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Dr. S Jaishankar Meeting with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at the Department of State



External Affairs Minister of India Dr Jaishankar speaking at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

WASHINGTON (TIP): External Affairs Minister (EAM), Dr. S Jaishankar concluded a comprehensive visit (28 September to 02 October 2019) to Washington DC, his first visit to Washington after his appointment as Minister for External Affairs of India.

During the visit, EAM met his counterpart Secretary of State Mike Pompeo; Secretary of Defense Mark Esper; Acting Secretary for Homeland Security Kevin McAleenan; and newly appointed National Security Advisor Robert C O'Brien.

EAM also addressed five major think tanks (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, The Atlantic Council, Center for Strategic and International Studies, The Heritage Foundation and the Brookings Institutions).

Speaking on the on the topic 'Preparing for a Different Era' at Center for Strategic and International Studies, Dr. S Jaishankar cautioned that 'a world of "all against all" is neither desirable nor indeed probable.' "The weight of history and the compulsions of politics will make sure that convergences end up as some form of collectivism. Nor can beliefs and values be divorced from the behavior of states. Thus, even as we look at an era of more dispersed power and sharper competition, the way forward is more likely to be new forms of accommodation rather than pure transactions. While nations will naturally each strive to advance their particular interests, similarities and affinities will always remain a factor. So, while this is an exposition on changes in international affairs, I

would emphasize that the direction is towards a new architecture rather than the absence of one", he said.

He also highlighted how for many years India sought a solution while Pakistan was comfortable with continuing with cross-border terrorism. "The choice as this Government came back to power was clear. Either we had more of past policies and the prospect of further radicalization. Or we had a decisive change in the landscape and a change of direction towards de-radicalization. The economic costs of the status quo were visible in the absence of entrepreneurship and shortage of job opportunities. The social costs were even starker: in discrimination against women, in lack of protection for juveniles, in the refusal to apply

affirmative action and in denial of the right to information, education and work. All this added up to security costs as the resulting disaffection fed separatism and fueled neighbor's terrorism. At a broader level, these realities also contradicted our commitment that no region, no community and no faith would be left behind. The legislative changes made this summer put India and the entire region on the road to long-term peace. That is the reality today in the making. And this is the India that will navigate the world which I have described just now", he said.

Dr Jaishankar also emphasized that different era which we have entered also calls for both India and the United States to press the refresh button of their relationship.

U.S. vaping-related deaths rise to 18, illnesses surpass 1,000, say officials

WASHINGTON (TIP): U.S. health officials on Thursday, October 3, reported 18 deaths due to a mysterious lung illness linked to e-cigarettes and other vaping products and said the number of confirmed and probable cases of the condition now exceeds 1,000.

Public health officials are still at a loss to explain the cause of the severe lung illnesses, which have now reached 1,080 cases across 48 states and one U.S. territory so far, up from 805 cases last week.

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Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary celebrated by Delhi Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities in partnership with World Business Chicago

CHICAGO (TIP): Mayor Lori Lightfoot issued, Spt. 30, a Proclamation declaring October 2, 2019 Mahatma Gandhi Day in the City of Chicago, at an event hosted by the Delhi Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities in partnership with World Business Chicago. The luncheon was held in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary. Smita N. Shah, Chairman of the Delhi Committee, introduced honored guests, United States Senator Richard J. Durbin and Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. Also present were four Consul Generals from India, Sudhakar Dalela, Consul General of South Africa Phumzile Mazibuko, Consul General of the United Kingdom John Saville, and Honorary Consul General of Nepal, Marvin Brustin. Other notable guests were Niranjan S. Shah, Vijay Dave, Maarten de Jeu, Babu Patel, Keerthi Kumar Ravoori, and Nick Patel.

"Chicago has a unique history with India, from the Parliament of World Religions in 1893, when Swami Vivekananda came and spoke of the universal unity of religion," said Smita Shah, chairman of the Delhi Committee. "It is fitting that Chicago is among the first to recognize Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth Anniversary."

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L to R: Consul General of India, Sudhakar Dalela, Mrs Pratima Shah, First lady of Chicago, Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, Niranjan S Shah, Smita N Shah, Niranjan Shah and Dr Vijay Dave

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