

EAM S Jaishankar meets Zanzibar President Mwinyi



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi, in New Delhi. (PTI)

NEW DELHI, July 19 (PTI)

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday met President of Zanzibar Hussein Ali Mwinyi and discussed ways to expand bilateral cooperation in higher education, capacity

building, water supply, health, and digital domains.

Zanzibar is a semi-autonomous province of Tanzania. Mwinyi has been Zanzibar's President since 2020.

India has close connections with Zanzibar in diverse areas

including education. A campus of the IIT Madras was set up in the province in October 2023.

"We discussed expanding our cooperation in higher education, capacity building, water supply, health, AI, digital and other priority sectors," Jaishankar said on social media. The External Affairs Minister described the IIT Madras campus in Zanzibar as "shining example" of India's close partnership and enduring commitment to Africa's education and development priorities.

Mwinyi is on a visit to India.

Separately, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan held "wide-ranging and productive discussions" with Mwinyi.

"The meeting reaffirmed the enduring India and Tanzania partnership and the special relationship India shares with Zanzibar, rooted in centuries-old maritime, cultural and people-to-people ties," the vice president's office said.

"The two leaders discussed ways to further strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, development partnership, tourism, the blue economy, education, technology and multi-lateral engagement," it said.

Sindh-Balochistan water dispute intensifies as ministers join protest

ISLAMABAD, July 19 (IANS)

THE water dispute between Pakistan's provinces of Sindh and Balochistan escalated as three Balochistan ministers participated in a farmers' protest at Sukkur Barrage, accusing Sindh of diverting their allocated share of water and stressed that farmers are facing financial stress due to prolonged shortages, local media reported on Sunday.

The ministers called on the Sindh government to act against what they termed the theft of Balochistan's water share through unauthorised channels in Sindh. Farmers from several parts of Larkana division and their counterparts from Balochistan on Saturday held protest over alleged water shortages, Pakistan-based 'The

Express Tribune' reported.

Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti has formed a committee comprising ministers - Muhammad Sadiq Umrani, Saleem Ahmed Khoso and Muhammad Khan Lehri, to raise water concerns of the province with the Sindh government.

Speaking to protesters, Muhammad Sadiq Umrani said Balochistan wanted its water share to be ensured under the 1991 Water Accord and said that the province was not getting its allocated share of 2,400 cusecs from Khirthar Canal and 6,700 cusecs from Pat Feeder.

Umrani said that farmers were getting severely impacted in Balochistan as they were not able to get water at crucial crop sowing periods, which will lead to financial losses.

Russian missile attack on Kyiv kills one, injures 16; exposes holes in air defences

KYIV, July 19 (AP)

RUSSIA attacked Kyiv overnight with ballistic missiles and other weapons, killing one and wounding 16 people, local authorities said, again highlighting Ukraine's shortage of US-made Patriot air defence systems.

US President Donald Trump has said he is prepared to grant Ukraine licences to produce Patriots, the most effective means of intercepting Russian ballistic missiles, potentially bolstering Kyiv's defences against similar Russian strikes. However, the details and timeline for implementing the decision remain unclear.

The latest attack on Kyiv began

Attack targeted sites linked to the Ukrainian military -- including plants producing Flamingo drones and parts for Neptune guided missiles, as well as a postal terminal, says Russia

at around 1:30 am and continued for several hours, with explosions echoing across the city.

Russia launched 41 missiles and 125 drones across Ukraine overnight, according to the Ukrainian air force. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said most of the missiles had targeted the capital. The strikes on Kyiv sparked fires in five districts, damaging residential buildings, office and industrial sites, a dormitory and vehicles, according to Ukraine's

State Emergency Service.

Rescuers pulled four people from a burning home in the Sviatoshynskiy district, while in the Shevchenkivskiy district, they saved residents from a three-storey building on fire. One person was found dead. Firefighters also responded to blazes in the Solomyanskyi, Desnianskyi and Dnipro districts.

Russia's Defence Ministry claimed the attack on Kyiv targeted sites linked to the

Ukrainian military -- including plants producing Flamingo drones and parts for Neptune guided missiles, as well as a postal terminal used for storing dual-use goods and assembling drones, robotic systems and electronic warfare equipment.

Separately, a strike on two oil tankers at the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) terminal off Russia's Black Sea halted oil loadings at the site, the CPC said on Sunday. The attack on the ASIA and NISSOS tankers sparked a fire aboard the ASIA, which was extinguished. The company did not say who was responsible for the attack. It added there were no casualties or oil spills, and the tankers remained afloat.

