

US PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO INDIA

Family to accompany Trump; Commerce, Energy Secretaries, NSA part of his team

Two sides likely to sign MoU on cooperation over homeland security

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 21

THE FIRST stand-alone visit by a US President, a high-powered White House delegation that includes three of President Donald Trump's family members, the first time that First Lady Melania Trump and daughter Ivanka are travelling together on an official visit, and a fifth meeting since May right in the middle of an election campaign that comes after four earlier meetings between Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi — a headline trade deal may be off the table but officials in New Delhi underline how these firsts underline the deepening of the India-US strategic partnership.

Beyond the pomp and the spectacle at the Namaste Trump event in Ahmedabad, some substantive outcomes are also expected: a centre for counter-terrorism is likely to be announced as the MoU on Homeland security will focus on aviation and immigration security. Sources said that an Industrial Security Annex summit is scheduled for April-May while an energy dialogue to diversify India's energy requirement is a key thrust area to be discussed around the visit.

That dialogue, also likely to be discussed around the visit. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



The Motera stadium in Ahmedabad being readied for the Namaste Trump event. *Javed Raja*

US, Taliban to seal Afghan peace deal on February 29, India wary of fallout

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IN A dramatic development with strategic, political and security repercussions for India, the United States and the Taliban said Friday that they will seal a political settlement on February 29 at the end of a weeklong period of "violence reduction" starting midnight in Afghanistan.

The deal could become one of the major talking points during the bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald

Trump on February 24-25. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that the agreement, which will reduce US presence in the region, will be signed upon the successful implementation of an understanding with the Taliban on a "significant" and nationwide reduction in violence.

Reuters quoted a Taliban spokesperson as saying that "both parties agreed to sign the finalised accord in the presence of international observers". Both sides would also make arrangements for the release of prisoners, the Taliban said. **AFGHAN, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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By UNNY



Deadlines are over, act or face financial consequences: FATF to Pak

SHUBHAJIT ROY
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IN A stern warning to Pakistan which managed to stay on the "greylist", global terrorist financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF), chaired by China, told Islamabad that "all deadlines" have expired and if they don't prosecute and penalise terrorist financing by June 2020, the FATF will take action which will have financial consequences.

In effect, Pakistan could face the FATF "blacklist" if it failed to implement the remaining action plan by June 2020.

The FATF, in its plenary meeting held in Paris from February 16-21, expressed serious concerns on Pakistan's failure to complete its 27-point action plan in line with the agreed timeline which ended in September 2019.

This was the key takeaway after the FATF plenary session ended Friday. FATF President Xiangmin Liu of the People's Republic of China chaired the plenary — China has the presidency until June.

In a significant development, as first reported by *The Indian Express* on February 20, China **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

JUSTICE SRIKRISHNA ON PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION BILL

Data Bill gives dangerous power... Orwellian, says author of first draft

In note to House panel, judge points to watering down, foreign lobbying

KARISHMA MEHROTRA & MANOJ CG
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JUSTICE B N Srikrishna, the retired Supreme Court judge who headed the committee that drafted the original Personal Data Protection Bill, has warned that extra powers and legal exceptions given to the central government are a "dangerous trend", potentially leading to an "Orwellian State".

In a note to the Joint Select Committee in Parliament deliberating on the Bill, Justice



Justice Srikrishna headed panel that drafted first Bill

Srikrishna also said "data localisation requirement has been watered down because of lobbying by foreign companies".

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EXPLAINED Before House panel

THERE ARE three stakeholders in the data protection debate: the individual, the state and technology corporates. Justice Srikrishna's letter flagging a perceived increase in power to government and industry will be one of the many perspectives the committee will hear regarding the delicate balancing act between these three.

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19-year-old, who raised slogans at rally, charged with sedition, sent to jail

JOHNSON TA
BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 21

IN MARCH 2016, shortly after BJP's West Bengal chief Dilip Ghosh said that those shouting slogans like "Pakistan Zindabad" would be beheaded, a 16-year-old pre-university student in Mysuru in Karnataka put out a post on her social media account, referencing the BJP leader's remarks, saying: "I believe in ultimate brotherhood, I believe in the collective sense of universal being. These borders mean nothing to me after a point."

Much of the post also featured the song 'Imagine' by the singer, song-writer John Lennon.



Amulya was remanded in custody for 14 days. ANI

The student, Amulya Leona Noronha, now a 19-year-old college goer, and in recent days a speaker at several anti-CAA protests across the state, was **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Assam NRC chief: Ineligible persons in list, identify

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 21

THREE MONTHS after Assam announced it would not accept the National Register of Citizens list because it was "erroneous" with "wrongful exclusions and inclusions", the office of the NRC State

Coordinator, in an official memo to all district magistrates two days ago, sought details of those wrongfully included in the final NRC. It sought replies within a day. Published on August 31, 2019, the state's final NRC list left out over 19 lakh people, many of them Hindus. The memo, signed by NRC

State Coordinator Hitesh Dev Sarma, stated it was a "matter of utmost importance", and that it "has come to the knowledge of the undersigned that after publication of final NRC on 31st August, 2019, few names of ineligible persons are found present in the final NRC". The "ineligible persons", it

said, particularly referred to "Doubtful Voters (DV), Declared Foreigner (DF), descendants of Doubtful Voters and Declared Foreigners (DVD, DFD) and those with cases pending in Foreigners Tribunal (PFT)". Under NRC rules, the DFs, DVs, PFTs and those who have **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

MP govt scraps its sterilisation circular, BJP recalls days of Emergency

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, FEBRUARY 21

A DAY after *The Indian Express* reported on a circular issued by the MP government that male health workers would lose their salaries and face retirement if they failed to get at least one man for sterilisation, the state withdrew the directive while describing it as "a mistake".

The state government removed Chhavi Bharadwaj, the state's National Health Mission (NHM) director who issued the circular, and attached her to the Secretariat as officer on special duty till further orders. The 2008-batch IAS officer is currently attending a mid-career training course.

Friday's move came after the Opposition BJP slammed the circular and asked if it was "part-2 of the Congress's Emergency" in a reference to the aggressive family planning programme conducted by the central government of that time. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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