

For India, BIMSTEC represents interlinking of Neighbourhood First, Act East Policy and SAGAR vision: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI (INDIA) : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar articulated India's strategic alignment with the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), highlighting its significance within the country's broader geopolitical frameworks like - Neighbourhood First, Act East Policy and SAGAR vision.



"For India, BIMSTEC represents the intersection of its 'Neighbourhood First' outlook, the 'Act East Policy' and the 'SAGAR' vision. Each of these endeavours is being pursued with a specific focus on the Bay of Bengal, where collaborative potential has long remained under-realised," said Jaishankar addressing the BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Retreat in New Delhi on Thursday.

He added, "Our challenge is to change that for the better, and to do so rapidly. The retreat is meant to exchange ideas openly, candidly and fruitfully. We all benefited from the last such exercise in Bangkok."

The Minister stressed the Summit's importance, noting, "This one now has a particular importance as it serves to prepare strong outcomes for the Summit to be held later in

the year. Our message should be clear - that we are all determined to infuse new energies, new resources and a new commitment into cooperation among the Bay of Bengal nations."

Highlighting the recent developments within BIMSTEC, Jaishankar noted, "The BIMSTEC Charter, for a start, has come into effect from 20 May this year. Global and regional developments also make it imperative that we find more solutions amongst ourselves."

The retreat, attended by foreign ministers from BIMSTEC member countries, serves as a platform for

exchanging ideas and fostering deeper cooperation across various domains including connectivity, trade, health, and digital infrastructure. Jaishankar expressed optimism about the outcomes, stating, "Our hope is that these would be expressed as shared and ambitious BIMSTEC Vision."

"Our discussions, in the first part, will revolve around connectivity, institutional building, cooperation in trade and business, collaboration in health and space, digital public infrastructure, capacity building and societal exchanges, as well as weighing on the merits of new

mechanisms," stated Jaishankar, highlighting the breadth of topics under consideration.

The first edition of the BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Retreat was held in Thailand's Bangkok on 17 July 2023.

"Much has happened since that and this should spur our endeavours to deepen and broaden the activities of the BIMSTEC," he added.

Jaishankar further outlined the next steps, stating, "After the presentation that would be made by Secretary East, I would request all of you, starting with the BIMSTEC Chair, Thailand, to make your comments and your suggestions on the ideas before us, as well as put forth your own views, on how we should take BIMSTEC forward. I hope in the second part of our deliberations, we could focus more sharply on the possible outcomes of the forthcoming Summit. These discussions would be led by our Thai colleague as the BIMSTEC Chair and the host of the Summit."

BIMSTEC is a regional organization that connects countries around the Bay of Bengal to promote economic growth, trade, and cooperation in areas like transportation, energy, and counter-ter-

rorism. It aims to strengthen relationships and foster economic development among its member states, which include-Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

BIMSTEC stands as a beacon of regional collaboration, striving to achieve rapid economic development and social progress through joint initiatives among its member states. Founded on principles of equality and partnership, BIMSTEC aims to address common challenges and capitalise on shared opportunities across seven strategic sectors.

Each member nation leads specific sectors, reflecting their expertise and commitment to collective advancement. Bangladesh spearheads trade, investment and development, including the blue economy, leveraging its strategic location and maritime resources. Sri Lanka focuses on science, technology and innovation, including health and human resource development, fostering advancements in research and human capital.

Bhutan leads efforts in environment and climate change, including the moun-

tain economy, emphasising sustainable practices in the face of ecological challenges.

India takes charge of security, including energy and disaster management, contributing expertise in disaster preparedness and strategic energy management.

Myanmar oversees agriculture and food security, including fisheries and livestock, supporting food sustainability and rural development.

Nepal drives people-to-people contact, including poverty alleviation, promoting cultural exchange and poverty reduction initiatives. Thailand leads connectivity efforts, enhancing regional infrastructure and transport networks to facilitate seamless connectivity among member states.

BIMSTEC also emphasises cooperation with international and regional organizations, aligning its goals with global development agendas to maximize impact. With a commitment to mutual assistance, joint projects, and capacity building, BIMSTEC seeks to translate its collaborative efforts into tangible benefits that improve living standards and promote inclusive growth across the Bay of Bengal region.

