



(From left) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Kyrgyz President Sooronbay Jeenbekov, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, Tajik President Emomali Rahmon and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Bishkek, Friday. AP

Amid gathering trade war clouds, PM calls out protectionism at SCO



EXPRESS IN BISHKEK

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 14

AS INDIA decided to impose retaliatory import duties on 29 US items, Prime Minister Narendra Modi targeted trade protectionism at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit Friday and

underscored the need for a rules-based, anti-discriminatory and all-inclusive WTO-centred multilateral trading system.

At the summit in Bishkek, Modi said unilateralism and protectionism has not benefited anyone and that economic cooperation is the basis of "our people's future". "We need a rule-based, transparent, anti-discriminatory, open and all inclusive WTO-centred multilateral trading system so that the interests of every

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A few moments in nine hours: How Pakistan got a very cold shoulder

SHUBHAJIT ROY
BISHKEK, JUNE 14

AT 21 degrees Celsius, the weather in Bishkek was cool, away from the heat of Delhi and Islamabad. And with a spectacular view of the Kyrgyz Ala-Too mountain range, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan were in the same room for about nine hours over two days, but the shoulder could not have been colder.

Except for a few minutes when they exchanged pleasantries and a handshake in the

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CM SCHEDULES MEETING TODAY

Mamata calls for talks after HC push, doctor protests go national

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RAVIK BHATTACHARYA, SWEETY KUMARI & ABANTIKA GHOSH
KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, JUNE 14

HOURS AFTER the Calcutta High Court refused to pass any interim order on the strike by junior doctors at state-run hospitals and asked the West Bengal government to persuade them to resume work and restore health-care services, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee met a group of doctors at the state secretariat Nabanna Friday. She also invited protesting students but they didn't turn up. Following talks, a meeting with them is now being called at 5 pm Saturday.

Banerjee sent Dr Pradip Mitra, Director of Medical Education, to NRS Medical College and Hospital, where the June 10 attack on doctors

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Morjeena Bibi with her child outside SSKM Hospital, Kolkata as the strike by doctors continued Friday. Ravik Bhattacharya

Doctor-patient, public-govt, lines drawn hard in the ward

'CM should reach out... BJP won so much people not scared of TMC now'

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, JUNE 14

RIGHT ACROSS the main block of Seth Sukhlal Karnani Memorial (SSKM) Hospital, in the scant shade of a tree, sits Morjeena Bibi with her seven-month baby Mofiz. She has come from Balurghat in North Dinajpur and with no doctors to treat or admit

her child who suffers from hydrocephalus, she is angry. First, at the doctors, then at the ineffectiveness of the government.

A four-minute walk from her is the sprawling Academic block. On and around the staircase, more than a hundred junior doctors and interns sit holding placards: "We want justice," and "Security first, service later." Their anger's target: West Bengal

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Maoists ambush, gun down five policemen in Jharkhand

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JUNE 14

IN AN ambush Friday, five policemen were shot dead by 15 bike-borne Maoists in the Kurku market area in Saraikela district of Jharkhand. The policemen were attacked around 6.30 pm when they were patrolling the area, said ADG (Operations) M L Meena.

According to police, after gunning them down, Maoists snatched the guns of the two Assistant sub-inspectors, Goverdhan Paswan and Manodhan Hansda and three constables, Dhaneshwar Mahto, Yudhisthir and Dibru Purty, before crossing the state border into West Bengal.

Chief Minister Raghubar Das condemned the attack and said that the sacrifice of the policemen won't go in vain, adding that in this moment of grief, the government and the people of Jharkhand stand with the families of those killed.

Das said that the Naxals, who are counting their last days in the state, carried out the attack in anger. The government will take strong and appropriate action in the case, he said.

The Maoist ambush in Saraikela, near Jamshepur, is the third in the region since the Lok Sabha elections in Jharkhand. On May 28, 26 CRPF and Jharkhand Police personnel were injured in a series of IED blasts triggered by Maoists in the same area.

The blasts took place around 5 am when a joint team of the CRPF's special jungle warfare unit, and the police carried out searches.

A day after the polling in Jharkhand on May 20, Maoists triggered blasts that injured three personnel. Following the attacks, a series of alerts on more attacks were issued to all SPs.

On CMs' table today: Plan to revamp permit-raj food laws

RAVISH TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 14

ARGUING that the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, was framed during the era of food scarcity, the NITI Aayog has proposed that the Act be scrapped because it is an "impediment in the free movement of commodities" given that the country is now self-sufficient in most. The move, part of a plan for structural reform in agriculture, is up for discussion at the state Chief Ministers' gathering Saturday for the meeting of the Governing Council of the NITI Aayog to be

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From scarcity to surplus

IN AN age of surplus production, laws regulating trade of agricultural commodities need tweaking. Since agriculture is a state subject, proposal seeks to solicit views of CMs before it moves forward.

chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Whether Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Prevention of Black-marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities (PBM-SEC) Act, 1980 be scrapped altogether and replaced with a modern statute balancing the interests of farmers, consumers and supply chain participants?" is one of the items top on the agenda circulated to CMs, sources said.

Alternatively, the proposal has suggested classifying commodities under the EC Act into

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Her language change: 'Non-Bengalis will have to learn to speak Bengali'

SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, JUNE 14

PLAYING THE Bengali card for the first time after her party took a knocking in the Lok Sabha elections which saw the BJP make deep inroads, TMC leader and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Friday said those living in the state will have to learn to speak



'If you live here and scare Bengalis, will not tolerate'

Bengali, and that non-Bengalis will have to face consequences if they continue to target Bengali-speaking people.

"We have to bring Bengal forward. When I go to Bihar, UP, Punjab, I speak in their language. If someone is living in Bengal, he or she has to learn Bengali," Banerjee told TMC workers at Kancharpara in North 24

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SEBI bans NDTV's Roys from market for 2 yrs, says step down

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 14

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Friday banned New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) Ltd Chairman Prannoy Roy and Managing Director Radhika Roy from the securities market for two years and restrained them from holding any key managerial personnel or directorship in the company for two years.

In an order, Sebi said they failed "to conform to the fair and transparent principles of trades in the securities market" in a case relating to transfer of NDTV shares. The Roys, who were the promoters and majority shareholders in NDTV, will have to step down following the order which comes into force with immediate effect.

"The way loan agreements have been used to deceitfully transfers shares of NDTV up to 30 per cent to Vishvapradhan Commercial Private Limited (VCPL) without the knowledge of NDTV board or its shareholders, it can be held that the acts of the noticees (Prannoy Roy, Radhika Roy and their firm RRPR Holdings Pvt Ltd) are in stark violation of Regulation 4(1) of PFUTP Regulations, being unfair trade practices," the order said.

In a statement Friday evening, Radhika and Prannoy Roy said the SEBI order was

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