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Islamabad: PM Modi told Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan that "creating an environment of mutual respect and fraternal co-operation for peace, prosperity and well-being is the common goal of both nations."

Modi said that India's stance on terrorism is "clear and consistent" and that India is committed to a "terror-free atmosphere" in the region.

Khan, in turn, said that Pakistan is committed to a "peaceful and stable region" and that Pakistan is committed to a "terror-free atmosphere" in the region.



PM Modi with his mother at her Ahmedabad home on Sunday

PM, ministers to be sworn in on Thurs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take the oath of office for his second term with his new council of ministers on May 30, the President's office has said. The names of ministers who will join Modi in his second innings are yet to be disclosed, though there is speculation that some new members may join the council, including from states like West Bengal which played a key role in BJP's massive victory. It is also not clear whether the ceremony will be attended by world leaders.

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2 days after win, Irani's aide killed in Amethi: 5

Got Message Loud & Clear, Says New MP

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Amethi: Two days after BJP leader Smriti Irani pulled off the biggest upset of the LS polls by unseating Congress president Rahul Gandhi in his backyard, Amethi, her close aide Surendra Singh, who swung the poll for her at the grassroots, was shot dead at his residence in Haraula village late Saturday night.

Four gunmen stormed the house of the 58-year-old ex-sarpanch and pumped bullets into him, police said. He was rushed to Lucknow's RGMU on Sunday morning where he was declared brought dead. Three people were arrested and two detained after massive raids in Amethi's three tahsils, Gauriganj, Jais and Tiliol. While Wasim, Dharmnath Gupta and Ramchandra have been arrested, Nasim and Gou are being interrogated.

Booked for murder and criminal conspiracy, all of them were named by Surendra's family in the complaint.

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10 univs form campus cos to fast-track ₹1,000cr upgrade

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Mumbai: Ten high-performing state universities across India are set to undergo a Rs 100 crore upgrade each this academic year as they are forming campus companies—special purpose vehicles—to receive grants directly from the Centre. Besides, they will be mentored by seven US universities, including Cornell, UPenn and UC Berkeley. In various disciplines.

Pune's Savitribai Phule University, Kolkata's Jadavpur University and Haryana's Kurukshetra University are among the 10 universities with NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) ratings of over 3.5 selected for the Rs 100 crore grant. The Union HRD ministry likens these ten universities to the IITs of the 1990s that rose with large special funding and autonomy. The campus companies will also be allowed to raise additional resources from outside, sources have said.

WILL ALSO GET FOREIGN MENTORS

- Omania University, Hyderabad
- University of Jammu, Jammu
- Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- Savitribai Phule University, Pune
- Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam
- Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati
- Udaal University, Bhubaneswar
- Alagappa University, Karaikudi
- Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- Kurukshetra University, Haryana

The universities have been selected for the Rs 100 crore funding under the Centre's Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) to promote excellence, with the condition that the money is spent by March 2023.

► Monthly reviews, P 10

Bank info: Swiss no to 11 Indians in on

New Delhi/Berne: As Switzerland strives hard to re-establish its global financial centre position after clamping down on secrecy walls of its banks, there has been a significant surge in the number of cases where it has initiated process to share information on Indians with Swiss bank accounts, reports PTI.

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with Karnataka in 1966. Today, Coorg district is part of Mysore Lok Sabha constituency with only two MLAs to represent it in the state assembly. The Kodavas have also been

spurred by thinning population and mass migration. The 2011 census revealed that the population of Kodavas had declined from 1.5 lakh in 2001 to 1.25 lakh. Divya Najap

Kodava Family Hockey Festival. The month-long event initiated in 1997 by Pandanda Kuttappa in Kodagu still sees clans battling it out for the trophy every summer.

Campus cos to undergo monthly reviews

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These universities have been identified for their achievements thus far. To climb up, say to move from a 3.51 to a 3.8 or a 3.9 involves a lot of work. It cannot be business as usual," said Prof B Venkatesh Kumar of TISS, who is also the national coordinator of RUSA. RUSA is a collaborative effort between the centre and the state with Delhi shouldering almost 70% of the funding.

These campus companies, to be headed by V-Cs and having eminent faculty and independent domain experts, have been asked to make presentations and proposals, submit daily updates, weekly progress charts and they will undergo monthly reviews, much like a corporation.

At present, funds usually move through a circuitous route: First MHRD releases fund to the state's finance ministry, which, in turn, releases it to the state education ministry from where the grant is released for the university, which which also there are several layers of bureaucracy. With the universities forming campus corporations under the Companies Act, the MHRD grant will directly go to the institution's SPV.

Savitribai Phule Univer-

TOP UNIVS TO GET US MENTORS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	INDIAN UNIVERSITY	AREA OF COLLABORATION
University of Pennsylvania	Osmania, Hyd	Education innovation
	Jammu Univ	
University of California, Berkeley	Jammu Univ	Bio-technology and data science
	Jadavpur Univ	Blockchain, data services and economics
	Savitribai Phule, Pune	Startup accelerator program
Purdue University	Andhra University	Pharmaceutical and manufacturing
	Sri Venkateshwara, Tirupati	Pharmaceutical and cancer research
Northeastern University	Sri Venkateshwara, Tirupati	Entrepreneurship innovation
	Utkal, Bhubaneswar	Development impact lab and technology park
Drexel University	SP Pune, Osmania Univ, Kurukshetra Univ	Innovation and entrepreneurship
Cornell University	Alagappa, Karaikudi	Life sciences
	Guru Nanak Dev Univ, Amritsar	Agriculture
University of South Florida	Guru Nanak Dev, Jadavpur, Jammu Univ	Entrepreneurship innovation and sports Science

sity. Karaikudi's Alagappa University and Hyderabad's Osmania University have already formed their companies, while the Odisha government has given its nod for Utkal University to form a com-

pany and Jammu University is in the process of setting up its company. "We need to have systems that are enabling and supportive.

They must allow for quick decision making and

they must fast track processes," added Venkatesh.

"It would not be right to say that senate and management councils are hindrances. But they don't meet every day or every week. It requires to take quick decisions and move fast. Although there is an RUSA company, there is very little monitoring by the RUSA resource centre," said a vice chancellor.

While Savitribai Phule University will be mentored by University of California, Berkeley, on Startup Accelerator Program, Jammu University will be mentored by University of South Florida on 'Entrepreneurship Innovation and Sports', by University of Pennsylvania on 'Education Innovation' and University of California, Berkeley, on Bio-Technology and Data Science.

Osmania will be mentored by the University of Pennsylvania in the area of education innovation. University of California, Berkeley will work with Jadavpur University for blockchain, data services and the economics programme. Cornell University will mentor Alagappa University for its life sciences school and Purdue will mentor Andhra University for pharmaceutical and manufacturing.

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