

At meeting with global oil majors, PM Modi's pitch for easing payment terms

New Delhi,

Amid a non-stop rise in petrol and diesel prices Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asked foreign oil companies to ease payment terms and channel their investible surplus into commercial exploitation in the developing countries.

PM Modi made the request at an interaction with chief executives of top oil companies and ministers from Saudi Arabia and the UAE. The Prime Minister underlined that oil consuming countries, due to rising crude oil prices, were facing many other economic challenges including serious resource crunch. India, which imports more than 80 per-

cent of its oil imports, has been under pressure as crude oil prices have surged and the rupee weakened.

"The cooperation of the oil-producing countries would be very critical to bridge this gap," a statement by Prime Minister's Office said, outlining PM Modi's four-point message to global leaders of the energy sector.

"Lastly and importantly, PM Modi requested for review of payment terms so as to provide temporary relief to the local currency," the statement said.

The roundtable came on a day diesel price rose for the 10th consecutive day to wipe out all of the Rs 2.50 per litre cut in rates announced earlier this month through excise

duty cut and oil company subsidy. A litre of diesel on Monday costs Rs 75.46 in Delhi, Rs 79.11 in Mumbai and Rs 79.80 in Chennai while petrol costs Rs 82.72 in Delhi, Rs 88.18 in Mumbai and Rs 85.99 in Chennai. At the meeting attended by heads of Indian and foreign oil companies apart from representatives of multi-lateral agencies, PM Modi also appealed for assistance in commercial exploitation of natural gas.

Union ministers Arun Jaitley and Dharmendra Pradhan; Vice-Chairman NITI Aayog Dr Rajiv Kumar and senior officials from the Union Government and NITI Aayog were also present at the interaction.

India, China launch training programme for Afghan diplomats

New Delhi,

India and China on Monday launched a joint programme to train Afghan diplomats in pursuance of an understanding between the two countries to undertake joint projects in the war-torn nation.

"I am very happy that today (Monday) we are charting a new course with the beginning of a training programme for 10 diplomats from Afghanistan in partnership with China," External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said in a message at the launch of the programme at the Foreign Services Institute (FSI) here.

At their informal summit in Wuhan, China, in April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to jointly implement projects in Afghanistan as part of a rebuilding process in what was seen as a fresh impetus to ties between New Delhi and Beijing.

The summit was held after Indian and Chinese troops were locked in a 73-day face-off at Doklam on the India-Bhutan-China international trijunction last year.

"The seeds for joint cooperation in Afghanistan were sown at the meeting

between the Prime Minister of India and the President of China when they met in Wuhan in April 2018," Sushma Swaraj said in her message that was read out by FSI Director J.S. Mukul.

"This marks the beginning of what we visualise as a long-term trilateral partnership for the benefit of Afghanistan."

The Minister reiterated India's commitment to partner with Afghanistan in its efforts to emerge as a united, peaceful, stable, inclusive and economically vibrant nation.

"Development partnership, based on the priorities of the government and the people of Afghanistan, has been the cornerstone of our multifaceted bilateral cooperation."

Stating that India had embarked on an ambitious development partnership programme with Afghanistan with a commitment of over \$3 billion, she said this had four broad pillars: building infrastructure; developing human resource; enhancing connectivity; and promoting trade and investment links.

"India-Afghanistan Friendship dam in Herat, Parliament Building in Kabul, operationalization of Chabahar port (in Iran) are

prominent symbols of this partnership."

The Minister said that high priority was being accorded to enable Afghanistan tap the true potential of its talented youth.

"An ambitious capacity-building programme was being implemented through scholarships and training programmes for over 3,500 Afghan nationals every year in India," she stated.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, in a message read out by the country's Ambassador to India Luo Zhaohui, said Xi and Modi had identified Afghanistan as a priority partner.

"China and India are active supporters of the Afghan peace process," Wang said.

Luo said that both India and China supported an Afghan-owned, Afghan-led peace process.

He also announced that Modi and Xi will again meet in Argentina in November on the sidelines of the G20 Summit. This will be the fourth meeting between the two leaders this year. Apart from Wuhan, they met during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Qingdao, China, in June and the BRICS Summit in South Africa in July.

Mahindra Launches India's First Pick-up with 1,700 kg Payload Capacity

Ahmedabad:

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., the leader in the Indian pick-up segment for over 20 years, today launched its new Maha Strong, Maha Bolero Pick-up, an upgrade of its popular Bolero Pick-up range of commercial vehicles. Keeping in mind the inherent need for greater earnings, the Maha Bolero Pick-up boasts of a class leading payload capacity of 1,700 kg. The new range of Maha Bolero Pick-up will also have an all new interior and better seating comfort with a wider co-driver seat.

