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India, China worked hard to protect G-20: Jaishankar

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India and China have "worked hard to preserve" the G-20 organisation, said External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday during talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In the half-hour-long meeting where they discussed bilateral developments, including the situation on the Line of Actual



Looking ahead: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Johannesburg. PTI

cooperation," Mr. Jaishankar told Mr. Wang in his opening remarks of the In

for talks. "Such gatherings have provided an opportunity for our interaction

KEY POINTS

Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met at the G-20 in Johannesburg to discuss bilateral issues, including the LAC, Kailash Mansarovar, and regional matters. Jaishankar emphasized India and China's efforts to preserve the G-20. The G-20, founded in 1999, includes 19 countries and two regional bodies, representing 85% of global GDP, 75% of global trade, and two-thirds of the world's population.

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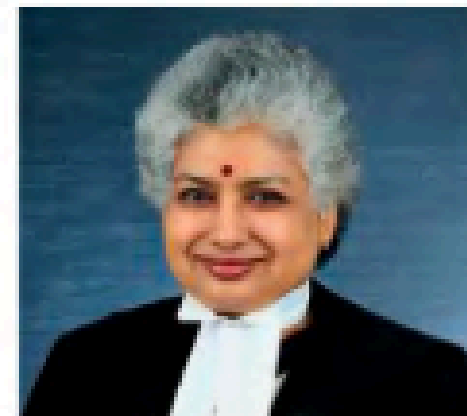
Concept of sexual equality must be part of syllabus: SC

Moral and ethical training, etiquette must be made part of the school syllabus, Justice Nagarathna tells Union government, judge says parents must stop discrimination between daughter and son

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday told the Centre that the concept of sexual equality and moral and ethical training of how men should behave with women respectfully must become a part of school syllabus.

"Moral and ethical training, etiquette must be made part of the school syllabus. There must be a module to inculcate this in schools at a very early age



Parents are more focused on restraining their daughters and not their sons. The word 'discrimination' must go from our vocabulary

B.V. NAGARATHNA
Supreme Court judge

nation' must go from our vocabulary," the judge said.

The court was hearing a writ petition filed by petitioner-in-person and senior advocate Aahad Ponda

Justice Nagarathna agreed that many social circles still believed that a woman neither belonged to her parents' home nor the in-laws' home after marriage.

in school syllabus.

Mr. Ponda's plea also recommended using advertisements and the visual media for conveying zero tolerance to rape.

"Awareness of the stringent laws against rape must be advertised in cinema halls and in the media. There is no point if the person knows about these laws after he is sentenced to 20 years or is about to be hung to death," Mr. Ponda argued. He said knee-jerk reactions like making punishments harsher after a gruesome crime was hard-



KEY POINTS

The Supreme Court urged the government to include sexual equality and moral education in school curricula, emphasizing that gender equality should start at home. The Court also agreed that the rise in crimes against women is due to a lack of basic education on equality.





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GS Paper 3-Environment

A record 6.5 lakh Olive Ridley turtles reach Odisha beach for mass nesting

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Wildlife enthusiasts are thrilled as a record 6.5 lakh Olive Ridley turtles have arrived at the Rushikulya beach in Ganjam district of Odisha for mass nesting after a gap of two years.

“During 2023-24 and 2024-25, only sporadic nestings were noticed along Rushikulya. The last



Mass congregation: Olive Ridley turtles are seen at the Rushikulya beach in Ganjam district of Odisha. BISWARANJAN ROUT

KEY POINTS

The Olive Ridley turtle is a small sea turtle known for its olive-green shell and mass nesting behavior, called Arribada. Odisha is the largest nesting site, and the species is protected under Indian law and listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.





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GS Paper 2- IR/Governance

MEA asks Kenya to revoke immunity to diplomat's son accused of sexual assault

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THE MINISTRY of External Affairs (MEA) has asked Kenya to revoke the immunity of a Kenyan diplomat's son so that he can be prosecuted for the alleged sexual assault of a minor girl on a school bus in August last year.

The diplomat's son, a student of a Delhi school, was booked under Section 75(2) of the

tions against the accused could not proceed due to the immunity that protects diplomats and their families from arrest or prosecution in a host country.

Briefing reporters on Friday, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the government was pursuing this matter with Kenya. "We have requested the Kenyan government to waive the diplomatic immunity of the person concerned so that the investigation in the matter can proceed

case, Kenya. The convention also states that family members of a diplomat who live with them and are not citizens of the host country receive the same immunity as the diplomat.

Police lodged an FIR in the matter on September 19 last year. The girl's parents, in the FIR, claimed she told them about the incident only on September 16 after they questioned her on hearing her use words like 'god promise'.

KEY POINTS

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has asked Kenya to revoke the diplomatic immunity of a Kenyan diplomat's son accused of sexually assaulting a minor on a school bus. The investigation has been stalled due to immunity protections.

the 1961 Vienna Convention, immunity can only be waived by the sending country, in this case, Kenya, and extends to the diplomat's family members living with them.





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GS Paper 3-Economy

Ministry of Mines



Ministry of Mines classifies Barytes, Felspar, Mica and Quartz as Major Minerals

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KEY POINTS

The Ministry of Mines has reclassified Barytes, Felspar, Mica, and Quartz from minor to major minerals following the National Critical Mineral Mission's approval. This shift aims to enhance exploration and mining of critical minerals like Lithium and Beryl. Existing leases will remain unaffected, with lease periods extended to 50 years.





GS Paper 2-IR

India Assumes Chairmanship Of BOBP-IGO, Pledges Strong Regional Cooperation





KEY POINTS

India took over the chairmanship of the Bay of Bengal Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) from Bangladesh at the 13th Governing Council Meeting in Maldives. BOBP-IGO, established in 2003, focuses on improving livelihoods for small-scale fisherfolk in the Bay of Bengal region and promoting sustainable fisheries practices.

