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**“The First Lady and I have travelled 8,000 miles to deliver a message... America loves India, America respects India”**

—DONALD TRUMP



**‘America will always be a loyal and faithful friend’**

**‘India-US no longer just any partnership, it's far closer’**

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Ahmedabad: In a relationship-defining speech at a packed Motera Stadium on Monday, US President Donald Trump declared that his country would always be faithful and loyal to Indians, and enthusiastically embraced the entire gamut of India-US ties.

Trump's speech signalled a strong confidence on major issues of concern to India. "India and the US are committed to defending our people from radical Islamic terrorism," he said. "Every nation has the right to secure and controlled borders," he added.

Trump said the US had a "very good relationship with Pakistan" and "we are working with them to crack down on terror organisations and militants" in that country.

On trade, Trump said he and PM Narendra Modi would be making "very very major deals" but added that they were in the "early stages of dis-

**NAMOSTE TRUMP: P 6, 7, 8**

cussion". Modi, he wryly said, was a "very tough negotiator".

Trump dwelt at length on the burgeoning defence ties as he highlighted joint military drills and sale of American weapons — "the best and most feared military equipment on the planet" — to declare that the "US should be India's premier defence partner".

► 'Hope to humanity', P 8

**Weinstein found guilty in MeToo case**



Harvey Weinstein was convicted of rape and a sexual act, two years after allegations against the ex-Hollywood power broker sparked the #MeToo movement. Sentencing is on March 12. P2

**Sensex plunges 807 pts amid virus scare**

The sensex recorded its second-biggest fall this year on Monday in line with global markets as the coronavirus spread to Italy, Iran and South Korea. It fell 807 points to close at 40,363. P9

**Ex-constable, CO convicted for 101st murder**

A CBI judge on Monday convicted two policemen in connection with the sensational murder of a girl on the premises of Nighasan police station in Lucknow in 2011. The court, however, acquitted two other accused policemen for want of evidence. The quantum of sentence will be decided on February 26. On June 10, 2011, the mother of the victim had lodged an FIR alleging that her daughter had been murdered. P3

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Ahmedabad: India and the US were "natural partners" and their ties and cooperation would play a big role in determining the world's direction in the 21st century, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Monday in an unprecedented and unabashed public celebration of the bilateral relationship.

"In the 21st century, when new alignments, new coalition, new challenges and new opportunities are laying the foundation of change, Indo-US ties and cooperation will play an important role in determining the world's direction. I firmly believe India and the US are natural partners. We can make an effective contribution to peace, progress and security not just in the Indo-Pacific region but in the world as a whole," the PM said before a crowd of over a lakh at Motera Stadium, the world's largest cricket arena.

Modi's remarks came after US President Donald Trump's speech hailed India and its people while taking a sunny view of ties with India. Reciprocating his optimism, the PM said, "The next phase of India-US ties is beginning... we believe in a long-term vision; bilateral economic ties and digital cooperation will grow and we will be able to fulfil our common dreams." Earlier, in remarks before Trump spoke, Modi said, "India-US relations are no longer just another partnership. It is a far greater and closer relationship."

► 'Defeating terror', P 8

**From Bollywood to cricket, many references to India**

From bhangra and Bollywood to cricketers Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli, there were multiple references to India in Trump's speech. He struggled with some words and names, such as Swami Vivekananda's. The reference to Modi being the son of a "chhila" got a huge roar. P7

**Modi showers praise on Trump family members**

Modi had glowing words for the entire Trump family. Trump had worked hard to realise the American dream, he said, and acknowledged Melania's "work for society". Modi said he was happy to meet Ivanka and lauded Kushner's "ability to stay away from limelight, yet work effectively".

**SPINNING STRONGER TIES**



The Trumps & PM Modi at Sabarmati Ashram. Melania began spinning the wheel when Modi was explaining its importance. Lata Parmar, an ashram employee, worked with the Trumps till a thread emerged. P6

**UP man behind Delhi's happiness curriculum**

Arjuna Bano | TNN  
Gorakhpur: Ahead of US first lady Melania Trump's visit to a Delhi government school, a wave of happiness took over Gorakhpur. One of the six core team members of the 'happiness curriculum', the programme that has drawn Melania to the school, hails from Gorakhpur.

Shravan Kumar Shukla, a teacher in a government school in Chhittauri is among the core team members of the

happiness curriculum concept. While he is posted in the government school in Chhittauri area of Gorakhpur, he has been on deputation to Delhi since 2016 as part of the Delhi school project.

Talking to TOI, Shukla shared how a chance meeting with Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia became the reason for the opportunity that Shukla got.

► 'Haven't contacted me', P 3

**Love will be in the air tonight at Prez dinner**

When the Trumps sit down to banquet at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Tuesday evening, the hors d'oeuvres will be brought out to the strains of Eric Clapton's "Wonderful tonight", Elton John's "Can you feel the love tonight" and Rod Stewart's "Haven't told you lately that I love you". The

**Cong to give Prez banquet a miss**

Congress's Manmohan Singh, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will skip the President banquet on Tuesday as Sonia Gandhi has not been invited. P8

**Navy band will play a mix of songs, including "Ek pyaar ka nagma hai" and "Lag ja gale", reports Swati Mathur.**

Dinner will begin with a mandarin orange edible-gold-leaved "amuse-bouche" and appetisers will include lemon coriander soup and Cajun-spiced salmon.

