

At ASEAN roundtable, EA ministers need for trusted partners

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HIGHLIGHTING THE ongoing transition and conflicts in the world, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday stressed the need for having resilient supply chains, trusted partners and diversified production.



At the roundtable themed on 'Navigating a World in Transition: Agenda for ASEAN-India Cooperation', he mentioned that together, ASEAN and India account for more than a quarter of the world's population. "Collaboration can also be crucial in addressing contemporary challenges. In an era of extreme climate events, ensuring food security is a major concern."

Noting that the world is headed for "re-globalisation, not de-globalisation" in the wake of several changes, the minister made a mention of several ongoing conflicts that have necessitated that "A conflict in Ukraine has shaken Eurasia out of its strategic complacency. West Asia/Middle East is seeing long standing issues and fissures exploding beyond expectations."

Without naming China, Jaishankar added, "In our own continent, territorial disputes and challenges to international law have become a significant recurring source of instability." He added that the world has responded in different ways to different challenges in different geographical regions.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar said that the emergence of the Indo-Pacific and the maturing of the Quad are noteworthy for promoting global good. He remarked, "The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members, including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam."

Jaishankar said there are, and there will be political challenges in the shared region like Myanmar that India and ASEAN will have to address together. "A prime example today is the situation in Myanmar. The interest and I dare say perspective of those who are proximate... is always difficult," he said.

"We do not have the luxury of distance or indeed of time. This is increasingly the case of HADR (humanitarian assistance and disaster relief) situations as well and also maritime safety and security," he stressed. Jaishankar called for a stronger culture of self-help which will only arrive by "putting our heads and our time together".

He also said that diversity and cyber security have become overriding concerns. He also said that "the emerging knowledge economy and advancement of AI necessitates greater human and enterprise mobility within our region."

Opp welcomes AMU verdict; regular bench will hear it: BP

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SOON after the Supreme Court overturned its own 1957 verdict that Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) is not a minority institution, Opposition parties...



Abhishek Singhvi, (right) Asaduddin Owaisi, left

BJP leader Shahwan Hussain said: "The Supreme Court has passed an order that the case should be heard by a regular bench. So, the AMU minority status remains and there has been a lot of discussion about it. Because when you take help from the Indian government, then the rules apply everywhere else should apply there. The order has come and it will be seen properly and then a regular Bench will hear it."

Owaisi said that it is an important day for Muslims of India, and targeted the BJP for opposing minority status for AMU for all these years. "It is an important day for Muslims of India. The 1957 judgment had rejected minority status of AMU when in fact it was. Article 30 states that minorities have the right to establish and administer their educational institutions in a manner that they deem fit," he said.

Owaisi said that with this verdict, "the right of minorities to educate themselves has been upheld." He congratulated all students and faculty of AMU today. It does not matter if the university was established before the Constitution, or if it was set up by a law of the government. It is a minority institution if it was established by minorities. All the arguments of the BJP were rejected," he said.

Samaajwadi Party spokesperson Abdul Hafeez Gandhi said the party welcomes the verdict. "This verdict will pave the way for AMU to get minority status in the future," he said.

Will resume our 'armed resistance' if 2015 pact not honoured: NSCN-IM

SUKRITA BARUAH GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 8

TWENTY-SEVEN years after agreeing to a ceasefire, the Isak-Muzim faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM) has issued an ultimatum to the Centre threatening to "resume the violent armed resistance against India" if the 2015 Framework Agreement signed by the two parties to resolve the Nagaland political problem. In a five-page statement...

signed by its general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah, the insurgent group, said "we rule out any form of means against the ignominious betrayal of the letter and spirit of the Framework Agreement of August 3, 2015". Last week, the NNPCs urged NSCN-IM to finalise a Nagaland accord this year. Itself based on a separate "Agreed Position" signed with them in 2017. An apparent impasse over the question of a separate Nagaland constitution is one of the sticking points in the negotiation between NSCN-IM and Centre.

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Rajasthan: Cash, liquor worth ₹92 cr seized

Jaipur: Enforcement agencies in Rajasthan have seized cash and other frees, including illegal liquor, worth over ₹92 crore since implementation of the model code of conduct for the bypolls in the state. Chief Electoral Officer Navan Mahajan said after the implementation of MCC on October 15, efforts are being made to keep the election free from the influence of money and power. PTI

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