

'Xi mooted trilateral ties with India, Pak'

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi says the nations should not be influenced by a third party

ATUL ANEJA BEIJING

Within days of the second India-China “informal summit”, Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councilor Wang Yi has said that Chinese President Xi Jinping had shared with Prime Minister Narendra Modi his vision for trilateral cooperation among Beijing, New Delhi and Islamabad.

“President Xi Jinping stressed the Chinese side sincerely expects sound China-India relations, China-Pakistan relations and India-Pakistan relations, and expects to see all sides work together to promote regional peace and stability, and achieve common development and prosperity,” Mr. Wang told presspersons who had travelled to India and Nepal to cover Mr. Xi’s October 11-13 visit.

Advocating a trilateral approach, Mr. Wang said that none of the three countries –



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the second India-China informal summit. ■AP

China, India or Pakistan – should target or be influenced by a “third party”. “China’s respective relations with India, Pakistan and other South Asian countries, with respective unique history and characteristics, can run in parallel and develop together, neither target-

ing any third party nor being influenced by a third party,” he said. In a veiled reference to Kashmir after India scrapped special status for Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Wang said “the recent strained India-Pakistan relations and unrest and turbulence in the region

have drawn grave concerns from the international community.”

In-depth communication “In Chennai, President Xi Jinping had in-depth communication on the regional situation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and encouraged all parties concerned to solve the current issues through dialogue.”

China’s top diplomat also spotlighted the fact that prior to his visit to India and Nepal, “President Xi Jinping listened to the views and propositions of the Pakistani side in his meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan of Pakistan.”

Pakistan’s Prime Minister, Army Chief Qamar Javed Bajwa, and head of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Lt. Gen. Faiz Hameed had arrived separately in Beijing between October 7 and 8 and departed just before Mr.

Xi embarked for Chennai on October 11.

“Both India and Pakistan are friendly neighbours of China, and the Chinese side hopes that the two countries can properly manage and control differences and improve their relations,” Mr. Wang said.

The Chinese Foreign Minister stressed that the Chinese President had elaborated on enhancing the “China-India Plus” formulation, which could be gradually expanded to cover other countries in South Asia, Southeast Asia and Africa on the basis of the existing “China-India-Afghanistan” cooperation.

The Chinese Foreign Minister said Mr. Xi had embarked on a new “neighbourhood diplomacy” focusing on “long-term development of relations” based on a historical, strategic and realistic perspective.

Kartarpur Corridor work going on round the clock

India is racing to meet the deadline of October 31

VIJAITA SINGH DERA BABA NANAK

Over 1,800 men are working round the clock in three shifts to give the finishing touches to the passenger terminal and related infrastructure near the Dera Baba Nanak Gurdwara in Gurdaspur along the Pakistan border.

India and Pakistan are building a corridor to connect Dera Baba Nanak and Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur in Pakistan, the final resting place of Guru Nanak, to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of the founder of Sikhism.

As men carried construction material on the head and excavators scooped out mounds of earth, Govind Mohan, Chairman, Land Port Authority of India, said all work would be completed by October 31.

“The first batch of pilgrims are expected to visit the Kartarpur shrine in Pakistan on June 8. That is what we have proposed,” Mr. Mohan said. The bridge, which is the part of the corridor, has been built only on the Indian side, he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit the corridor on November 7.

The Hindu visited the site of the proposed corridor on Wednesday at the invitation of the Home Ministry.

“To facilitate the pilgrims, we have built an alternative road, and Pakistan has also laid a road. The pilgrims will be taken in golf carts till the border gates after they have completed the immigration formalities at the terminal building. From there on Pakistan will take pilgrims in buses to the Kartarpur shrine, which is 3.5 km from the border gates,” Mr. Mohan said.

He said Pakistani authori-



Key link: An alternative road laid by India to connect the Kartarpur Corridor with the Pakistani side. ■VIJAITA SINGH

ties had promised to construct the bridge, part of the original agreement, soon.

Nearly 5,000 pilgrims are expected every day, with the number set to increase in future. The Pakistani demand on levying a \$20 fee from each pilgrim is being discussed, he said.

“Online registration for pilgrims will begin October 20 onwards,” Mr. Mohan said.

