

America cannot take Bharat’s profits while ignoring Bharat’s pain. We must wield our strongest weapon with Assertive Economic Diplomacy



In the age of transactional geopolitics, where even the most powerful nations base alliances on interests rather than ideals, India must shed its diplomatic caution and rise as an assertive economic power. We are not merely a growing market; we are the fourth-largest economy, the largest youth-driven tech base, a nation increasingly central to global balance, and a strategic hub

that commands global attention. But despite our rise, a critical imbalance persists in our most celebrated partnership: the India–U.S. relationship. While we commemorate warmth and camaraderie in bilateral dialogues, the cold figures tell a different story. In FY 2024–25 alone, the United States earned over Rs 8.3 lakh crore from India—through digital services, defense exports, education, royalties, and FDI returns. Meanwhile, India’s total gains from the U.S.—via trade surplus, remittances, and services exports—barely touched Rs 7.4 lakh crore. The economic relationship is profitable, but it is not equitable. While India celebrates diplomatic warmth with the U.S., the truth is starker: America earns more from India than India earns from America—by over Rs 90,000 crore every year. In the Financial Year 2024–25, U.S. companies and institutions earned an estimated Rs 8.3 lakh crore from India through

Tech & digital services (Rs 2.5 lakh crore), Education from Indian students Rs 83,000 crore), Defense exports Rs 40,000 crore), Royalties and licensing (Rs 2 lakh crore), and FDI dividends and other inflows Rs 1 lakh crore). In contrast, India’s total annual gains from the U.S.—through trade surplus, services, remittances, and minor returns—amount to Rs 7.4 lakh crore. So who’s really gaining more? The answer is clear: the U.S. What’s more alarming is that even as American corporations profit immensely from Indian consumers and institutions, Washington continues its ambiguous stance on Pakistan. Beneath the layers of this relationship, lies a hard truth: America earns handsomely from India—yet refuses to fully align with India’s security imperatives, particularly concerning Pakistan. When it comes to standing with India on cross-border terrorism or Pakistan-based jihadist safe havens, America still hides behind

the veil of neutrality. The U.S. hesitates to call out Islamabad’s role in nurturing terror proxies—Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and the Haqqani network—even after repeated attacks on Indian soil, from Uri to Pulwama, and Pahalgam to Poonch. America’s silence on the Indian territory illegally encroached by Pakistan further compounds the diplomatic frustration. This reflects a flawed equation: Profits flow freely, but political respect remains negotiated. ■ **India’s Untapped Strategic Lever** India’s market is America’s profit machine. Google, Meta, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft generate billions in ad revenue, cloud services, and data monetization. The U.S. earned over Rs 83,000 crore in 2024 from Indian students studying in American universities, while Indian defence contracts to U.S. firms crossed Rs 40,000 crore last year alone. Over Rs 2.5 lakh crore flows

back to the U.S. annually as royalties, dividends, and licensing fees. The United States cannot continue to earn billions from India while turning a blind eye to the forces that destabilize our region. In fact, America continues to fund Pakistan militarily, often ignoring its role in nurturing terror proxies like Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed etc. Even after repeated Indian submissions of evidence post-Uri, Pulwama, Pahalgam and Poonch attacks, the U.S. response is muted—measured statements without consequences. This is not about hostility—it is about parity. If America wants to claim strategic partnership in Asia, it must first acknowledge the pain and concerns of its most vital partner. ■ **Assertive Economic Diplomacy** India can no longer allow this one-sided dynamic. It is time we link our economic platforms to political red lines. Here is how India

can go about it. No defense deals without political clarity. If India signs billion-dollar defense agreements with the U.S., they must come with a clear American position on Pakistan-backed terror networks and their role in destabilizing the region. No digital dominance without sovereign respect. American Big Tech earns billions from Indian users. India must regulate market access through digital sovereignty, cross-border tax enforcement, and data localization—not just in commercial terms, but geopolitical ones. No investment comfort without strategic alignment. From semiconductors to renewable corridors, incentives must favor nations that respect India’s stance on terrorism and territorial integrity. ■ **Expanding Horizons** India must also diversify its strategic earning channels. With the UAE and Saudi Arabia, India should seek energy equity, fintech

leadership, and diaspora monetization. With Europe, India must close the FTA, focusing on pharma, green tech, and design-led IP exports. In Africa, India can dominate through affordable education, solar exports, and public health consulting. In Southeast Asia, India should offer RuPay–UPI infrastructure, digital governance tools, and AI law expertise. With Russia and Central Asia, we must build rupee-based trade, defense offsets, and EV partnerships. India must position itself as a knowledge exporter, not just a labour source. EdTech, AI ethics, cyber governance, climate law, and satellite tech should become India’s foreign currency earners. ■ **India Must Set Terms** It is time for India to turn passive diplomacy into conditional economic strategy. The tools already exist. Defense purchases like GE jet engines, MQ-9 drones, or Boeing aircraft should ► **P11**

I am just a simple Buddhist monk: HH 14th Dalai Lama; shares 90th Birthday Message ‘I hope to live for another 30 or 40 years more’