To provide higher safety to consumers it comes with Twin Tandem Booster LSPV brakes and a stronger body and chassis. All these make it suitable for carrying heavy loads across the nation with a national permit. The Maha Strong, Maha Bolero Pick-up range consists of different body styles, cargo box lengths and varying payload capacities of 1,300 kg, 1,500 kg & 1,700 kg, suitable for various customer segments and their needs.

The Maha strong, Maha Bolero Pick-up flat-bed has been launched at a very



Mr. Deependra Sharma, Sr. General Manager, Customer Management Sales-North West and Mr. Amit Sagar, VP, National Sales, Automotive Division, M&M Ltd

special introductory price for the festive season, starting at Rs. 6.66 lacs (ex-showroom, Ahmedabad). Speaking on the all new proposition of the Maha Bolero Pick-up range, Veejay Nakra, Chief - Sales and Marketing, Automotive Division, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd said, "As a market leader for over 20 years, it has always been our endeavour to raise the bar in the pickup segment and provide the best

customer value. The Maha Strong, Maha Bolero Pick-up provides unprecedented earning potential with its category best 1,700 kg payload and 9 ft (2765 mm) length cargo box. This Maha Bolero Pick-up will further enhance the core values of Mahindra's tough and rugged DNA, enabling higher earning potential with lower maintenance costs, and take the brand to the next level!"

Vaping may not stain teeth: Study

London,

E-cigarettes and tobacco heating products cause significantly less staining to teeth than conventional cigarettes, a new study has found.

While cigarette smoke caused significant enamel discoloration, vapour from the e-cigarettes and aerosol from the tobacco heating products caused only minimal staining.

These next generation products do not involve combustion; the vapour and aerosol they produce are less complex and contain significantly lower levels of certain toxicants compared to cigarette smoke.

"Many studies have postulated that it is the tar in

cigarette smoke that stains teeth," said Annette Dalrymple, senior scientist at British American Tobacco in the UK.

"The study clearly shows that the e-cigarettes and tobacco heating products assessed caused minimal discoloration — very promising for consumers. However, further studies are required to understand the long-term effect on teeth staining and oral health when smokers switch to using next generation products," Dalrymple added.

For the study, published in the journal American Journal of Dentistry, the team assessed and compared an e-cigarette, a tobacco heating product and a conventional cigarette for their impact on teeth enamel staining.

They assessed in the laboratory the level of enamel discoloration by cigarette smoke and vapour from e-cigarettes and tobacco heating products.

Tests were carried out

on enamel blocks cut from bovine incisors — substitute for human teeth in dental research.

The enamel blocks were exposed to the particulate matter (isolated from the smoke/vapour) for 14 days and then whole smoke/vapour for five days.

The enamel samples were assessed before, during and after treatment and colour readings were determined using an established method involving spectrophotometer and trained scientists.

Discolouration of enamel blocks exposed to cigarette smoke was apparent in as little as one day and continued to increase as the concentration of cigarette smoke increased, the findings revealed.

Conversely, exposure to vapour from the e-cigarettes or tobacco heating products resulted in little or no colour change that was comparable to the untreated controls.

—IANS

Astronauts aboard ISS afraid of aborting space launch

Moscow,

In the wake of a booster failure that forced a Russian Soyuz spacecraft to make an emergency landing last week, astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) were worried whether their space launch would be cancelled.

"What cosmonauts and astronauts are afraid of is the cancellation of their space launch," Sergei Prokopyev, a Russian cosmonaut currently stationed aboard the ISS, was quoted as saying by the Sputnik news agency on Sunday.

"They all hope that everything goes as planned," Prokopyev said.

Last week, the Soyuz MS-10 launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan with Russian Cosmonaut Alexey Ovchinin and US astronaut Nick Hague onboard, made an emergency landing after their rocket malfunctioned.

According to NASA, there was an "issue with the booster" and the crew re-

turned to Earth in a ballistic descent mode, which is a sharper angle of descent compared to normal.

Ovchinin and Hague safely returned to Earth in a jettisoned escape capsule.

The incident became the first failure of a manned space launch in modern Russian history.

The crash is being investigated by a special commission of Russia's space agency Roscosmos. All manned launches from Baikonur Cosmodrome have been suspended until the commission reveals the causes of the failure.

Earlier, mission control head of the ISS Russian segment Vladimir Solovoyov said that ISS has enough supplies of food, water and life-supporting materials until the next summer.

Solovoyov, also a cosmonaut, made the remarks at a lecture at the Moscow State University, after a Russian spacecraft failed to deliver new crew and materials to the station, according to

TASS news agency.

