

'Howdy, Modi!' may reveal 'mini-deal'

Trump and Modi may announce a limited package of trade-related agreements at Houston event

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India and the U.S. are expected to announce the resolution of some of their trade-related differences on medical equipment caps, ICT (information and communication technology) tariffs and market access for agricultural produce. They are in discussions on restoring India's GSP (Generalised System of Preferences) status and a future free trade agreement (FTA).

Despite the positive momentum, sources said no "comprehensive trade deal" was expected during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit from Sunday and only a limited package of announcements were likely.

Sources aware of the negotiations said that on Wednesday, Indian officials handed over their version of an agreement and it was being vetted by United States Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer. They hoped that Mr. Modi and

What the 'mini-deal' will contain

Likely

India addressing some of the U.S. concerns on ICT tariffs and data localisation rules, price caps or trade margin rationalisation on medical equipment such as knee implants, and agricultural market access for select produce

The U.S. rolling back some of the tariffs that it had imposed on India in 2018, when it began its GSP review (FTA).

Unlikely

Lifting the price caps on coronary stents, announced by India in 2017 to make healthcare affordable, and major ICT concessions

Still a blur

It is unclear if the two sides have made headway on the U.S. demand for market access to dairy and pork products

President Donald Trump would make an announcement of a "mini-deal" after their bilateral meeting in New York next week. The sources would not confirm, but did not rule out, the possibility that the leaders would reference the "mini-deal" during their joint public appearance at the "Howdy, Modi!" event in Houston on Sunday, if finalised then.

The draft agreement addresses some of the U.S. concerns on ICT tariffs and data

localisation rules, price caps or trade margin rationalisation on medical equipment such as knee implants, and agricultural market access for select produce. In return, the U.S. is expected to roll back some of the tariffs that it had imposed on India in 2018, when it began its GSP review.

However, the sources cautioned that India is still holding back on lifting the price caps on coronary stents, which were announced by

the Modi government in 2017 as a move to make healthcare affordable, and shying away from major ICT concessions owing to worries over opening the market for Chinese products.

Hopes on FTA

Business chamber officials who had keenly followed the talks since trade negotiations broke down last year say that an announcement on starting formal discussions on an FTA would be significant.

"For many years, there has been a search for the next 'big deal' [like the civil nuclear deal] in the U.S.-India relationship. The FTA talks, if they were to start, could potentially become that," Ridhika Batra, director, FICCI-USA, said here.

According to the sources, the USTR and Commerce Ministry officials have been discussing how to restore India's GSP status in "some form or entirely". Despite the government announcing that it was not deeply affect-

ed by the U.S. decision to review and then revoke the GSP, the latest export figures have shown a slump, indicating that Indian exporters have lost out on contracts due to the decision. Several U.S. companies doing business in India and at least 44 lawmakers have made a case for India with Mr. Lighthizer on the GSP issue as well.

Industry insiders said any trade agreement at this point will be welcomed in both Washington and New Delhi. "For the Trump administration, which has not made much headway in its other trade tussles, including with China, the deal with India is a much needed break. For the Modi government, which has faced so much bad economic news, this will be a boost that will hopefully reopen channels of investment," a business representative closely involved in the talks, who preferred not to be named, told *The Hindu*.

(With inputs from Sriram Lakshman in New York)

No scope for third party role in Kashmir, says India

Gokhale says PM made this clear to Trump at Osaka meet

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India reiterated on Thursday that there was no scope for third party intervention in the Kashmir issue.

Announcing the details of Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S. from September 21 to 27, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said the Prime Minister would meet U.S. President Donald Trump in New York and Houston and pitch for a greater role for India at the international level.

"The Prime Minister has made it very clear in front of the media during his meeting with President Trump in Osaka. India does not see a role for anybody in this matter," Mr. Gokhale said.

Mr. Trump hinted at his role while highlighting the reduced India-Pakistan tensions in recent days.

He has said that a big announcement is expected during the "Howdy, Modi!"



Vijay Gokhale

meet with Mr. Trump, Mr. Modi's other confirmed meeting will be with Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in New York. He will hold interactions with leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean.

UN speech

Apart from the speech at the UN General Assembly, he will address the Climate Summit on September 23 and participate in a special leaders' dialogue on terrorism co-organised by the King of Jordan.

"Our intention this year is to participate in all the plurilaterals to showcase our achievements in climate change, universal health coverage and sanitation. Multilateralism is at the centre of global politics and should remain so," said Mr. Gokhale elaborating on India's agenda for interacting with the world community.

