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Snag in Air India One, Prez stuck in Zurich for hrs

President R N Kovind's flight from Zurich to Slovenia was delayed on Sunday after the AI Boeing 747 that was to fly as AI One developed a snag. According to sources, Kovind, who drove to Zurich airport, had to return to his hotel following the glitch. He flew to Slovenia after the snag was rectified in a few hours. **P 6**

Temples attacked in Pak Sindh over blasphemy charge

A mob in Pakistan's Sindh province on Sunday vandalised a school, temples, shops and houses of Hindus after a student accused the school principal, from the minority community, of blasphemy, according to Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's legislator Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, who is also patron-in-chief of Pakistan Hindu Council. **P 14**

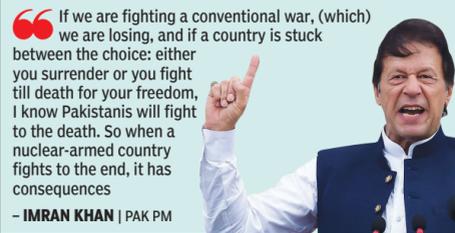
Loss in a conventional war may trigger N-conflict, warns Imran

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has raised the spectre of a nuclear conflict with India over the Kashmir issue, saying it could be a "consequence" in case of Islamabad losing a conventional war against New Delhi.

In an interview to Al Jazeera that was telecast on Saturday, he reiterated that nuclear war between the two neighbours could be a possibility.

"When two nuclear-armed countries fight, if they fight a conventional war, there is every possibility that it is going to end up into nuclear war. The unthinkable."



"If we are fighting a conventional war, (which) we are losing, and if a country is stuck between the choice: either you surrender or you fight till death for your freedom, I know Pakistanis will fight to the death. So when a nuclear-armed country fights to the end, it has consequences

- IMRAN KHAN | PAK PM

► MALALA FACES FLAK FOR REMARK ON J&K KIDS, P 9

While reiterating that Pakistan would never start a war against India, he said: "I am a pacifist, I am anti-war. If say Pakistan, God forbid, we are fighting a conventional war, (which) we are losing, and if a country is stuck between the choice: either you surrender or you fight till death for your freedom, I know Pakistanis will fight to death

Pak summons Indian, Afghan diplomats

Pakistan has summoned Afghanistan and Indian diplomats after reports of four soldiers and a civilian were killed in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. An Indian diplomat was summoned on Saturday after Pakistan accused Indian forces of opening fire along the LoC in Kashmir. **P 9**

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► 'Taking focus away', P 9

Sunni Waqf Board, Nirvani Akhara seek Ayodhya mediation

Dhananjay Mahapatra | timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Two main parties from Muslim and Hindu sides have written to the Supreme Court mediation panel for resumption of negotiations for a settlement to the more than century-old dispute for ownership of the 2.77 acres Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land in Ayodhya.

Sunni Waqf Board, which had filed a suit for ownership of the disputed structure in 1961, has written to the SC-appointed mediation panel, led by ex-SC judge F M I Kalifulla and comprising senior advocate Sriram Panchu and spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravishankar, seeking resumption of negotiations that were stalled on

EARLIER TALKS STALLED IN JULY

► Sunni Waqf Board had filed suit for ownership of disputed structure in 1961

► Nirvani Akhara is one of the three Ramanandi Akharas in Ayodhya

► Negotiations stalled on July 29 due to hardline stand by Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind's Maulana Arshad Madani faction and VHP-backed Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas

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► Nirmohi Akhara, P 8

T'gana won't implement new motor Act: KCR

Sribala Vadlapatla | timesgroup.com

Hyderabad: Four days after West Bengal refused to implement the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, Telangana chief minister K Chandrababhan Nara Chandrababhan on Sunday announced in the state assembly that his state too would not imple-

ment the new Act, which has increased penalties in traffic offences manifold.

Several states have either reduced the stiff fines provided in the new Act or delayed its implementation. "We have no intention of harassing citizens with hefty fines," KCR said.

► Cops fine bullock cart under MV Act, P 10

► 'No intention...', P 10

Govt looks to plug GST leaks, boost collections; meet on Fri

Sidhartha | timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Having detected frauds of close to Rs 50,000 crore, the Centre is looking to tighten processes, including those related to claiming input tax credit, and will focus on getting states to okay plans to plug leaks and evasions at this week's GST council meeting.

The government's effort to shore up collections and improve revenues is likely to be a major area of discussion at the GST council. Calls for rate cuts

HOW IT'LL BE DONE

► Businesses pay 20% of their tax in cash and the remaining using tax credit accumulated in their accounts

► FM is planning to ask states to put in place a mechanism under which enhancement in limit to claim tax credit will require payment of 20% as margin money

for stressed sectors like autos are expected to figure but new procedures to prevent evasion

and misuse of GST provisions are likely to be adopted.

On an average, businesses pay 20% of their tax in cash and pay the remaining using the tax credit accumulated in their accounts. Using the same principle, the finance ministry is planning to ask states to put in place a mechanism under which an enhancement in the limit to claim tax credit will require payment of 20% as the margin money.

► Massive shortfall, P 10

Haryana CM too wants NRC, gets Hooda's backing

Chandigarh: Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar said on Sunday that like Assam, the National Register of Citizens (NRC) would also be implemented in the state. The Haryana government is working at a fast pace on its family identity card scheme and the data from that would be used in the NRC, Khattar said. Former Congress CMB S Hooda was quick to support the plan, which was first hinted at by Union home minister Amit Shah. **TNN**

Bees 'ambush' plane, force 90-min delay

Subhro Niyogi & Tamaghna Banerjee | TNN

Kolkata: A swarm of bees took an Air India aircraft, with a Bangladesh minister on board, "hostage" at Kolkata airport for more than 90 minutes on Sunday morning before "heavy artillery" — in the form of water cannons — was brought out to clear the cockpit windshield of the buzzing menace.

Flight AI 743 to Agartala was about to enter the runway for take-off at 11.13am when the bees came out of nowhere and ambushed the windshield, blindsiding the captain and the first officer just as they prepared to hit full throttle. The flight finally took off at 12.56pm.

► Water cannon used, P 8

Tehelka sting case: 3-yr jail for retd Maj General

Nearly 18 years after a sting operation by Tehelka stirred up a storm in the Army, a CBI court in Delhi has convicted a retired major general in the case for accepting bribes, reports Abhinav Garg. The retired officer, S P Murgai, was sentenced to three years' RI for pushing the interests of a fictitious firm in exchange for bribes totalling Rs 70,000. **P 6**

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