



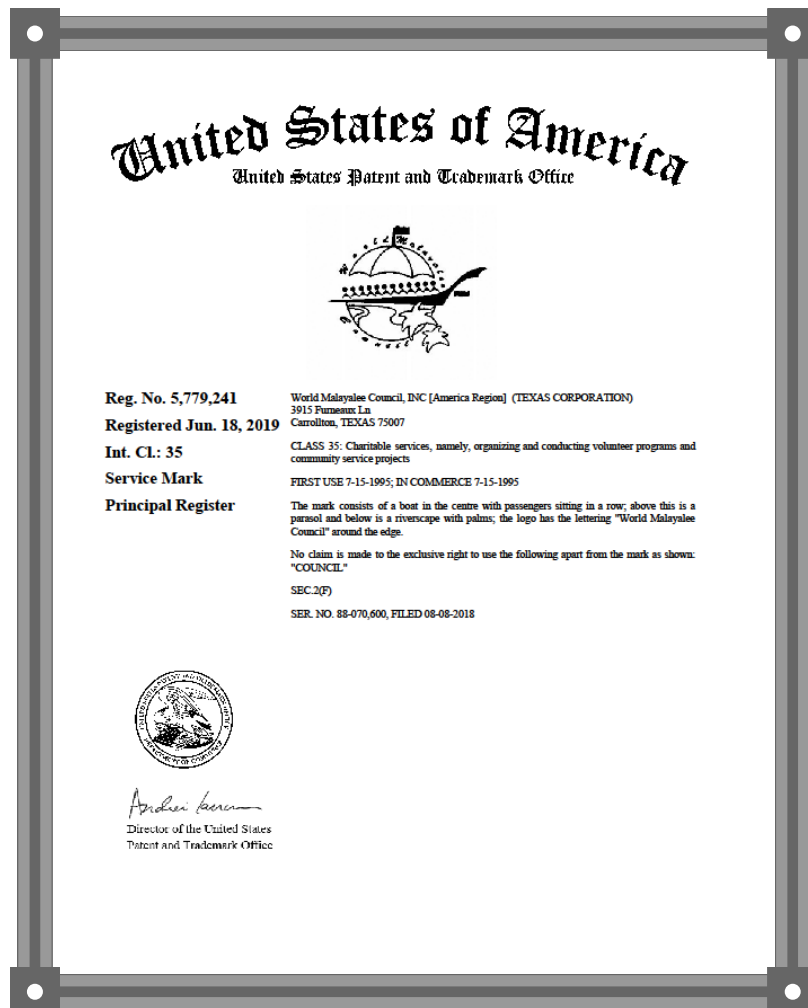
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India raises Tariffs on imports, Taxes for the super rich.



Narendra Modi's government raised import tariffs on nearly 75 items including gold and automobile parts in its federal budget on Friday and increased taxes on the rich to hold down the fiscal deficit as it tries to revive growth. Aiming to restart investment that's at its weakest level in years, the government also proposed giving foreign investors a bigger role in India's giant insur-

ance and aviation sectors, which have been tightly controlled for decades. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled the proposals while presenting the budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 to parliament, the first since the government was re-elected in a vote in April and May. Modi, boosted by a recent election victory, has set a target of growing India into a \$5 trillion economy by 2024/2025 from \$2.7 trillion. A government report on Thursday said this will be done on the back of higher investment, savings and exports in the way China's growth was propelled. Sitharaman said the fiscal deficit would be trimmed to 3.3% of GDP in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

TAXES ON SUPER-RICH

Sitharaman raised import duties on gold and other precious metals to 12.5% from 10%, and levied an import tax of one rupee per tonne on crude oil to boost federal revenue just as global oil prices have softened from their highs. The government also increased local levies on a liter of petrol and diesel by two rupees each.

The finance minister said the government would provide state-owned banks 700 billion rupees of additional capital that are laden with bad debt which has affected their ability to lend and also spur economic growth. Indian banks and financial institutions, in all, hold bad debt of over 10 trillion rupees (\$150 billion).

The government raised income tax surcharge on people with an annual income of more than 20 million rupees (\$291,930) who make up the top end of Indian society. Currently India imposes 10% surcharge where total income is between 5 million rupees and 10 million, and 15% on income above 10 million rupees. The new rate will include 25% surcharge on income between 20 million and 50 million rupees and 37% on income exceeding 50 million rupees in an year

NRIs to get Aadhaar card without waiting for 180 days

Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) having Indian passports can now get Aadhaar card without waiting for 180 days, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday. As of now, the NRIs get Aadhaar card after staying in India for a minimum of 180 days.

"I propose to consider issuing Aadhaar card for NRIs with Indian passports after their arrival in India without waiting for 180 days," Sitharaman told Parliament while presenting the Budget 2019.

According to the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, an NRI who has resided in India for 182 days or more in 12 months and with an Indian address could apply for Aadhaar. However, as per the Aadhaar Act, NRIs are fully exempt from producing Aadhaar for any verification.

The Minister said the government also intended to provide better and more accessible public services to Indians abroad by opening embassies in more countries.

