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India refuses to sign on Ukrainian Peace statement

Two day ' Ukrainian Peace conference ' ended with the signing of " joint communique on a peace framework " released on Burgersotock .

The communique calls for protection of Ukraine's "territorial integrity " and was based on Ukraine's peace formula and UN's charter and resolution . The document was signed by more than 80 countries .

India was among at least seven counties that refused to endorse " joint communique " . India said that only proposals acceptable to both Russia and Ukraine can lead to peace .

Saudi Arabia , South Africa , Thailand , Indonesia , Mexico and UAE were among the countries that refused to sign . India's policy in this regard has been consistent that India doesn't join any statement that is critical to Russia .

Many countries didn't send their head of states . India had sent a diplomat . Brazil attended the conference as an observer . China declined to participate .

Education minister Pradhan says 2 types of irregularities noticed to the conduct of NEET

The Union government will take strictest action against functionaries of National Testing Agency (NTA) , if they were found to be involved in the conduct of National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) UG exam , Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said.

He further elaborated that two types of irregularities were found in the exam , first that some students were allotted less time than the designated duration leading to widespread dissatisfaction .

' Additional wrongdoing have also come in two accounts " he further said .

Centre set to crack down late coming of office

Taking a serious note on the laxity of AEBAS (Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance System) and some employees coming late to work regularly , the Union government in a directive urged ministries , organisations and departments to monitor the attendance report of the employees .

Center has called for disciplinary action against those habitually coming late to work or leaving early .

Despite AEBAS system being in place , many have not registered with it . Government bhas asked authorities to register every employee under the same .

The advisory also said to use UIDAI launched face based recognition systems using Android and Apple phones. The system has features of fast authentication , live location detection and Geo tagging .

VP Dhankar inaugurates *prerna Sthal*

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar on Sunday inaugurated *Prerna Sthal* in Parliament House premises .

The statues and icons of 15 freedom fighters from different parts of Parliament House premises have been relocated to *prerna Sthal* .

The opposition leader's claimed that shifting of statues of Mahatma Gandhi , Bhim Rao Ambedkar will have an impact on protest by leaders .

LS speaker Om Birla had earlier declined such claims by the opposition .



India to host first multinational air exercise in Aug

The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise "Tarang Shakti 2024" will be held in August. The event is likely to see the participation of 10 countries.

Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, UAE, UK, USA will be participating.

Apart from this India is also planning to invite friendly foreign countries with which IAF interacts regularly. The information was shared by IAF.

"Tarang Shakti 2024" will be the first multinational exercise by IAF to be held in India. IAF participates in many multinational exercises such as Red Flag, Blue Flag, Pitch Black. But all are organised by some foreign countries.

Meanwhile, The Red Flag exercise of Air Forces in Alaska came to an end on June 14.

The exercise was conducted between June 4 to June 14. Singapore, Netherland, UK and Germany participated in the exercise. IAF had deployed eight Rafale fighters in this.

Canada and India are committed to working together on some 'important issues': Trudeau

India and Canada has agreed to "work together" to "deal with some of the very important" issues.

Canadian PM Justin Trudeau said on Saturday.

The statement came after PM Modi and Trudeau met on the sidelines of G 7 summit.

This is the first time the two have met in Canada.

Shah holds high level security to access security situation in J&K

Union Home minister Amit Shah reviewed the situation of Jammu and Kashmir and took stock of preparation of Amarnath Yatra to be started from 29 June.

Mr Shah directed the security agencies to work in "mission mode" to crack down on terrorist.

He said that the war against terrorism in J&K is in its final stage.

Since June 9, there have been terror strikes at four places in Raesi, Kathua, Doda and Jammu division. Since mid 2021, at least 26 major terror strikes have occurred in the Jammu region.

WORLD

Ukraine Peace Summit ends with a hope

The two day Ukraine Peace Conference summit in Burgersotock, Ukraine in Switzerland ended with participation of eighty countries and four organisations of the 100 attending "delegations".

"The ongoing war of the Russian federation against Ukraine continues to cause large scale human suffering and destruction, and to create risk and crises with Global repercussions." said the declaration.

It further added "All prisoners of war must be released by complete exchange. All deported and unlawfully displaced Ukrainian children, and all other Ukrainian children who are unlawfully detained must be returned to Ukraine."

The declaration emphasised.

Ukrainian President Volodimir Zelensky hailed the diplomatic "success" of the event.

Russia was not invited. Organisers have expressed hope that in the next Peace Conference Russia can be invited.

China's non participation was another set back for organisers.

EDITORIAL

Criminalising words

Speeches that do not instigate violence should not be deemed unlawful activity

The editorial is about the recent order by Delhi LG to prosecute Arundhati Roy and Sheikh Showkat Hussain under UAPA act.

The case is about a past speech by the two that asks for freedom of Kashmir from India.

Two steps back

India needs to stop gender gap in education and politics

The editorial is about recently released Global Gender Gap report 2024 , released last week by World Economic Forum (WEF) .

Overall Gender Gap Standing remained at 68.5%.

Iceland topped the ranking with 93.5% points .

India's standing stood to be 64.5% and it's rank was 129 . Previous year the rank was 127 .

The criteria on which the Gender Gap Report is published are :

1. Economic Participation and Opportunities
2. Educational Attainment
3. Health and Survival
4. Political Empowerment

In India for women labour Force Participation rate is 45.9 % . In education the gap between men and Women education is 17.2% . The number of women MPs in Lok Sabha has went down to 74 from previous 78.

Under the current Women Reservation Bill which proposes reservation of one third of women members can be a game changer .



ratio	limit	weight	value
1. Economic participation and opportunity			
* Labour force participation	1.0	0.199	0.199
* Wage equality for similar work	1.0	0.310	0.310
* Estimated earned income	1.0	0.221	0.221
* Legislators, senior officials and managers	1.0	0.149	0.149
* Professional and technical workers	1.0	0.121	0.121
sum	1.0		1.0
2. Educational attainment			
* Literacy rate	1.0	0.191	0.191
* Enrolment in primary education	1.0	0.459	0.459
* Enrolment in secondary education	1.0	0.229	0.229
* Enrolment in tertiary education	1.0	0.121	0.121
sum	1.0		1.0
3. Health and survival			
* Sex ratio at birth	0.944	0.693	0.654
* Healthy life expectancy	1.060	0.307	0.325
sum	1.0		0.980
4. Political empowerment			
* Women in parliament	1.0	0.310	0.310
* Women in ministerial positions	1.0	0.247	0.247
* Years with female head of state	1.0	0.443	0.443
sum	1.0		1.0
Compilation			
1. Economic participation and opportunity			1.000
2. Educational attainment			1.000
3. Health and survival			0.980
4. Political empowerment			1.000
sum			3.980