

Centre defers investor summit

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The Centre has decided to postpone by a month its planned maiden investor summit in Jammu and Kashmir, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

The meet, originally scheduled for October, had been postponed as arrangements, including those for security for the delegates, could not be made in time.

“There is no time to make the preparations and arrange the logistics,” said the official speaking on condition of anonymity. “It has been decided to postpone the summit by a month.”

Navin K. Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Industry & Commerce and Tourism Department, Jammu & Kashmir, announced on August 13 that the summit would be held in Srinagar and Jammu from October 12 to 14.

Union Ministers, representatives of various State governments and top industrialists and business groups of the country were expected to participate.

Another official said that the Cabinet Secretary was monitoring the situation in the Kashmir Valley. “All Ministries have been asked to make a blueprint on how they could generate employment and contribute to development in J&K,” the official said.

U.S. again expresses concern on J&K

Comments come three days after Trump said Modi felt he had the situation under control

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Three days after U.S. President Donald Trump met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in France and discussed the situation in Kashmir, American officials said they were “concerned” about the continuing communication restrictions and detentions.

Mr. Trump had said that during their discussion on the Kashmir issue, Mr. Modi had said that he “really feels he has it under control”, and that India and Pakistan could resolve the issue bilaterally.

Sources told *The Hindu* that diplomats from different embassies, including senior U.S. and U.K. officials, had



The U.S. has expressed concern over continued restrictions and communication blockade. •PTI

been meeting External Affairs Ministry officials over the past few days to stress that they were watching the situation closely.

A U.S. Embassy spokesperson said on Thursday:

“We continue to be very concerned by reports of detentions and the continued restrictions on the residents of the region. We urge respect for human rights, compliance with legal proce-

dures, and inclusive dialogue with those affected. We welcome Prime Minister Modi’s statement that J&K will soon return to a normal political status.”

The spokesperson added, “We call on all parties to maintain peace and stability along the Line of Control and to prevent cross-border terrorism. We continue to support direct dialogue between India and Pakistan on Kashmir and other issues of concern.”

The comments, which also addressed recent statements by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, said: “The United States is watching the situation in Jammu

and Kashmir closely. We continue to call for calm and restraint, including on rhetoric...We note the broader implications of the developments in Jammu and Kashmir and the potential for increased instability in the region.”

The comments came on a day Human Rights Watch issued a statement urging the government to lift the communication shutdown and alleging that the curbs had caused “disproportionate harm on the population”.

The government has maintained that the restrictions are necessary to prevent large-scale violence and subvert terrorist threats.

India condemns Pak. call for jihad

‘No alarming situation in J&K’

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Pakistan’s recent statements regarding Kashmir are aimed at painting an alarming situation in India, Raveesh Kumar, spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry, said here on Thursday.

At the weekly briefing, Mr. Kumar condemned Pakistan’s statements that had called for waging a jihad against India.

“Statements and tweets have been issued from Pakistan that have called for violence in India. Pakistan should understand that the world has realised its clever moves and they will not be fooled by such tactics. We strongly condemn highly irresponsible statements made by the Pakistani leadership that called for jihad and intended to present an alarmist situation in India,” Mr. Kumar said.

The statement came a day after Islamabad’s Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari wrote to several UN officials citing human rights violations in Kashmir after India ended the special status of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5 and bifurcated the territory.

The Minister has argued in her public statements that the right of self-determination is a “legally enforceable” right.

However, Mr. Kumar said he would not like to lend any credence to the letter



Raveesh Kumar

from the Minister.

“The letter is not even worth the paper on which it was written on,” said Mr. Kumar, who urged Pakistan to behave like a “normal country”.

He reiterated the Indian position about Pakistan using terrorists and terror groups operating from its soil.

“Normal neighbours do not push terrorists into a neighbouring country. Normal neighbours do normal talk and normal trade. This is not something that Pakistan is doing,” said Mr. Kumar, acknowledging that intelligence reports suggest some terror elements from Pakistan are trying to enter Indian territory through the sea route.