Four embassies were proposed to open this year. Five embassies opened in Rwanda, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Guinea and Burkina Faso last year.

"To give further impetus to India's growing influence and leadership in the international community, the government decided to open Indian Embassies and High Commissions abroad in countries where India does not have a Resident Diplomatic Mission as yet. In 2018, the government approved opening of 18 new Indian Diplomatic missions in Africa," Sitharaman said.

Pramila Jayapal is 1st South Asian American woman to chair US House

Pramila Jayapal, a Democrat from Washington DC, has become the first South Asian American woman to preside over the US House of Representatives.

Jayapal, who was first elected to the Congress in 2016, tweeted she was "beyond proud" to preside over the House and serve in the most diverse Congress in the nation's history.

The Indian American Congresswoman also shared a clip of Tuesday's session where she was seen presiding over the House as a temporary Speaker. House Democrats rotate for the ceremonial position of presiding over the chamber.

"Today, I became the first South Asian American woman to preside over the US House of Representatives. Beyond proud to serve in the most diverse Congress in our nation's history and to hold the gavel today," Jayapal tweeted.

The 116th Congress broke records with women and lawmakers crossing racial and religious barriers, including an all time high for Asian American lawmakers.

A record number of 17 Asian Americans serve in Congress, with 14 in the House and three in the Senate.

France gives 7 Lakh Euros for Railway Station Development in India



India and France signed an agreement to modernise railway stations

The Indian Railway Station Development Corporation or IRSDC has entered into a tripartite agreement with French National Railways SNCF and French Development Agency AFD, under which a grant of up to 7 lakh euros will be given to give a boost to capacity building for India's railway station development program.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Suresh Angadi, Minister of State for Railways and Jean Baptiste Lemoyne, Minister of State for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France in India and other senior officers of the French Embassy and Indian Railways.

Under this agreement, AFD, has agreed to provide in-kind grant financing up to 7,00,000 Euros through SNCF-Hubs and Connexions as a Technical Partner to IRSDC to support capacity building for the Railway Station Development Program in India. No financial liability will be imposed on IRSDC or Indian Railways under this agreement.

India and France have a strong and long standing prosperous partnership in the railway sector. French Railways (SNCF) in the past has been associated with Indian Railways in conducting speed up-gradation study for Delhi-Chandigarh section and development of Ludhiana and Ambala stations.

Get Ready to Visit United States at the Cost of Your Social Media Privacy

Get ready to visit the United States at the expense of your online privacy. Yes, you read it correctly. You will have to reveal your social media history and user names to the Department of Homeland Security Immigration Authorities on your next visit to the US either with a tourist visa or immigrant visa.

In 2017, the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) had approached the government to let them access the social media accounts of those applying for immigrant and tourist visas to the United States. It is now official. Sharing of social media details will soon become a fundamental norm to enter the US. And visitors will have to comply with it while filling the entry form or applying for an Electronic System for Travel Authorization visa (ESTA).

The policy is part of the Trump administration's "extreme vetting" initiative to keep those applicants with criminal backgrounds or motives away from the US borders. However, those who have already applied for tourist or immigrant visas are not obliged to divulge their Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Flickr and YouTube account login details as of now.

E-forms D-160 and D-260 for those seeking non-immigration and immigration visas to enter the United States feature the newly approved policy. Applicants are required to list their user names on the social media sites that a drop down menu on the e-forms contain. Reportedly, the drop down menu may be extended.

The vetting of an applicant's social media history could subject the applicant to additional questioning during the visa interview at a US consulate office. As a result, it will delay the process and push the consular power to deny visas. About 8.7 lakh visas to the US were issued by the US consulate offices in India, in the fiscal that ended on September 30, 2018.

Indian American Boy's Low-cost Method to Make Seawater Drinkable may Solve India's Water Crisis

Water is the foundation of earth and the elixir of life on the planet. Millions of lives are endangered due to lack of clean, safe, drinkable water in developing countries, including India. Freshwater makes up only 2.5% of the total water on earth, and only 1% of freshwater is easily accessible and safe to drink. The rest is undrinkable saltwater. India itself is grappling with acute water crisis and trying various measures of water conservation to get over it. Indian American Chaitanya Karamchedu's method to make saltwater drinkable is being lauded as a scientific breakthrough. **When he found that desalination is not available in many inaccessible coastal areas due to high-cost implementation, he made up his mind to develop a cost-effective solution to desalt seawater.** He also discovered that seawater is not saturated with salt. It led him to work with an absorbent polymer to filter out pure water from the water bonded with salt, during his experiment in the science lab at Jesuit High School, Portland.

Chaitanya Karamchedu found that only 10% of seawater is saline but the remaining 90% is not bonded to salt particles. Unlike scientists, he tried to figure out a cost-effective desalination method for the 90% instead of the 10%. His method to make seawater drinkable for a larger part of the world is a boon to millions of people without access to clean, safe water, and those grappling with inadequate drinking water.

സനോഷ് പുനലൂരിന് യാത്രയയപ്പ് നൽകി



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