Prokopyev, US astronaut Serena Anun-Chancellor and German astronaut Alexander Gerst are now working on the ISS.

They flew to the orbit taking Russia's Soyuz MS-09 spacecraft that blasted off on June 6 and they are scheduled to stay onboard the space station for 187 days.

Microsoft unveils blush coloured 'Surface Laptop 2' in China

Beijing,

Microsoft on Monday unveiled a blush coloured "Surface Laptop 2" only for the Chinese market.

The company launched the device with a black finish in New York globally on October 2.

"Excited to be in Beijing today to share our newest products in China. Especially 'Surface Laptop 2' in blush colour. A finish developed exclusively for China," tweeted Panos Panay, Chief Product Officer, Microsoft.

The Surface Laptop 2 offers a premium design, PixelSense Touch Display,

and best-in-class keyboard and trackpad, without sacrificing the 14.5 hours of battery life. Priced at \$999, Surface Laptop 2 comes with 8th Gen Intel processor. Refreshing its Surface laptop line-up, Microsoft in a New York event announced four new products — Surface Pro 6, Surface Studio 2, Surface Laptop 2 and first-ever Surface Headphones — along with new innovations in Windows and Office 365.

Spanish minister seeks inquiry into missing Saudi journalist

Madrid,

Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Borrell on Monday requested the Turkish authorities to launch an inquiry into Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi who disappeared after visiting his country's consulate in Turkey. Khashoggi, a columnist for The Washington Post and Saudi royal insider-turned-critic, went missing on October 2 in Istanbul where he visited the Saudi consulate for paperwork needed for his planned mar-

riage, according to the Turkish media.

Turkish intelligence officials say they have audio and visual evidence that shows he was killed inside the consulate.

Saudi Arabia, however, firmly denies any involvement in his disappearance.

Borrell said a collaborative investigation of Turkish and Saudi authorities was required to clarify the circumstances that led to the journalist's disappearance. Efe news reported.

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GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
TENDER NOTICED NO. 09 OF 2018-19 (I.D. No. 328838)
Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, GWSSB Surat (Ph. 0261-2787975) invites on-line tenders through D-tendering single bid system from registered contractors in "D-class & above with GWSSB, R & B Department/ Irrigation Department for the work of Notified Area Programme - 2-16-17 Hajira Regional Water Supply Scheme Constructing 20.00 Lakh Lit cap. Under Ground Sump with Pump Room & Supplying, Lowering, Laying & Joining D.I. Rising Main at Mora Sub Head Works, Ta: Choryasi, Di. Surat amounting to Rs.5836756/- for further details of tender notice, scope of work tender fee, EMD and specification etc. Please visit Web sites https://gwssb.nprocure.com, and above mentioned office. The last date of on-line bid submission is dt. 30.10.2018 up to 18.00 hrs. Dept. reserves the right to reject any one or all tenders without assigning any reason. Now onwards, all the improvements/correction in the tender shall be done on-line only.
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Padra Municipality, Padra, Dist. Vadodara, invites on line tender from 14th finance scheme, 15% Vivekadhin grant, SJMMSVY, Manoranjan kar grant, Professional tax grant (1) Providing & fixing paver block which estimated cost is Rs.49,60,700/- (2) Construction work of RCC road & CC road block which estimated cost is Rs 63,28,300/- (3) Construction work of RCC road, CC road & Pipe drain which estimated cost is Rs.47,01,200/- from web site of (https://nagarpalika.nprocure.com. The tender detail including cost, EMD, Bid qualification criteria etc. Last date of on line tender submission : 26.10.18, Last date of submitting the tender fee/ EMD & relevant document of the tender send by RPAD post only : 01.11.18 at Padra Municipality, Padra, Tender opening date : 02.11.18 at 12:00 pm. The rights are reserved to approve / reject the on line tenders without assigning any reasons. Price bids of only those contractor shall be opened who satisfy the bid evaluation criteria mentioned in the tender document relating to annual turn over, largest value of job done and work experience, PF registration & GST no.
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Business Brief

Realme achieves a milestone; sells 1 million units during Big Billion Days sale

New Delhi,

Realme, the smartphone brand that specializes in providing high quality products for youth, creates milestone on Flipkart as it sells 1 million smartphone devices during it's first ever 'Big Billion Days' sale on the platform. The 'Proud to be Young' brand secures No. 2 position in selling smartphones during the DDB sale according to Flipkart. Realme C1 even creates another milestone on Flipkart by selling 110,000 devices in one second.

Expressing delight on success received towards the Realme phones during the sale, Madhav Sheth, Chief Executive Officer Realme India, said, "At Realme, we are overwhelmed with the response from customers during our first ever Big Billion Days sale on Flipkart."

