

● CALLS RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR A 'CONFLICT'

India's UNSC aspiration legitimate, says BRICS

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AFGHANISTAN IS MISSING from the BRICS declaration, but the document mentioned the “legitimate” aspirations of India, Brazil and South Africa to be part of the UN Security Council, acknowledged G20 as a premier multilateral forum and called the Russia-Ukraine war a “conflict” this time instead of “situation”.

These are some of the key takeaways emerging from the BRICS leaders’ summit in Johannesburg as tough diplomatic negotiations and the informal meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping played out in the run-up to the declaration.

On Security Council reforms, the BRICS declaration introduced the phrase “legitimate aspirations” and the word “democratic” in the paragraph. Last year, BRICS had merely talked about “aspirations” of India, Brazil and South Africa and making the UNSC “representative, effective and efficient”.

It said: “We support a comprehensive reform of the UN, including its Security Council, with a view to making it more democratic, representative, effective and efficient, and to increase the representation of developing countries in the Council’s memberships so that it can adequately respond to prevailing global challenges and support the 3 legitimate aspirations of emerging and developing countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America, including Brazil, India and South Africa, to play a greater role in international affairs, in particular in the United Nations, including its Security Council.”

On the issue of the Russia-Ukraine war, the BRICS declaration used the word “conflict in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi (second from right) poses with Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov for a BRICS family photo in Johannesburg last week

and around Ukraine”, instead of last year’s formulation of the “situation in Ukraine”.

“We recall our national positions concerning the conflict in and around Ukraine as expressed at the appropriate fora, including the UNSC and UNGA. We note with appreciation relevant proposals of mediation and good offices aimed at peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy, including the African Leaders Peace Mission and the proposed path for peace,” the declaration said this time. There was, however, no mention of the Black Sea Grain Initiative which was an important issue this time.

Afghanistan was a noteworthy miss in the 94-paragraph declaration running into 17 pages, especially considering that there was an extensive paragraph on it in the June 2022 declaration.

Last time, the BRICS declaration had said it strongly supports a peaceful Afghanistan while emphasising on national recon-

ciliation, an inclusive political structure and rights of all Afghans including women and children. It said Afghan territory should not be used for acts of terror and called on authorities to combat drugs.

BRICS — largely portrayed as an anti-West platform — acknowledged G20 as a “premier multilateral forum” and the “Indian Presidency” this time. It helped that two more BRICS countries — Brazil and South Africa — will preside over the G20 in 2024 and 2025, respectively. “We reaffirm the importance of the G20 to continue playing the role of the premier multilateral forum in the field of international economic and financial cooperation that comprises both developed and emerging markets and developing countries where major economies jointly seek solutions to global challenges. We look forward to the successful hosting of the 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi under the Indian G20 Presidency,” the declaration said.

“We note the opportunities to build sustained momentum for change by India, Brazil and South Africa presiding over the G20 from 2023 to 2025 and expressed support for continuity and collaboration in their G20 presidencies and wish them all success in their endeavours. Therefore, we are committed to a balanced approach by continuing to amplify and further integrate the voice of the global South in the G20 agenda as under the Indian Presidency in 2023 and the Brazilian and South African presidencies in 2024 and 2025,” it said.

“We reiterate the importance of BRICS cooperation in the field of disaster management. We stress the importance of disaster risk reduction measures towards building resilient communities and the exchange of information on best practices, adoption of climate change adaptation initiatives, and integration of indigenous knowledge systems and improving investments in early warning systems and disaster resilient infrastructure.”

Isro chief defends name of Moon landing site

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ISRO CHAIRMAN S Somanath on Sunday said the space agency has got critical and interesting data from the Chandrayaan-3 mission, which would be explained in the coming days.

Addressing the media, Somanath said there is no controversy regarding the Prime Minister naming the Chandrayaan-3 landing site as ‘Shiv Shakti point’.

“The rover is moving as planned. We have been getting very interesting data from the rover which was never obtained in the past. Scientists will explain it in the coming days,” he said.

Regarding the naming of the landing site, he said: “The country has every right to name the landing site. Naming of the landing site is not the first incident. Several Indian names are already there on the moon. We have Sarabhai crater on the moon. Other countries have also named places related to their scientific accomplishment. All places related to even minor experiments would be named. That is a tradition.”

Somanath said the lunar



ISRO chief S Somanath offers prayers at a temple in Thiruvananthapuram, Sunday.

missions of several other countries had tried to land in the Moon’s south pole.

It was very risky considering that the valleys and hills in that pole of the Moon and that sunlight is available only for 14 days. It was very difficult to find a flat area for landing the rover. These are the reasons for so many failures, he said.

“We took the risk because of the scientific potential of the unexplored south pole. There are chances of finding chemical elements and water.

After the 14 days of sunlight, the rover and lander would go to a sleeping mode and when the sunlight is back, the system will automatically turn into live mode. If that happens, we would be lucky to get another 14 days. However, it involves a lot of risk elements,” he said.

Somanath, who reached here on Saturday, was speaking to the media after participating in special prayers at Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Devi temple at Venganoor near Thiruvananthapuram.