He maintained that the Indian military is ready to deal with any such threat.

Pakistan on Thursday tested a short-range ballistic missile, after informing India and by following protocol.

Tribunal upholds ban on SIMI for another five years

‘Its activists are under an umbrella of frontal organisations’

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NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has told a tribunal that the Students Islamic of India (SIMI) is filing applications under the Right to Information Act (RTI) to help its members who are facing trial in various courts.

Based on the submissions made by the Ministry and State police departments, a tribunal constituted under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) has upheld the ban against SIMI for another five years. The outfit was first banned in 2001, and this is the eighth time it has been banned.

To impose the fresh ban, the tribunal examined at least 34 cases registered against the members and former members of SIMI by the police across the country after January 2014. In a 75-page order, the tribunal headed by Justice Mukta Gupta said some of the members and activists of SI-

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UAPA TRIBUNAL

MI are working under the “umbrella of frontal organisations and having links with number of other terrorist organisations Al-Qaeda, Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Islamic State, Indian Mujahideen etc.” The tribunal said that it was “evident that they were continuing to receive funds within India as also through foreign funding.”

The tribunal said it examined two public witnesses and 50 witnesses from the government to reach the conclusion. It said that it received “11 sealed covers in the form of intelligence reports, secret informations collected from time to time by the investigating and intelligence agencies” against

SIMI. “One of the (sealed) reports also note about a one-month campaign organised by activists of SIMI under the name and banner of an umbrella organisation and that the activists of SIMI and some of their members and sympathisers are filing RTI applications in the various proceedings to help the accused or members in the trials for committing various offences. The sealed cover placed on record by S.C.L. Das, Joint Secretary, MHA,” the tribunal ruled.

The Tamil Nadu police deposed that “SIMI activists/cadres are regrouping themselves under the banner of Wahadat-e-Islami Hind (WeIH) to expand their militant outreach among Muslim youth under the guise of spreading Islamic ideology. SIMI activists under the guise of WeIH continue to hold meetings, classes, symposium, seminars etc. to spread their anti-national ideology.”

Javadekar says he was misquoted

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar on Thursday issued a clarification on his comments during a speech on the importance of communication, saying that he was quoted out of context.

At a community radio awards function, Mr. Javadekar said, “What is the biggest punishment, when people are not able to contact anyone, when they are not able to talk to anyone and when you do not have any tool to communicate... this is the biggest punishment.”

The Press Bureau of Information, in a statement, quoted Mr. Javadekar as saying that “sections of media have unnecessarily attempted to link the situation in Jammu & Kashmir region with my comments about the significance of community radio and communication in general, which amounts to irresponsible and unethical journalism.”

Collegium nod for four new judges in SC

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The Supreme Court Collegium is learnt to have recommended four High Court judges for appointment to the apex court.

The Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, a source said, has recommended the Chief Justices of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Rajasthan and Kerala High Courts, V. Ramasubramanian, Krishna Murari, S. Ravindra Bhat and Hrishikesh Roy, respectively, as Supreme Court judges.

The vacancies in the court have increased to four after the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Bill of 2019 was made a law and following the recent retirement of Justice A.M. Sapre. The new law increased the judicial strength from 31 to 34, including the CJI.

Digital media firms say FDI norms are ‘restrictive’

They feel existing and new platforms will be affected

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NEW DELHI

Companies operating news portals expressed disappointment on Thursday with the government’s new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy capping the investment in digital media at 26%, saying that the measure would impact both existing digital platforms as also affect new platforms that may be looking to expand.

On Wednesday, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the Cabinet had cleared FDI up to 26% under the “government route” for digital media companies that upload or stream news and current affairs.

This is a departure from the existing policy, as until now only the print media and news broadcast television companies in India



have had FDI caps of 26% and 49%, respectively.

Several digital media outlets that *The Hindu* spoke to were unwilling to speak on record but explained that some of them would likely have to restructure and look for Indian investors as they had more than 26% foreign investment.