"We're happy to have enabled a record breaking 1 million Realme sellout in just 4 days of Flipkart's Big Billion Days sale; this is a record-breaking achievement for just a 5-month old brand. Realme has been a significant contributor to Big Billion Days sales and has also been one of the fastest selling brands. The Big Billion Days, 2018, has seen the biggest smartphone sellout in the history of smartphone retail industry and we're poised to continue this success throughout the festive season," said Ayyappan Rajagopal, Senior Director, Smartphones at Flipkart.

Structural reforms helping India absorb global shocks, official says

New Delhi,

Structural reforms such as those in the indirect tax regime and bankruptcy rules are boosting India's resilience to shocks triggered by protectionism, and a tightening of global financial conditions, an official statement said on Sunday.

Addressing the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Bali on Saturday, Economic Affairs Secretary S.C. Garg expressed hope that prudent policy measures being undertaken in India would also help it contain the stress triggered by the high oil prices.

He asserted that protectionism, trade tension and tightening of the financial conditions were "not inevitable" in the current global scenario.

"Technological expansion including FinTech is inevitable and has reached all parts of the globe. However, what is not inevitable is protectionism, trade tensions and tightening of financial conditions," Garg said in the statement.

Referring to the recently-released Human Capital Index (HCI) prepared as a part of the World Bank's Human Capital Project, Garg said human capital needed to develop and evolve continuously.

Global cues, rupee subdue equity indices

Mumbai,

Broadly negative global cues, along with a weak rupee and a rise in global crude oil prices subdued the key domestic equity indices during Monday's morning trade session. The Indian rupee opened on a weaker note at 73.80 to a US dollar from its previous close of 73.57 against a greenback. In addition, heavy selling pressure in banking, auto and consumer durable stocks led to the fall. Index-wise, the S&P BSE Sensex opened at 34,971.83 points from its previous close of 34,733.58 points on last Friday. Around 9.20 a.m., it traded at 34,685.30 points down a little by over 48 points or 0.14 per cent.

Similarly, the Nifty50 of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) traded in the red. The NSE Nifty50 traded at 10,458.40 points during the morning trade session, down 14.10 points and 0.13 per cent.

Government, RBI don't favour extending data localization deadline

New Delhi,

The Centre and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will not extend the deadline for payment firms to implement the mandate to localise data, government sources said on Monday.

"The government is not in favour of extending the deadline for RBI's data localization plan," a source said. "The government is also not in favour of the data-mirroring idea."

The development comes as the RBI's deadline for the data localization ends on Monday.

The apex bank has mandated the storage of data generated by payment firms within the country. The payment firms were supposed to have submitted a compliance report on the same by October 15.

Modi doesn't care for farmers: Rahul Datia (Madhya Pradesh),

Congress President Rahul Gandhi on Monday hit out at Narendra Modi, accusing the Prime Minister of insulting the people of India.

"The Prime Minister said from the ramparts of the Red Fort that the nation had been asleep for 70 years," he said here ahead of next month's Assembly election in Madhya Pradesh. "This is an insult to every section of the society."

On August 15, Modi had criticized the Congress that has ruled for long years since India's independence in 1947. He had said that India was earlier a sleeping elephant, which had woken up and started running. President Donald Trump finds India and China competing with the US, Gandhi said at a public meeting here. "We have reached this stage because of the contribution of farmers, workers, small businessmen and women over the past 70 years."

He called the Modi government at the Centre a "government of the country's top 15 businessmen". "The Centre is not ready to waive off loans of farmers but has done so for 15 top businessmen. The Congress had waived off farmers' loans," Gandhi added. The Congress leader reached Gwalior by a special plane on Monday and then went to the Pitambar Peeth temple in Datia, accompanied by party leaders Kamal Nath and Jyotiraditya Scindia. Madhya Pradesh goes to polls on November 28.

Railways to go for black boxes

New Delhi,

Indian trains will soon have voice recorders or black boxes in a bid to facilitate investigators trying to identify the cause of accidents and assess crew performances, an official said on Monday.

Keeping in mind the safety of passengers, the Indian Railways has decided to install the Loco Cab Voice Recording (LCVR) devices in the locomotives, a Railway Ministry official said.

The system is in developmental stage, the official said. The video/voice recording system in locomotives would provide invaluable data to investigators to help them understand the sequence of events leading to an accident and to identify operational issues and human factors, including crew performance. The black box is currently used in aircraft. It is made of two separate pieces of equipment — the flight data recorder and a cockpit voice recorder and is usually kept in the tail of the aircraft, where they are more likely to survive a crash.