“The passport will be the only valid document for pilgrims to travel and they will have to return the same day,” he said. The terminal will have 55 immigration counters.

Mobile connectivity He said around 50 acres of land was acquired to construct the complex, of which 20 acres has been used so far. There was a proposal to seek special relaxation to enable mobile connectivity in the border areas.

“It is a state policy that speed along border areas is slow and in some areas a little hampered, but we are asking for relaxation on our side so that normal phone connec-

tivity is allowed and pilgrims are not inconvenienced,” he said.

Sailendra Ajri, vice-president of the Shapoorji Pallonji construction company, which has carried out the work on behalf of LPAL, said only the roofing work was pending.

“The passenger terminal building is spread over 2.5 lakh sq.ft and is 30 metres high. This is not a regular steel structure complex. We completed it in five months against the 18 months required for such projects ... all fabrication was done in Delhi, and we transported it in segments to the site,” Mr. Ajri said. He said the roof was 60% complete, and the entire work would be completed on October 23.

The work started on June 22, 2018.

Mr. Mohan gave a presentation on the construction work on the Pakistani side through photographs obtained from unmanned aerial systems.

He added that as per the Land Port Act, security has to be provided by the Border Security Force (BSF).

Kovind to attend Akihito’s coronation

He will land in Tokyo on October 21 after a four-day visit to the Philippines

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind will join Britain’s Prince Charles, Chinese Vice-President Wang Qishan and leaders of several Asian countries in attending the enthronement ceremony of Japan’s new Emperor Akihito on October 22. Mr. Kovind, who leaves on Thursday for a four-day state visit to the Philippines, will travel to Tokyo on October 21.

Officials said nearly 80 world leaders are expected at the ceremony and banquets, which will be held over two days. The royal families of the Netherlands, Belgium and Saudi Arabia are among the invitees.



Ram Nath Kovind

Mr. Kovind will also visit a Buddhist temple in Tokyo to plant a Bodhi tree and travel to the city of Kakegawa, about 230 km away, to inaugurate an Indian cultural and yoga centre there, funded by a Japanese citizen of Indian origin.

“President Kovind’s visit

underlines the deep traditional and civilisational bonds between India and Japan, and shared heritage of Buddhism,” Vijay Singh, Secretary (East), External Affairs Ministry, told presspersons.

Important ties “His participation in the enthronement ceremony signifies the high importance India attaches to Japan,” Ms. Singh added. No bilateral talks are expected during Mr. Kovind’s visit, though he will attend the court banquet hosted by Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako and a state banquet hosted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

In the Philippines, the bilateral talks will focus on the joint challenge of terrorism. Indian and Philippines officials will hold a joint working group on terrorism, with a focus on fighting urban terrorism, narco-terrorism, and work on information-sharing on terror groups. India had donated \$500,000 to the Philippines for the reconstruction of Marawi city, which was destroyed during a siege in May 2017 by a terror group claiming allegiance to the Islamic State (IS) in which more than 1,000 people were killed. The two sides will discuss strengthening counter-terror cooperation, officials said.

Akalis criticise release of ex-policemen

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH

Days after the Union government decided to release on humanitarian grounds five former police personnel languishing in various prisons of the State for human rights violations allegedly committed during the militancy period in Punjab, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has hit out at the Punjab government for “recommending” their premature release.

“Is this Capt. Amarinder Singh’s gift to Sikhs on the eve of the 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak Dev Maharaj?” SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal asked on Wednesday.

IN BRIEF



Dushyant Chautala seeks protection for life

CHANDIGARH Jannayak Janta Party leader and former MP for Hisar in Haryana, Dushyant Chautala, on Wednesday approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking protection for his life. Mr. Chautala, who is contesting the Assembly election from the Uchana Kalan constituency in Jind district, had on October 15 claimed to have received a threatening call from an Abu Dhabi phone number.

CPI(M) to mark centenary of ICP

KOLKATA To mark the centenary of the formation of the Indian Communist Party (ICP) as an émigré unit in Tashkent by the Second World Congress of the Communist Third International in 1920, the CPI(M) will kick-start its year-long celebration at the Netaji Indoor Stadium here from Thursday. The Congress is not invited for the programme. Surjya Kanta Mishra, Sitaram Yechury, Biman Bose, Mohammed Salim and Chaman Lal will be the key speakers. Mr. Mishra said an array of programmes have been lined up over the next one year.