Hyderabad: Israeli diplomat lauds Woods Shamshabad project for its afforestation technique

HYDERABAD (TELANGANA) : Israeli diplomat, Uri Rubinstein visited the Woods Shamshabad project in Hyderabad and appreciated the biophilic eco-realty project for its environmental benefits, informed a press release.

Rubinstein, who is the Agriculture Attache at the Embassy of Israel in India, is also associated with, Israel's Agency for International Development Corporation, popularly known as MASHAV.

After touring the project by Stonecraft Group on late Wednesday evening, Uri Rubinstein said, "I never witnessed such a project, this is breathtaking, the residents and habitats are lucky to live here, thoroughly a next generation project."

He added, "I am an agriculture person, and these days we are talking a lot about Regenerative Agriculture, this looks similar to regenerative agriculture that improves soil fertility, improves water level and energy management."

The Israeli diplomat also applauded Kirthi Chilukuri, the founder and CEO of Stonecraft Group for creating a "break-through forest in the middle of the city."

The Woods Shamshabad project in Hyderabad, is a Miyawaki forest created in a residential daily living space.

The three-year-old forest, with fully matured 4,50,000 native self-sustainable Indian trees and over 141 species of migratory and resident birds is spread across 60 acres with 110 farm units built to cherish as an heirloom property.

"We are honored to receive words of appreciation from the Israeli Agricultural Attache Uri Rubinstein for our project 'The Woods@Shamshabad'. This acknowledgment, and learnings from his visit reinforces our commitment to sustainable development in eco-realty. We look forward to exploring opportunities for collaboration with MASHAV to further our efforts in ecological restoration and community development through a series of Woods Projects in India," the Stonecraft Group CEO said.

"India has successfully, swiftly generated new jobs" says Union Minister Piyush Goyal

NEW DELHI (INDIA) : Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday highlighted the success the government has had in job creation in its tenure. The Minister was speaking in the context of the RBI KLEMS Data that showed that nearly 4.6 crore new jobs were created in the financial year 2023-2024.

"Yesterday, the report released by the Reserve Bank of India on the generation of employment in India reflects how, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, India has successfully swiftly generated new jobs and new employment opportunities. For the first time after 1981-82, around 2.5 times higher number of employment opportunities became available last year. More than 4.6 crore people received new employment last year - this is an increase of around 6%.

Before this, in 2022-23, the unemployment was at 3.2% - which was very low...I believe that PM Modi's term has been the most successful one, about new jobs. SBI too has released a report that states that 12.5 Crore jobs have been generated between 2014-2023. From 2004-2014, the number was just 2.90 crore, this was in the UPA regime's 10 years," Piyush Goyal said.

The BJP also used the RBI data to say that the Narendra



Modi government had turned India into one of the world's best job-creating nations after the UPA government.

"Under the BJP, a staggering 12.5 crore jobs were created in just 10 years (FY14-23), cementing India's position as one of the world's best job-creating nations. In stark contrast, Manmohan Singh's rule had seen a meagre 2.9 crore job creation between 2004-14," said BJP Spokesperson Syed Zafar Islam.

According to PLFS and RBI's KLEMS data, India has generated more than 8 crore (80 million) employment opportunities from 2017-18 to 2021-22. This translates to an average of over 2 crore (20 million) employment per year, even though the world economy was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020-21 which contradicts Citigroup's assertion of India's inability to generate sufficient employment. This significant employment creation demonstrates the effectiveness of various government initiatives aimed at

boosting employment across sectors.

A statement issued in a rejoinder to a Citigroup report, that had claimed that India would struggle to provide employment opportunities even with 7 per cent growth, said that PLFS data shows that during the last 5 years, more employment opportunities have been generated compared to the number of people joining the labour force, resulting in a consistent reduction in the unemployment rate. This is a clear indicator of the positive impact of government policies on employment. Contrary to the report, which suggests a dire employment scenario, the official data reveals a more optimistic picture of the Indian job market.

The statement further said that EPFO data suggests that more and more workers are joining formal jobs. During 2023-24, more than 1.3 crore subscribers joined EPFO which is more than double compared to 61.12 lakh who joined EPFO during 2018-19. Moreover, during the last six and half years (from September 2017 to March 2024) more than 6.2 crore net subscribers have joined EPFO.

