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India tariffs unacceptable, Trump says on eve of meeting with Modi

US President says New Delhi must withdraw 'very high' tariffs



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during a bilateral meeting, ahead of the G-20 Summit, in Osaka on Thursday. Reuters



SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 27

A DAY after US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo said there has been a lot of "noise" and New Delhi and Washington need to work on resolving their issues with "as little theatre as possible", US President Donald Trump, in a blistering tweet on Thursday, targeted India for "very high tariffs". He said New Delhi's recent imposition of retaliatory import duties was "unacceptable" and should be withdrawn.

On Wednesday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pompeo had played down concerns over India-US economic ties.

"I look forward to speaking with Prime Minister Modi about the fact that India, for years having put very high tariffs against the United States, just recently increased the tariffs even further. This is unacceptable and the

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Abe links aircraft sale to 'free, open' Indo-Pacific

SHUBHAJIT ROY
OSAKA, JUNE 27

FOR THE first time, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has linked the sale of US-2 amphibious aircraft with the goal of realising a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific". This was conveyed in his conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

Abe's spokesperson Takeshi Osuga, who is also Japan's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, revealed this in an interview to *The Indian Express*, on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit.

"PM Abe told PM Modi that with a view to realise a free and open Indo-Pacific, he has given instructions for preparing for early holding of the 2+2 ministerial meeting between the two countries, and making progress in the cooperation for promoting connectivity through high-quality infrastructure. And, also work to concretise defence and security cooperation, including on US-2," said Osuga.

Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale, however, did not mention the US-2 in his briefing, although he said the two leaders

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Bombay HC clears Maratha quota with cuts, total up to 65%

State govt gave 16%, High Court rules 12% in education & 13% in govt jobs

SAILEE DHAYALKAR
MUMBAI, JUNE 27

THE BOMBAY High Court Thursday upheld the Maharashtra government's decision to provide reservation to the Maratha community under the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018.

However, the court ruled that the 16 per cent quota granted by the state is not "justifiable" and reduced it to 12 per cent in education and 13 per cent in government jobs, as recommended by the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission (MSBCC).

The bench of Justice Ranjit More and Justice Bharati H Dangre said: "We hold and declare that the limit of reservation should not exceed 50%. However, in exceptional circumstances and extraordinary situations, this limit can be crossed subject to availability of quantifiable and contemporaneous data reflecting backwardness, inadequacy of representation and without affecting the efficiency in administration."

The bench said that it upheld the report of the MSBCC, which set out the "exceptional circumstances and extraordinary situation" justifying the crossing of the limit of 50 per cent, as set out by

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Timing key with polls this year

THE ASSEMBLY elections are due in Maharashtra in October, and Marathas form the single largest caste bloc, accounting for 30 per cent of the population. The High Court order is likely to benefit the BJP-led government and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis who can claim credit for fulfilling the quota promise.

the Supreme Court in the Indra Sawhney case of 1992. The bench also ruled that the state government had the "legislative competence" to enact the SEBC Act. Thursday's judgment, written by Justice More for the bench, said that a legislation enacted by a state legislature,

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Govt to launch 'One Nation One Ration Card'



Target is to complete formalities in one year: Paswan

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

THE CENTRAL government is working on a plan to launch a "One Nation One Ration Card" scheme for beneficiaries, especially migrant workers, to access the Public Distribution System from any PDS shop across the country.

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan chaired a meeting on the scheme Thursday with food secretaries and other officials of state governments, Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs).

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Paswan said: "The target is to complete the formalities of the scheme in one year. The availability of PoS (Point of Sale) machines need to be ensured at all PDS shops to implement the scheme. PoS machines are available at all

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Loan waiver: In-house tech helps Karnataka save crores

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BENGALURU, JUNE 27

AT A time when various states are scrambling to ensure the implementation of loan waiver schemes for farmers in a fool-proof manner — without leakages, duplication and fraud — the Karnataka government has taken a different route.

Since its July 2018 announcement of a waiver of up to Rs 2 lakh of all overdue crop loans (up to December 31, 2017), Karnataka's Survey, Settlement and Land Records department has created its own IT window, the Crop Loan



IAS officer Munish Moudgil steered the IT drive

Waiver System (CLWS), to implement its Rs 44,000 crore scheme.

Using Aadhaar, land survey and ration card numbers along with bank data, and digitised land and ration card records, officials say CLWS has saved around Rs 4,000 crore in double payments to around 5 lakh farmers since December 2018, when the waiver

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Wanted in 2011 killing, he got new identity, job at Gurgaon firm

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SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 27

A QUIET man with a professional attitude is how colleagues and employers described Rohan Dahiya.

"He was a good performer at work, almost never took leave and never argued with seniors," said one employer at the Gurgaon e-commerce firm where he worked. A colleague who worked under him said he was "efficient and well respected".

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