

Climate change real, India to declare NDC by Dec: Minister at UN COP30

BELEM (Brazil), Nov 18 (PTI)

INDIA will submit its revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for the 2035 period by December, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Monday, while calling on developed nations to achieve net-zero targets well ahead of their current deadlines.

Addressing the high-level segment of the COP30 climate summit here, Yadav said climate change was "real and imminent", driven by unsustainable patterns of growth and development.

In a separate programme at the COP30, he underlined the need for global partnerships to accelerate industrial transition and announced international proj-



Bhupender Yadav

ects focused on value creation from industrial by-products.

"Developed countries must reach net zero far earlier than current target dates, fulfil obligations under Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement, and deliver new, additional and concessional climate finance, estimated in trillions of dollars," he said.

Brazil urges nations to find solutions to global warming

BELEM (Brazil), Nov 18 (AP)

WITH a direct letter sent to nations, host country Brazil is shifting the UN climate conference into a higher gear.

The letter sent late Monday comes during the final week of what has been billed as a historic climate summit, the first ever in the Amazon rainforest, a key regulator of climate because trees absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that warms the planet.

Modi calls for reshaping global climate finance

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (IANS)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted that there is a strong opportunity to reshape global climate finance with greater transparency and common standards. The post on 'X' points out that India's G20 Presidency delivered a clear message to the world that the 20th-century multilateral framework is not serving its purpose.

Jaishankar meets President Putin

MOSCOW, Nov 18 (PTI)

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday met Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin and apprised him of preparations underway for the upcoming annual India-Russia summit. Putin shook hands with Jaishankar, receiving him in the Representative Office of the Senate Palace in the Kremlin, state-run TASS news agency reported.

“Honoured to call on President Putin of Russia in Moscow today. Conveyed greetings of Prime Minister @narendramodi,”

Jaishankar said on social media.

“Apprised him of preparations underway for the upcoming Annual India Russia Summit. Also discussed regional and global developments. Deeply value his perspectives and guidance on further advancement of our ties,” the Minister added.

The visuals released by the Kremlin showed Putin welcoming Jaishankar, who was accompanied by Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar and Joint Secretary Mayank Singh. The meeting was attended by Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Maxim Oreshkin, Presidential

Aide Yury Ushakov, Minister of Economic Development Maxim Reshetnikov and Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko.

The meeting comes ahead of Putin’s planned year-end visit to India. The Russian president is expected to visit India around December 5 to hold annual summit talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

On Monday, Jaishankar held extensive talks with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov. The meeting comes as the two sides prepare for President Putin’s visit to India for the 23rd annual summit.

'Zero tolerance', 'no whitewashing': Jaishankar on terrorism at SCO meeting

MOSCOW, Nov 18 (PTI)

INDIA on Tuesday said that the world must display "zero tolerance" towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, asserting that there can be no justification, no looking away and "no whitewashing".

"As India has demonstrated, we have the right to defend our people against terrorism, and will exercise it," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in his address at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government meeting here.

Jaishankar said India believes that the SCO must "adapt to the changing global landscape, develop an expanded agenda, and reform its working methods".

"We will contribute positively and fully to these objectives," he said.

The SCO was founded at a summit in



Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, right, and Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar shake hands at the SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting in Moscow, Russia on Tuesday. (AP/PTI)

Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

India and Pakistan became its permanent members in 2017. In July 2023, Iran became the new permanent member of the SCO at an India-hosted virtual summit of the grouping. "We must never forget that the SCO was founded to combat the three evils of terrorism, separatism and extremism. These threats have become even more serious in the years that have passed," he said.

"It is imperative that the world displays zero tolerance towards terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. There can be no justification, no looking away and no whitewashing," the EAM said.

Jaishankar also emphasised on the prevailing economic situation globally and the importance of fostering greater cultural ties in the influential bloc.

The exposition of sacred Buddhist relics in many of the countries which are SCO members is a 'notable example', he said.

UNSC endorses Trump's Gaza peace plan

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UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18 (PTI)

THE UN Security Council has adopted a draft resolution endorsing US President Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan and authorising the establishment of an international stabilisation force in the enclave, with the American leader describing it as a "moment of true historic proportion".

The US-drafted resolution was adopted in the 15-nation Council on Monday evening with 13 votes in favour, none against, and abstentions by China and Russia.

It endorsed Trump's 'Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict' announced on September 29, which envisions Gaza as a "deradicalised terror-

AUTHORISES STABILISATION FORCE

Netanyahu applauds UN adoption of Trump's Gaza plan, Hamas rejects it

JERUSALEM, Nov 18 (AP)

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday applauded the United Nations' approval of the Trump administration's blueprint to secure and govern Gaza, while Hamas rejected the plan as a foreign instrument of control.

The resolution that passed the UN Security Council on Monday authorises an international stabilisation force to

provide security in war-devastated Gaza, approves a transitional authority called the Board of Peace to be overseen by President Donald Trump and envisions a possible future path to an independent Palestinian state. "We believe that President Trump's plan will lead to peace and prosperity because it insists upon full demilitarisation, disarmament and the deradicalisation of Gaza," Netanyahu's office wrote on X on Tuesday.

free zone that does not pose a threat to its neighbours" and is redeveloped for the benefit of its population. The resolution also welcomed the establishment of a 'Board of Peace' (BoP), described as a "transitional administration" with international legal personality that will set the framework and coordinate funding for Gaza's reconstruction under the plan.

Trump, in a social media post, welcomed the Council's adoption of the resolution, describing it as "a moment of true historic proportion". Meanwhile, an Israeli was killed and three were wounded in an attack at an intersection in the West Bank, Israel's rescue service said, following a spate of settler attacks on Palestinians across the occupied territory.

Hasina verdict: Protests, arson rock Desh

DHAKA, Nov 18 (IANS)

FOLLOWING the death sentence of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the country reeled under protests and attacks throughout the night as several vehicles were torched in five districts.

Bangladesh's International Crimes

Tribunal (ICT) on Monday pronounced a death sentence for former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after it found her guilty on the charges of crimes against humanity related to the demonstrations in July of last year.



The court also convicted Hasina and her two top aides, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and former Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun.

Mamun has been granted a pardon, but the court said that, given the intensity of the crimes, he will be given a "lenient sentence".

Following this, the effect was largely seen in Dhaka's Dhanmondi 32, where clashes turned the area into a battlefield on Monday.

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UN chief Guterres opposes death penalty for Hasina

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18 (IANS)

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL Antonio Guterres is against the death penalty imposed on Sheikh Hasina by a Bangladesh court, according to his Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric.

"We stand against the use of the death penalty in all circumstances", he said on Monday, replying to a question at his daily briefing on the sentence imposed in absentia on the leader who is in exile in India. Dujarric cited a statement by UN Human Rights High Commissioner Volker Turk and said that "we fully agree with" his opposition to death penalty.



Over 100 journalists across globe call VERDICT 'BIASED', 'NON-TRANSPARENT'

DHAKA, Nov 18 (IANS)

HUNDREDS of journalists worldwide have voiced serious concerns over the verdict against former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, warning that the "biased and non-transparent" judicial process of the country's International Crimes *(Contd on page 5)*