Govt. orders probe into Assam ‘foreigner’ death

GUWAHATI The BJP-led government in Assam on Wednesday ordered a magisterial probe into the death of a 65-year-old “declared foreigner” after his family refused to accept the body till he is certified in writing as an Indian. The family of Dulal Paul has also asked the local authorities not to pressure them into receiving the body and be blamed later for cremating a “Bangladeshi on Indian soil”. A Foreigners’ Tribunal in north-central Assam’s Sonitpur district had in 2017 declared Paul a foreigner.

‘There should be no fear of bias’

Counsel seeks SC judge’s recusal

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Justice must be seen to be done, senior advocate Shyam Divan told the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

He was speaking for the petitioners, who wanted Justice Arun Mishra to recuse himself as lead judge of a Constitution Bench reviewing his own past judgment.

Mr. Divan argued “The test is not bias. The test is a litigant should not reasonably apprehend bias.”

Trigger the request

He quoted precedents to argue that it is the duty of judges to recuse themselves from a case and not leave it to the parties to trigger the request.

“Your Lordship’s [Justice

Mishra’s] judgment in Indore is going to be analysed and five questions of law have been framed. Your sitting on the Bench will constrain parties, counsel and constrain our ability to present the case... This is certainly crossing the rubicon,” Mr. Divan submitted.

Argued fearlessly

As Mr. Divan concluded, Justice Mishra said he had a question for him. “You have argued fearlessly [on recusal]. We respect you. Now what fear do you have to address us on merits? You were belligerent. Good! Why do you fear to argue on merits? What is the genesis of this fear? You think over it.”

“Very grateful. I will think over it,” Mr. Divan responded.

Chidambaram raises questions on economy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

On the day the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested him in connection with its probe into the INX Media money laundering case, former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram on Wednesday started a series on Twitter to highlight the state of economy.

“When Nobel Prize winner Dr. Abhijit Banerjee said that India’s economy is doing very badly, no one in Government seems to have felt a pang of guilt. I shall tweet two economic indicators every day and you can draw your own conclusions,” the tweet from Mr. Chidambaram’s account said.

While he continues to be in judicial custody, he has asked his family to make

posts on his social media accounts. “Today’s economic indicators: 1) per capita consumption expenditure for urban and rural India has decreased. Meaning, the poor are consuming less. 2) India’s rank in the Hunger Index is 112 out of 117 countries. Meaning, there is serious hunger,” he said in the tweet.

The Congress, meanwhile, has responded to the dare by the Prime Minister to include rolling back the amendments to Article 370 and scrapping the triple ‘ta-la-q’ law. “Many Opposition parties, including us, had supported the legislation brought in Parliament on Article 370. This is not even an issue. The PM is trying to divert attention,” said party leader Pranav Jha.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.H. DIVISION, BARIAPADA Phone No : 06792-252682; E mail Id : eepbbaripada2016@gmail.com NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT Invitation For Bids (IFB) Dtd.15.10.2019						
S N	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Period of Completion	Availability of Bid Document for Online Bidding	
					From	To
1	Supply, Installation & Testing of House Service Connection to the Consumers of Baripada Municipality under P.H. Division, Baripada	EEPHBPD-10/2019-20	154.01	03 (Three) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 23.10.2019	17.00 Hrs. of 13.11.2019
2	Supply, Installation & Testing of House Service Connection to the Consumers of Karanjia NAC under P.H. Division, Baripada	EEPHBPD-11/2019-20	81.94	03 (Three) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 23.10.2019	17.00 Hrs. of 13.11.2019
3	Supply, Installation & Testing of House Service Connection to the Consumers of Rairangpur Municipality under P.H. Division, Baripada	EEPHBPD-12/2019-20	25.52	03 (Three) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 23.10.2019	17.00 Hrs. of 13.11.2019
4	Improvement of water supply with sinking of production well and construction of sump for ward no. 2 Karadia and ward no. 6, 7, 8 of Karanjia NAC	EEPHBPD-13/2019-20	10.44	03 (Three) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 23.10.2019	17.00 Hrs. of 13.11.2019
* Name & Address of Officer : Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Baripada Inviting Bid Phone No 06792-252682 mail: eepbbaripada2016@gmail.com * Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal : “https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in”. * All amendments, time extension, clarifications etc. will be uploaded in the website only. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Baripada						