► 'Dal Raisina', P 6

**Wah Taj! Our visit will boost tourism: Trump**

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Agra: Early Monday, there was an air of expectation in Agra. Men on motorbikes, women in burqa and girls in shimmering dresses posed and pouted before the cut-outs of Trump and Modi. The city, which had received a quick makeover, was in the midst of a great selfie festival.

The photo ops shifted to the Taj around 4.00pm when the US President's cavalcade of 20-odd cars headed there for a private tour. Nitin Singh, the tourist guide who was specially selected to show the Trumps around, said the US President was "impressed" by the story of Shahjahan and Mumtaz, "but he felt that the emperor was imprisoned for eight years at the Agra Quila".

Trump, the guide said, praised the monument's architecture, inlay and stone work, and also the double dome structure. The Trumps asked Singh several questions.

"The president said he loved the monument and added that after his visit many more Americans will come to see the Taj," said Singh. He said he found Trump friendly and jovial. "He obliged everyone with selfies and photos."



**On video-call, Ivanka displays Taj to kin**

Floored by the "awe-inspiring beauty" of the Taj, Trump's daughter Ivanka made a FaceTime call from the monument to share the views with a relative, according to her guide, Kamalkant Gupta. She posted pictures of herself and her husband at the Taj, getting close to 400,000 likes on Instagram within hours. P6

**'Kind & lively' Trump enthralled Taj guide**

Taking US president Donald Trump and his wife Melania on a tour of the Taj Mahal was a "lifetime's dream come true", 36-year-old guide Nitin Singh said. Singh, who has spent 12 years in the profession and has a license from the department of tourism, was selected for the job after the US embassy had interviewed over 50 guides. P7



CM Yogi Adityanath and Governor Anandiben Patel present a photo of the Trumps standing in front of Taj Mahal to them

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**HC to DGP: Act against cops who assaulted AMU students**

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Allahabad: The Allahabad high court on Monday directed the UP DGP to identify and take action against the policemen who were involved in stray cases of damaging motorcycles and unnecessarily cutting the apprehended students of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) during the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act protest in December last.

Passing the order on the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission, Chief Justice Govind Mathur and Justice Sanjay Gopal direct-

**20-yr-old CAA protester dies in city**

Aditi Singh | TNN

Lucknow: A 20-year-old anti-CAA protester and volunteer at the Clock Tower, who fell ill after getting drenched in rain at the protest site, died on Sunday. Taiyaba was a resident of Dallaganj and had been part of the protest at Hussainabad Clock Tower since its start on January 17. She is survived by

her parents and five elder sisters. Taiyaba fell ill after getting drenched in rain on Thursday (February 20) at the Clock Tower. She stopped coming to the protest site from Friday on Sunday, she went to Balrampur hospital to consult a doctor. Two hours later, the hospital told her family about her death.

► 'Prayers for Taiyaba', P 2

legations levelled in a PIL, filed by Mohammad Akram Khan.

► 'Train cops', P 3

**Cop, 4 others die as clashes, arson scorches N-E Delhi**

A wide swathe of north-east Delhi — from Jafraabad to Chand Bagh and Karawal Nagar — was wracked by communal riots and incidents of rampant vandalism on Monday as anti- and pro-CAA groups clashed for over seven hours. It left fires burning in the streets — which were littered with stones, bricks and glass — with smoke scarring the landscape. Stone-pelting, firing and arson left one policeman and four others dead while over 60 were injured. These include two dozen cops. Including a DCP, passersby and rioters. P5

**‘No case of SC/ST Act if offence is not in public view’**

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Allahabad: The Allahabad high court on Monday set aside an order of summoning under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, saying that for constituting an offence under this act, public view is mandatory.

If the offence has allegedly been committed behind closed doors — where no wit-

**“If the offence has allegedly been committed behind closed doors, where no witness is present, SC/ST Act cannot be applied”**

— Justice RK Gaur

ness and disposing a petition filed by a Sonbhadra resident against the order of Duddhi judicial magistrate in Sonbhadra.

Petitioner KP Thakur was probe officer in a depart-



judicial magistrate against Thakur under SC/ST Act and other sections of Indian Penal Code. After the court summoned Thakur, he challenged the order in high court.

While partly allowing the petition filed by Thakur, the court observed, "The door was locked from inside. It was a chamber of the enquiry officer (Thakur), where presenting officer (Tanay) and enquiry officer were present

be a public view and it has been verified by the apex court. Hence, the very ingredient of offence punishable under Section 3(XX) of the SC/ST Act was missing".

The court quashed the summoning for offence punishable under the SC/ST Act. However, the judge made it clear that for rest of the offences, no relief was given to the petitioner.

The case was sent back to the Duddhi judicial magis-

ness is present — the SC/ST Act cannot be applied, said Justice RK Gautam while quoting a Supreme Court ruling in an inquiry against one Vinod Kumar Tanay. According to the petition, Thakur had called Tanay to his chamber process of recording, the petition says. Following this, Tanay moved a petition before the court and it can never be said to be a public view. Even if any occurrence took place at that place, it may never be said to be a crime under Sections 323 (simple hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of Indian Penal Code.



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