Brijbhushan case: He touched us under false pretext, wrestlers tell court

NIRBHAY THAKUR
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EACH VICTIM HAS told the court that they had to free themselves “from the clutches of the accused”, the Rouse Avenue court was told by six women wrestlers, who alleged that they were sexually harassed by then Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP Lok Sabha MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

The submissions were made by senior advocate

Rebecca John, who represented the women wrestlers, as the court heard arguments on framing of charges against Singh and suspended WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar. John submitted, “The wrestlers told the court that they were touched inappropriately under the pretext of checking their breath. If that is not force, what else is?” She said that intimidation was also involved along with sexual assault and called the two offences “interlinked”.

John said that in each case the victims faced discomfort, which emerged out of lack of consent. “Is the accused a doctor... why was he checking their breath,” she asked. John told the court that in many of these, the wrestlers had mentioned that they had tried to push away the accused. This, she said, amounted to use of force and, therefore, an offence was made out under IPC Section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty).

AI can't substitute human intelligence: Delhi HC

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) can substitute neither the human intelligence nor the humane element in the adjudicatory process, the Delhi high court held and said ChatGPT can’t be the basis of adjudication of legal or factual issues in a court of law.

Justice Prathiba M. Singh stated that the accuracy and reliability of AI generated data is still in the grey area and at best, such a tool can be utilised for a preliminary understanding or for preliminary research.

The court’s observations came while dealing with a lawsuit by luxury brand Christian Louboutin against a partnership firm involved in the manufacture and sale of shoes allegedly in violation of its trademark.

The counsel for the plaintiff submitted that “Red Sole Shoe” was its registered trademark in India and placed before court responses by ChatGPT with respect to its “reputation”.

“The said tool (ChatGPT) cannot be the basis of adjudication of legal or factual issues in a court of law. The response of a Large Language Model (LLM) based chatbots such as ChatGPT, which is sought to be relied upon by the Counsel for the Plaintiff, depends upon a host of factors including the nature and structure of query put by the user, the training data, etc. Further, there are possibilities of incorrect responses, fictional case laws, imaginative data etc. generated by AI chatbots,” said the court.

“Accuracy and reliability of AI generated data is still in the grey area. There is no doubt in the mind of the Court that at the present stage of technological development, AI cannot substitute either the human intelligence or the humane element in the adjudicatory process.”

Haryana CM appeals for prayers at local temples

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A DAY AFTER the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) asserted that the planned Braj Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra will take place in Nuh district on Monday, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar appealed to devotees to offer prayers at local temples on the last Monday of the holy Shravan month instead of going to other places in the state.

The Chief Minister Sunday said permission for the proposed yatra has been declined as a precautionary step keeping in view the (violence) that took place a month ago. “As for the yatra, an incident had taken place there earlier. It’s the duty of the government to ensure safety (of citizens). Our administration and police have taken this decision that instead of a yatra, people should perform jalabhishek activity (at the local level). It should be done where they (people) are living instead of staging demonstrations while going to other places in Haryana...”

He said that an appeal has also been made to people in this regard to ensure law and order. “Permission should be granted for jalabhishek prayers keeping in view the sentiments

of the people,” he added.

On Saturday, the VHP had stated that the yatra will be carried out even after the Nuh administration denied permission in the wake of the G20 Sherpa group meeting which is to be held in the district from September 3-7 and to maintain law and order following the July 31 violence.

Six people were killed in the communal clashes that erupted in Nuh and its adjoining areas when the yatra was attacked by a mob last month. With this in mind, authorities ordered the closure of educational institutions and banks on August 28, suspended mobile internet and bulk SMS services, and imposed prohibitory orders in the district.

VHP’s Central Joint General Secretary, Dr Surendra Kumar Jain, had said Saturday, “This time, the Hindu society of Mewat has decided to organise the Yatra with perseverance and resolve. This is why the VHP is announcing a programme for the entire state. On Monday, a mass Jalabhishek programme will be organised in a Shiva temple in every block of the state at 11 am and the Hindu society there will participate in this programme. At the Yatra in Nuh, outsiders won’t be participating.”

Govt unlikely to infuse capital in PSU general insurers in FY24

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The four public sector general insurance companies are unlikely to get capital funding from the government in the current fiscal, a senior official said. He said one of the PSU non-life insurance companies is likely to give a dividend to the government in the current fiscal and they will be able to meet their solvency margins.

The government last year provided ₹5,000 crore capital to three insurers — National

Insurance Company, Oriental Insurance Company and United India Insurance Company. The Budget 2023-24 has not provided for the capital infusion for insurance companies. “We do not think there is a need for capital infusion as of now. In fact, one of the general insurance companies may give a dividend this year,” the official said. Currently, there are four general insurance companies in India — New India Assurance, United India Insurance, Oriental Insurance and National Insurance Company.

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Sale of Assets under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Sale of Assets and Properties owned by Concast Steel & Power Limited (in Liquidation) forming Part of Liquidation Estate formed by the Liquidator, appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata Bench vide order dated 26th September, 2018.

Interested Applicants may refer to the detailed EOI process document uploaded on website of the Corporate Debtor <http://concastspat.com/nclt.html> and also on E-auction website <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>

The Auction Sale will be done through the E-auction platform (with unlimited extension of 15 min. each): <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>

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