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD- Mahadevapura Zone, 9th Floor, Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru -11. No: EE/SWD/MDP/TEND/02/2019-20 Date: 16.10.2019			
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (STD-KW-4) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)			
The Executive Engineer, SWD Mahadevapura Zone, BBMP Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.			
Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Approx. Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Construction and Remodeling of Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Drains, Culverts and Bridges & all other Allied works of SWD Spread out at various locations in Mahadevapura Constituency of Mahadevapura Zone Under CMNRY Scheme Package-1 (2019-20)	3524.00	35.24 (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement and Rs. 34.24 Lakhs Balance in the form of BG) Or Rs. 35.24 Lakhs through e-Procurement
2.	Construction and Remodeling of Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Storm Water Drains, Culverts/Bridges & Allied works of SWD which are Spread out at various locations in KR Puram Constituency of Mahadevapura Zone Under CMNRY Scheme Package-3 (2019-20)	3069.00	30.69 (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement and Rs. 29.69 Lakhs Balance in the form of BG) Or Rs. 30.69 Lakhs through e-Procurement
Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 16.10.2019 (2) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries is 30.10.2019 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 20.10.2019 at 3:30 pm in the Office of the Chief Engineer (SWD). (4) Technical Bids will be opened on 02.11.2019 after 4:30 pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD-Mahadevaura Zone			
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Tender ID: 2019_AAI_24429_1	
AAI invites item rate tenders through e-tendering portal by AGM (Engg-C), AAI, Tuticorin Airport, on behalf of Chairman AAI from the eligible contractors for the work of “Construction of Perimeter road for the new bifurcated operational area at Tuticorin Airport” for an estimated cost of Rs. 5,25,76,396.00/- (excluding GST) with period of completion 06(Six) Months (including 15 days considered for rains). Last date and time of submission of bid document is 30/10/2019 up to 1800 hrs. The Envelope I,II,III will be opened on 06/11/2019, 06/11/2019, 13/11/2019 respectively. For detailed information log on to CPP e-procurement Portal reference https://etenders.gov.in/epprocure/app or www.aai.aero Further clarification/corrigendum if any will be notified through e-procurement portal at https://etenders.gov.in/epprocure/app	

SOUTHERN RAILWAY (CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION) TENDER NOTICE No. 07/CE/CN/ERS/2019 (OT) DATED: 14.10.2019				
For and on behalf of The President of India, Chief Engineer, Construction, Ernakulam Jn-682 016 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal www.ireps.gov.in. The Tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. The Cost of the Tender Form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by way of Multiple Banks' Net Banking, Debit Card and Credit Card.				
Name of the Work				
1) Shoranur - Mangalore section - Pro. Reconstruction of Br.No.1162 at Km.804/500-700 as 14x12.20m PSC-I Girder and slab and Br.No.1163 at km 805/00-100 as 1x15.0m PSC-I Girder and slab between Cheruvathur and Nieswaram stations. Earth work and blanketing for formation on approaches, collection of ballast, linking of track and other protective works.				
Approximate Cash Value in (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)	Period of Completion in Months	Closing/Opening Date @ 15.00 Hrs./ 15.30 Hrs.
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For further details please visit internet site www.ireps.gov.in or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam -682 016. Chief Engineer (Construction), Ernakulam Jn.				

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagara Division, BBMP Office Building, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru. No: EE/PN/TEND/05/2019-20 Date: 15.10.2019			
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)			
The Executive Engineer (Pulikeshinagara Division) on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/ KPWD/Railways/MES/ National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the works detailed in the table below.			
Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Improvements to Drains and Asphalting Adarshanagar and Surrounding area and Other Developmental works in Ward No.32 (3rd Call)	100.00	200000
Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal GOK from 18.10.2019 4:00 pm. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 26.10.2019 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Pre-bid meeting will be held on 21.10.2019 at 4:00 pm in the office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagara Division. (4) Date of Opening of Technical bids is on 28.10.2019 at 11:00 am in the office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagara Division. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer - Pulikeshinagara Division Pay Development Charges - Help to Develop Bengaluru			