Sex workers in Silchar not in NRC

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An activist in Silchar of southern Assam has asked the authorities to find ways to include hundreds of sex workers who could not apply for inclusion in the updated National Register of Citizens (NRC) because they were being shunned by their families.

Some of the sex workers in Silchar town - trafficked as children - do not know where they came from, while others had second thoughts about identifying their families through the family tree necessary for inclusion in the NRC, activist Tuhina Sarma said.

"There are hundreds of sex workers, and many have children. We cannot let them become stateless because of the profession most of them were forced into," Ms. Sarma said.

Mamata raises NRC with Amit Shah

CM says it's not needed in West Bengal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday told Union Home Minister Amit Shah that genuine Indians belonging to Bengali, Bihari, Gurkha and Assamese communities were excluded from the NRC in Assam and sought his intervention to ameliorate their miseries.

Ms. Banerjee had her first meeting Mr. Shah here after he assumed office about three months ago.

"I have come to meet the Home Minister to discuss the NRC in Assam and told him that many genuine Indians were excluded from the list. I have requested him to do the needful so that they can be included in the NRC as they are in distress," she told



Mamata Banerjee after meeting Amit Shah in Delhi.

presspersons. "The Home Minister has assured that he would look into it," she said. Asked if there was any discussion on an NRC in West Bengal, Ms. Banerjee said no, adding it such an initiative was not required in the State. "Even Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that the NRC was not required in his state," she said.

J&K global investors' summit put off

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The Jammu and Kashmir government has shelved the global investors' summit scheduled for October. Governor Satya Pal Malik on Thursday reviewed the preparedness for holding the summit, and decided "to reschedule it to 2020 in consultation with the Union government".

"This is to give the Industries and Commerce Departments reasonable time for preparations to secure robust participation of investors in the summit," a spokesman said.

The new dates will be finalised in consultation with the Centre keeping in view the policy work completion, logistics including schedule of roadshows, climatic conditions and the schedule of Parliament, the official added.

Now, schools turn recreation centres

With students not returning, Kashmir children given access to playgrounds

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With no sign of students returning to schools any time soon in Kashmir, several government schools, in a novel idea, have decided to throw open their campus facilities for children living in the vicinity for recreational purposes.

Taking the lead, a prominent girls higher secondary school at Kothibagh near Lal Chowk here with a huge playground has put up a not-



ice for the children living in nearby areas "to use the campus for multiple activities".

The school has seen poor attendance of students till now.

"Local children can use the campus for sports activity from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.," the notice reads at the school.

"The idea is to allow the children, living under a sense of siege since August 5, to come out of their homes and interact. They are constantly exposed to the negative cycle of news, with little interaction outside. Even the spaces of entertainment like

sports grounds are sealed with concertina wires and many are sealed by the security forces," a staffer of the school said, on condition of anonymity.

The government's bid to reopen 4,000 primary and middle schools in the Valley has failed to see any spike in attendance.

According to the official figures, the attendance hovered around 10%, even if staff presence has improved "significantly."

Cheating case against ex-SC employee closed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court has closed a cheating and criminal intimidation case against a former woman employee of the Supreme Court who had levelled allegations of sexual misconduct against Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

In May, the top court's three-member in-house inquiry committee, headed by Justice S.A. Bobde, gave a clean chit to the CJI as it "found no substance" in the allegations by the woman.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Manish Khurana accepted the closure report filed by the Delhi police after the complainant, Naveen Kumar, a resident of Jhajjar in Haryana, said he had no opposition to the plea and that he did not want to pursue the case.

"The complainant stated that he is satisfied with the investigation conducted by the police. He also stated that he does not want to file any protest petition and therefore, the closure report may be accepted as he does not want to pursue the present case," the magistrate said. "In view of the facts and circumstances, the statement by the complainant and the police investigation, the closure report is hereby accepted."

The court on September 6 dismissed a plea for cancelling bail of the former woman employee. The police sought cancellation of the bail after the complainant said he was being threatened allegedly by the former Supreme Court staffer and her associates.