The statement also said that official data sources like PLFS, RBI, EPFO, etc. show consistent improvements in the key labour market indicators, including increased Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Worker Population Ratio (WPR), and a declining Unemployment Rate during the last five years. EPFO and NPS data further support the positive employment trends.

ED arrests retired assistant professor in Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers paper leak case



NEW DELHI (INDIA) : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested a retired assistant professor in the matter of Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET) paper leak case in Rajasthan, the agency said on Thursday.

ED investigation revealed that Pradeep Parashar was appointed as district coordinator of the district level committee by the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE) to conduct REET, 2021 which was scheduled to be conducted by the department at various places in Rajasthan on September 26, 2021. Parashar had then appointed one assistant Ram Kripal Meena without any valid order, who was given unauthorized access to the strong room of Siksha Sankul, Jaipur wherein the question

paper of REET, 2021 was stored, said the ED. "Ram Kripal Meena in connivance with Dr. Pradeep Parashar stole the question paper in the night of September 24, 2021 from Siksha Sankul, Jaipur in a well-planned manner and circulated the stolen question paper to other accused persons and in return acquired huge money." ED's Jaipur Zonal Office arrested Parashar under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 on July 10.

Parashar was produced before a special PMLA court in Jaipur and which granted his three-day custody to ED.

ED initiated investigation under on the basis of First Information Reports (FIRs) and charge-sheets registered and filed by Rajasthan Police under various sections of

Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860 against Parashar and other related persons. ED has earlier conducted search operations at total 32 premises of accused persons on June 5, 2023, June 20, 2023, August 7, 2023, October 17, 2023 and October 26, 2023, resulting in recovery of incriminating documents and digital records and seizure of huge cash. In this case, ED said, it had earlier arrested Pradeep Parashar's assistant Ram Kripal Meena, against which a Prosecution Complaint has been filed before Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Jaipur for which cognizance has already been taken by the court.

शपथ-पत्र

मैं गायत्री देवी पति पति. नरेश प्रसाद सिंह साकिन ग्राम- हनुमान मंदिर, बार्ड नंबर- 02 सिलाव डीह पोस्ट- सिलाव, थाना- सिलाव, जिला- नालंदा, राज्य- बिहार का निवासी हूँ. मेरे शपथ पत्र संख्या 13 दिनांक 09.07.2024 के द्वारा घोषणा करती हूँ कि मैं उपरोक्त पते पर का स्थाई रूप से निवासी हूँ. मेरे आधार कार्ड में अंग्रेजी Gayatree Devi वो हिंदी में गायत्री देवी अंकित है, जो सही, व सत्य है, लेकिन रिकॉर्ड ऑफिस में अंग्रेजी में मेरा नाम गलत है. मेरा जन्म तिथि 01.01.1951 है. सरकारी कार्यालय में अंग्रेजी में नाम Gayatree Devi शुद्ध किया जाए.

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Married woman seeks permission for termination of 32 week pregnancy; Delhi HC calls for report from AIIMS

NEW DELHI (INDIA) : A married woman moved to the Delhi High Court seeking permission to medically terminate her 32-week pregnancy with an abnormal fetus.

The High Court has called for a report from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Justice Sanjeev Narula directed the petitioner to appear before the AIIMS Medical Board tomorrow for medical examination.

The hospital has been directed to file a report by July 13. The matter was listed on July 15 for the consideration of a medical report.

Petitioner Mrs. A has approached the Delhi High court for seeking permission for termination of 32 weeks pregnancy.

Petitioner's counsel Amit Mishra submitted that the foetus has abnormalities. It was revealed on July 4 after the petitioner underwent an ultra-

sound test. He also submitted that the petitioner took opinion from 4 others labs and results were the same.

Considering the advance stage of pregnancy the bench directed AIIMS to file medical report by July 13.

The woman approached the court after she was advised by doctors to get the permission from the court for a medical termination of the pregnancy.

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1	Moisture per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
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4	Water Soluble Potash (as K2O) per cent by weight, Minimum	18	29	35	11	31	39	39	16	15	16	30	13	40	16
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7	Total Chloride per cent by Weight, Maximum	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
8	Matter Insoluble in water per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
9	Sodium (as NaCl) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
10	Lead (as Pb) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
11	Cadmium (as Cd) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025
12	Arsenic (as As) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

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