Shah reviews security in W Bengal

KOLKATA, July 19 (PTI)

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah held a meeting with West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari and officials here on Sunday to discuss law and order in the State, which shares a 2,217-km border with Bangladesh and also has frontiers with Nepal and Bhutan. Chief secretary Manoj Agarwal, Home secretary Sanghamitra Ghosh, State police chief Siddh Nath Gupta and IGP (CID) N R Babu were among the senior officials who attended the meeting held in South Kolkata, sources said.

Shah reviewed the State's law and order with the Chief Minister and top State officials at the meeting, they said.

The meeting also comes weeks after the passage of the stringent West Bengal Public Safety and Control of Anti-Social Activities Act, which substantially expanded the State's powers to tackle organised crime, extortion, ille-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari during a review meeting on security issues related to the India-Bangladesh border, in Siliguri on Saturday. (ANI)

gal mining, cybercrime and public disorder.

On a three-day visit to the State,

Shah on Saturday reviewed security arrangements along the India-Bangladesh border in

north Bengal, and inaugurated development projects worth Rs 77.06 crore for the BSF.

Shah inaugurates India's first immersive language museum in Kolkata

KOLKATA, July 19 (PTI)

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday inaugurated the Museum of Word at the National Library campus here and said a country's language carries its heritage and offers a window into its culture.

Developed by the National Library under the aegis of the Union Culture Ministry, India's first immersive language museum, also known as Shabdlok, celebrates the country's rich linguistic heritage and showcases the evolution of its oral and written traditions.

MP Cabinet clears draft UCC Bill



Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, commenced at Jagdishpur with the rendition of Vande Mataram.

■ By Bhavana 'Aparajita' Shukla from Jagdishpur
JAGDISHPUR, July 19

TERMINING Cabinet's decision historical, Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav after the meeting announced that equality will be prevailed in the State where 'Ram, Rahim, Ravinder and Robin, will have same rights' and the Cabinet unanimously approved the draft of Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill in the Cabinet meeting held at Jagdishpur, a historic town near Bhopal, once

known as Islamnagar.

Now, the draft will be introduced in the Monsoon Session of the State Assembly beginning on Monday.

Interacting with the mediapersons after the meeting, the Chief Minister highlighted main provisions of UCC draft stating that the legislation proposes common laws for marriage, divorce, maintenance, and inheritance. Polygamy will not be valid in the State. Divorce will have to follow a legal process. Women and men will get equal inheritance rights. Registration of live-in

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Zero tolerance against terror is India's 'Line of Action': Rajnath warns Pakistan

NEW DELHI, July 19 (PTI)

BACKED by a major boost in indigenous defence production, India is rapidly emerging as a credible global security partner, expanding its strategic footprint from the Indian Ocean to the Indo-Pacific, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday.

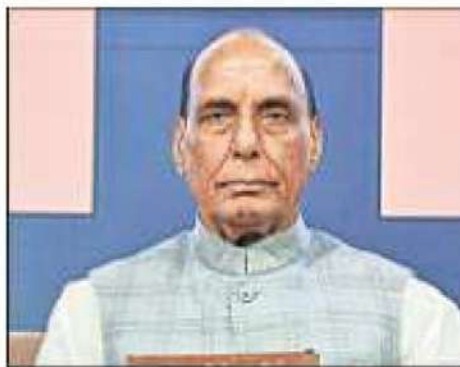
In an address at an event, Singh, sending a firm message to Pakistan, said New Delhi has clearly articulated its perspective on terrorism before the entire world and stressed that "zero tolerance against terrorism is not merely a statement for us, but a Line of Action."

"We will strike against terrorism not just at the doorstep but by entering the house. The whole world saw this during Operation Sindoor," he noted. The Defence Minister also highlighted India's success in indigenous defence manufacturing.

Defence products made in India are being exported to near-

ly 100 countries and that the total volume of the country's defence production has reached a record level of nearly Rs 1.78 lakh crore annually, he said.

"Today, India is not just manufacturing defence equipment



Rajnath Singh

for itself. India is becoming a credible security partner for the world. From the Indian Ocean to the Indo-Pacific, India's role is continuously strengthening," he said in Hindi.

The Defence Minister added that the nation is well-positioned to hit a Rs 3 lakh crore defence

production milestone by 2029.

"If a country depends on other countries for weapons, ammunition, navigation systems, missiles, radars and drones, then its strategic and military autonomy also becomes limited. We are working with the full intention of completely changing this," he said. Singh said the success of Operation Sindoor is a testament to the trust in India's industries.

The Defence Minister said the "biggest step" the Modi Government has taken towards strengthening India in the defence sector is to promote self-reliance in the defence industrial sector.

"Our vision for empowering India in the defence sector is the one that trusts India's capabilities. But the perspective of previous government was, somehow doubtful about India's potential and capability. "They perhaps did not have as much faith in India's capabilities as our government does," he said.