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NIT No.2/APADCL/2019-20, dated 20.09.2019 (2nd Call)
Bids are invited on the e-procurement platform for the work "Construction of Greenfield no frills Airport at Orvakal in Kurnool District (A.P.) (Package - II) Balance work" from the Contractors / Contracting firms registered with Government of Andhra Pradesh. The details of Tender conditions and terms can be downloaded from the electronic procurement platform of Government of Andhra Pradesh i.e., www.eprocurement.gov.in from 20.09.2019 from 15.00 hrs. Last date of Receipt of Bids: 04.10.2019 upto 3:00 PM at O/o the Managing Director, APADCL, Vijayawada.
For any clarifications please send email to edapadcl@gmail.com / mgnggpadcl@gmail.com or contact on Telephone 040-29700263.
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Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
Global Tender Notice No. RWF/S/004/2019 Dated 16.09.2019
E-Tender : On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic tenders through the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> from experienced OEMs / Manufacturers or authorized agents of foreign manufacturers for supply of the following items.

Tender No	Item Description	Quantity	Tender Opening Date
P3190005	Pouring Tube Ceramic.	192 Numbers	09/10/2019
P319003A	Graphite Mould Blanks of sizes: (I) 43.5" (II) 48.5"	8 Nos 22 Nos	16/10/2019
20193800A	Spares for Long Forging Machine	9 Items	09/10/2019

Tender Notice can be viewed on our website www.ireps.gov.in or www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
E-Auction Notice No. RWF/GSD/SALES SECTION / 2019-20 / 07, Dated: 07-09-2019.
On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager invites E-Auction for the sale of scrap items (Ferrous / Non-Ferrous/Miscellaneous and others), online through the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> in accordance with the following terms:
October: 11-10-2019, 21-10-2019, 31-10-2019 November: 11-11-2019, 20-11-2019, 29-11-2019 December: 09-12-2019, 19-12-2019 and 30-12-2019
Detailed Tender Notice and E-Auction catalogue can be viewed on our website www.ireps.gov.in or www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in.
Principal Chief Materials Manager

ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI - 600 025
TENDER NOTICE : Tender Ref No. : 8123/PP4/ET/RCC-CPC/UDS/2019
On-line Tenders in Two Bid System are invited for the Tender Notice and Tender Notification for the Supply and Installation of Computer & Related Items for the University Departments/Centres of Anna University, Chennai through e-Tender by the Convener, Computer Purchase Committee, Anna University, Chennai - 600 025.

Sl. No.	Tender Ref. No.	Name of the equipment	Qty.	Approx. cost
1	8123_1/PP4/ET/RCC-CPC/2019	Server	3 nos.	₹ 80,00,000
2	8123_2/PP4/ET/RCC-CPC/2019	Workstation	4 nos.	₹ 15,00,000
3	8123_3/PP4/ET/RCC-CPC/2019	Storage	2 nos.	₹ 30,00,000
4	8123_4/PP4/ET/RCC-CPC/2019	IT Desktop Computer	152 nos.	₹ 91,20,000

The tender documents can be downloaded by registering in the website <https://ntenders.gov.in> using Digital Signature Certificate and E-Token from 5.30 p.m. on 20.09.2019. The filled-in tender documents can be submitted by uploading in the website up to 03.30 p.m. on 14.10.2019 and will be opened at 03.30 p.m. on 15.10.2019. EMD is to be submitted through the website <https://ntenders.gov.in> BY ONLINE MODE ONLY other detailed tender conditions, future corrigenda etc., please visit the website (<https://ntenders.gov.in>) and any press advertisement will not be published in this regard.
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Odisha State Health & Family Welfare Society
Health & FW Department, Odisha
Department of Health & FW, Govt. of Odisha
Annex Building of SIH & FW, Nayapalli, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar-751012
Advt. No: 44/ 19 Dated-20/09/2019
Application for implementation of Adolescent Health Programme under NHM, Odisha in partnership mode.
OSH&FW Society invites application from credible entities registered under Society Registration Act/ Indian Trust Act/ Indian Religious & Charitable Act. For implementation of Adolescent Health Programme in Balangir and Dhenkanal districts in partnership mode.
Sealed proposals as per the prescribed Advt. document are invited from interested eligible Agencies for "Implementation of Adolescent Health Programme" in the districts as mentioned above. The eligibility criteria, detailed requirement for "Implementation of Adolescent Health Programme" and the formats for submission of proposals are set forth in the Advt. document which can be downloaded from the website: www.nhmodisha.gov.in. Interested Agencies fulfilling the eligibility criteria may submit their proposal(s) with EMD (Rs.40,000/-) & Documents as set forth in this Advt.. If the Agency wishes to apply for more than one district, they will have to submit separate proposal along with EMD and documents as set forth in the Advt. in sealed envelope (s). The Agencies have to submit their proposal(s) to the respective District(s) in which they want to apply. The detailed address for submission of proposal at the District (s) is mentioned in the Advt. document.
Proposal(s) complete in all respect should reach the District (s) by Speed post or Registered post or Courier only on or before 11/10/2019. The proposal(s) shall be opened in the concerned district on the date and time mentioned in the Advt.. Name of the project and district must be super scribed on the sealed envelope. Incomplete applications/ applications received in an open envelop/applications received after the due date/from the blacklisted NGOs/ Trusts will be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right for cancellation/ modification of guidelines for selection without assigning any reason thereof. No personal inquiry shall be entertained.
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Global Tender Notice (E-Procurement Mode Only)
Tender No. HQMM/4005-16/18B062/86 Dtd. 18/9/2019
Global Tenders are invited through e-procurement mode for the following item from reputed Manufacturer's directly or through their accredited agents in India required for NMDC Limited, Diamond Mining Project, Majhganwan Mine, Panna, Madhya Pradesh - 488001.