“The Indian investors are not bullish and are mostly reluctant to invest in media portals, more so in the current economic situation,” said Vignesh Vellore, CEO of

*The News Minute*. “The new policy hurts smaller players like us and the ones who are looking to launch new projects. In future, when we have to look at investments to scale up our operations, this kind of cap will be very discouraging,” he said.

“Digital news media was unregulated & thriving so far. 100% FDI was allowed in start ups. Now govt wants to limit FDI to 26%. This is regressive. Cos already operating with 50% or 100% FDI will have to divest foreign equity in favour of domestic when capital is scarce and scared!” M. K. Venu, a founding editor of *The Wire*, tweeted.

In a series of tweets, Nikhil Pahwa, founder of Mediama, a portal dedicated to digital business, described the new policy as ‘restrictive’.

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**AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
**TENDER ID: 2019\_AAI\_31023\_1**  
Airports Authority of India invites Item Rate Tenders through e-Tendering Portal by Joint General Manager Eng. (Elect.), AAI, Chennai Airport, Chennai on behalf of Chairman, AAI from the eligible Contractors of appropriate class of CPWD / MES / P&T / Railways / State PWD / PSUs / Municipal Corporations and Development Authorities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata / Specialized agencies for the work "FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF GLF, APRON FLOOD LIGHTING, PERIMETER LIGHTING SYSTEM ETC. AT CHENNAI AIRPORT" for an Estimated Cost of ₹ 1,70,04,944.00 (Excluding GST) with Period of Completion 24 (Twenty Four) Months. **Last Date and Time of Sale and Submission of Bid Document is 12.09.2019 upto 1800 Hours.** For Detailed Information, log on to CPP e-Procurement Portal reference <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app> or [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero). Further Clarification / Corrigendum if any will be notified through e-Procurement Portal at <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT**  
**ANDHRA PRADESH DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT**  
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Name of Work	Tender Amount/ Earnest Money/ Tender Fee	Date of release of Tender in e-procurement system/ ID No.	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e-procurement system
Engagement of 3rd Party Inspection Agency for DJB works over 1 crore for a period of 5 years	Item Rate/ Rs. 20 Lakh/ Rs. 1500/-	29.08.2019/  2019_DJB_179102_1	18.09.2019 upto 3.00 pm
Further details in this regard can be seen at website <a href="https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in">https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in</a> ISSUED BY P.R.O (water) Advt. No. J.S.V. 309/2019-20 Executive Engineer (PLG.) W-II			

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S. NO.	Name of Work	Estimated cost/ Tender Fees	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Desilting of deep and silted up sewer lines manholes of Vasant Kunj Institutional area, Vasant Kunj Phase-2 against deficiency charges deposited by D.D.A. under EE(South)-I.	Item Rate/ 65800/-	2019_DJB_178920_1 27.08.2019	20.09.2019 upto 3.00PM
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No	Tender Id	Items	
1.	2019_KMML_297392_1	Civil works for the 14 TPH Packaged Boiler in KMML	
2.	2019_KMML_297394_1	Providing foundation for FRP acid storage tank in KMML	
3.	2019_KMML_295086_1	For Transportation of 1670MT of Sulphuric Acid	
4.	2019_KMML_295007_1	For Fabrication and supply of 1 No. Filter Head for Bag Filter	
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e-Tender Notice No.CMG/CY/ 1987027 Date: 26.08.2019  
1. On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender is invited through e-tendering for the following work(s).

Sl.No.	Description	Details
1	Title of Work	Construction of Service Building for Parking MMH & MON3 Propellant transfer units at First Launch Pad Under PIF Project, Civil Works.
2	Estimated Cost put to tender	₹ 58 Lakhs
3	Period of Completion	03 Months
4	Period during which the tender documents can be requested	From: 03/09/2019, 10:00 Hrs. To: 13/09/2019, 14:00 Hrs.
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