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LEH: His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama shared his thoughts on the occasion of his 90th birthday, saying he is just a simple Buddhist monk. On the occasion of my 90th birthday, HH said Dalai Lama, “I understand that well-wishers and friends in many places, including Tibetan communities, are gathering for celebrations. I particularly appreciate the fact that many of you are using the occasion to engage in initiatives that highlight the importance

of compassion, warm-heartedness, and altruism.” I am just a simple Buddhist monk; I don’t normally engage in birthday celebrations. However, since you are organizing events focused on my birthday I wish to share some thoughts, he said. While it is important to work for material development, it is vital to focus on achieving peace of mind through cultivating a good heart and by being compassionate, not just toward near and dear ones, but toward everyone. Through this, you



will contribute to making the world a better place. As for myself, I will continue to focus on my commitment

ments of promoting human values, religious harmony, drawing attention to the ancient Indian wisdom which explains the workings of mind and emotions, and Tibetan culture and heritage, which has so much potential to contribute to the world through its emphasis on peace of mind and compassion. “I develop determination and courage in my daily life through the teachings of the Buddha and Indian masters such as Shantideva, whose following aspiration I strive to uphold,” HH ► **P11**

CEC Akhooon reviews Ashura preparations

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KARGIL: Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhooon, Saturday visited Kargil town and conducted an extensive assessment of the preparations for the upcoming Ashura processions in Kargil town. Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner and CEO LAHDC Kargil, Rakesh Kumar, Senior Superintendent of Police, Shree Ram R, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Imteaz Kacho and other district officials, Dr Akhooon visited various medical camps established at key locations



including Omni Van Stand, Islamia School Kargil, Old Taxi Stand, Hussaini Park, and Qatilgah Hussaini. The CEC emphasized the necessity of ensuring all medical facilities are adequately equipped with essential medicines, sufficient bedding, and other medical necessities. He also directed that deployment of an adequate number of health professionals must be ensured. Highlighting the importance of ► **P11**

DGP SDS Jamwal inaugurates Model Police Station in Baroo Introduces QR-Based Grievance System

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KARGIL: Director General of Police, Ladakh Dr S.D. Singh Jamwal on Friday inaugurated the new Model Police Station at Baroo in Kargil, bringing modern infrastructure and upgraded facilities to the region’s police force. Constructed by NHIDCL, the station includes amenities such as winter-ready toilets, passive solar features, a CCTV control room, and an IT hub. A QR code-based feedback system was also launched, allowing citizens to submit



grievances directly to the district Superintendent of Police. During the event, Dr. Jamwal praised the Kargil District Police for achieving ISO certification and unveiled a video showcasing their efforts. He continued his ► **P11**

Tibetans pay tribute to Dalai Lama through art

NEW DELHI: From a colourful portrait of the Dalai Lama embracing children to scenes depicting his joyful childhood amidst blooming nature, or celebrating his life, an ongoing art exhibition by young artists honour the Tibetan spiritual leader in their own unique ways. Inaugurated on Friday at the India International Centre, the art exhibition is titled “Dear Kundan”, borrowed from a term affectionately used by Tibetans worldwide to address the 14th Dalai Lama. The exhibition features 90 artworks created by young Tibetans from across the

globe, celebrating the Dalai Lama’s 90th birth anniversary and his message of kindness and peace. Organised in collaboration with the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (FURHHDL) and Khadhok, a Tibetan Artists Collective, the exhibition showcases a curated selection from over 700 submissions by children across India, Nepal, Europe, North America, and Australia. The creative prompt for the young artists was simple yet profound: “What does His Holiness mean to you?” “We were ► **P11**

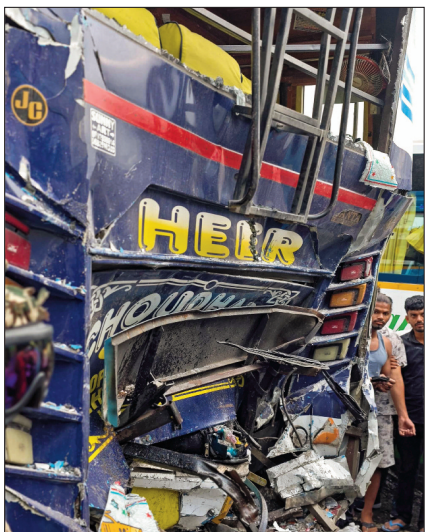
BRICS Plus meets amid global shifts, internal fractures

RIO DE JANEIRO: On July 6–7, leaders of the BRICS countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – will meet in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a quarter of a century after the inception of the acronym. Russia’s President Vladimir Putin and China’s President Xi Jinping will be absent, with their countries being represented by Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Premier Li Qiang respectively. The absence of Putin and Xi is likely to put the spotlight firmly on India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Brazil’s President Luiz Inacio da Silva, popularly ► **P11**

36 SANJY pilgrims injured after 5 buses collide in J&K’s Ramban Rejoin yatra after treatment

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JAMMU: At least 36 Amarnath pilgrims, hailing from different states, suffered minor injuries when five buses slammed into each other in Jammu and Kashmir’s Ramban district on Saturday, officials said. The buses were part of a convoy headed for the Pahalgam base camp of the pilgrimage in south Kashmir from Jammu’s Bhagwati Nagar. All the injured persons rejoined the yatra after receiving treatment at the Ramban district hospital. The accident took place near Chanderkote, along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, at around 8 am due to the failure of the brakes of one of the buses in the convoy, the officials said. “There was a minor accident at Chanderkote when a Pahalgam-bound vehicle collided with other stationary vehicles ► **P11**



Constitution has to be pragmatic: CJI Bhushan

MUMBAI: Chief Justice of India Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai on Saturday said the interpretation of law or the Constitution has to be “pragmatic” and in a way that suits the needs of society. Speaking at a felicitation organised for him by the Bombay High Court here, he also mentioned that recently he had received complaints about the rude behaviour of “some of the colleagues”, and urged the judges to protect the reputation of the ► **P11**

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Holiness and prays for his long life.