikh extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, in a major downturn in already frosty ties between the two nations.

India's decision to recall High Commissioner Sanjay Verma and some other diplomats came shortly after the Canadian Charge d'Affaires Stewart Wheelers was sum-

The Canadian Govt has not shared a single piece of evidence with the Indian Government despite many requests from them, says MEA

moned to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Wheelers was bluntly told that baseless "targeting" of the Indian envoy and other officials was "completely unacceptable".

"The Washington Post", quoting unnamed Canadian officials, reported that Canada



### Killing of Khalistani terrorist Nijjar case

on Monday ordered six Indian diplomats to leave the country, including Verma and the top consular official in Toronto. In a late evening

statement, the MEA said India has asked six Canadian diplomats including Charge d'Affaires Wheelers and Deputy High Commissioner

India strongly rejected the allegations and ascribed them to political agenda of the Trudeau Government centered around vote bank politics.

Patrick Hebert to leave India by or before 11:59 pm on October 19. The other diplomats expelled are Marie Catherine Joly, Ian Ross David Trites, Adam James Chuipka and Paula Orjuela (all first secretaries).

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Canada's Deputy High Commissioner to India Stewart Wheelers leaves from the Ministry of External Affairs, in New Delhi on Monday. (PTI)