Description	Display of Tender Documents	Last Date & Time for submission of Tender through online
Design, Manufacture, Supply and Supervision of Erection & Commissioning of 2 nos. Single Deck Vibrating Screens (1 no. Float Screen & 1 no. Feed Preparation Screen)	20/9/2019 to 15/10/2019 (14.30 Hrs. IST)	15/10/2019 (14.30 Hrs. IST)

The detailed tender document can be downloaded from our website www.nmcdc.co.in under tender section. www.aprocure.gov.in and www.mstccommerce.com Any corrigendum to the tender notices will be uploaded in tender section on our website www.nmcdc.co.in only and will not be published in newspapers. Prospective bidders may visit the NMDC website from time to time to note the corrigendum, if any.
Jt. GM (Materials)

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bangalore South Division, Amruthanagara, Konankunte Main Road, Soudamini Layout, Bangalore-62.
No.BBMP/EE/BS/D/TEND/11/2019-20 Date: 19-09-2019
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Single & Two Cover Tender)
(Only through E-Procurement Portal)
The Executive Engineer, (Bangalore South Division), BBMP, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with KPWD/CPWD/BWSSB/Railways/MES/National Highways or any State Govt. Organizations for the construction work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Approx. value of work (₹ in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹)	No. of Works	Cate-gory
Single Cover System					
1	192 (Call-2)	50.00	50,000/-	1	SC
2	192 (Call-2)	50.00	50,000/-	2	ST
3	192 (Call-3)	20.00	50,000/-	2	Other
4	192 (Call-2)	15.00 to 50.00	37,500/- to 1,00,000/-	3	Other
5	194 (Call-2)	20.00	50,000/-	1	Other
6	196 (Call-2)	49.99 to 50.00	49,990 to 50,000/-	3	SC
7	196 (Call-2)	50.00	50,000/-	2	ST
8	196	50.00	50,000/-	2	ST
9	196 (Call-3)	40.00 to 50.00	80,000/- to 1,00,000/-	3	Other
10	185	50.00	50,000/-	2	SC
11	185	50.00	50,000/-	1	ST
12	185 (Call-3)	25.00 to 50.00	50,000/-	1	Other
13	185	15.00 to 50.00	37,500/- to 1,00,000/-	6	Other
Two Cover System					
14	196	40.00 to 100.00	80,000/- to 2,00,000/-	4	Other

Total No's of Works 33
Calendar of Events : 1) Last Date for uploading the filled Tender Document is 05-10-2019 upto 4:00 p.m. 2) Date of Technical bid opening of Tenders is on 09-10-2019 by 4:30 p.m. 3) Financial bid opening will be done after Technical bid approval. 4) Pre-bid meeting on 25-09-2019 between 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days and website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.
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A BLOCK GREATER KAILASH I NEW DELHI-48
N.I.T.No.28/S-III (2019-2020)**

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost/ Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of 200mm dia water lines from gall no.36 UGR to Madhya Marg UGR Tughlakabad Extn. under EE(South) III (AC-49)	3143543-62900/-	2019_DJB_180419_1 18.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 3:00 PM
2.	Improvement of water supply by replacement of old water lines in J-1, J-2 DDA Flats Kalkaji and for C&D Block DDA Flats Kalkaji by P/L 100mm dia D.I. water line under South-III (AC-50)	2945749-59000/-	2019_DJB_180419_2 18.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 3:00 PM
3.	Improvement of water supply by replacement of existing old rusted/ undersize water lines Cl by P/L 100/150mm dia D.I. water lines in left out portion of F-Block East of Kailash under South-III (AC-50)(Re-invited).	2583175-51700/-	2019_DJB_180419_3 18.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
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