

NEWS IN brief

Sea Spat: Philippines recalls envoy to China

The Philippines has recalled its ambassador to China for consultations, the foreign department said yesterday amid fresh tensions in a seething maritime territorial row.

Russia, UK agree nuke reactor deal

Russian state nuclear company Rosatom, Rolls-Royce and Finnish utility Fortum yesterday agreed to consider building nuclear power plants in Britain.

China 'watch' official gets 14 years in prison

A Chinese official who became known as "Brother Watch" because of his taste for luxury timepieces was convicted of corruption and sentenced to 14 years in prison yesterday, reports said.



Roman Catholic nuns of the Missionaries of Charity order attend a service to commemorate the 16th death anniversary of Mother Teresa at her tomb in the Missionaries of Charity house in Kolkata yesterday.

No PM ambition! Modi says he wants to serve Gujarat till 2017

Playing down his prime ministerial aspirations, Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi yesterday said he never dreams of holding the top post as he is bound to respect the mandate given to him by the people of his state till 2017.



CLIMATE CHANGE Pacific leaders sign plea for action

Pacific leaders yesterday signed a declaration committing themselves to urgent action on climate change and pleading with the rest of the world to follow their lead on an issue that threatens their existence.

also take concrete action on the issue. "We want our Majuro Declaration for climate leadership to be a game changer in the global fight against climate change," he said.

Egypt minister survives assassination bid

Egypt's Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim yesterday survived a bomb attack on his convoy, emerging unscathed to warn the country faced a "wave of terrorism" amid a sweeping police crackdown on Islamists.



Afghan Taliban shoot dead Indian author

Suspected Taliban in Afghanistan have shot dead Indian author Sushmita Banerjee, writer of a popular book about her dramatic escape from the militants in the 90s, police said yesterday.

200 languages lost in India

More than 200 languages have vanished in India over the last 50 years, a new study says, blaming urban migration and fear among nomadic tribes of speaking their traditional tongues.

an author and founder of the non-profit Bhasha Trust, which seeks to preserve languages, told AFP. Devy's team of 3,000 volunteers fanned out across India, visiting communities in the most remote parts of the country of 1.2 billion people, to study and document living languages spoken and written today.

Blast hits Pak girls' school; 11 wounded

A bomb wounded 11 people, mostly children, when it exploded outside a Pakistani girls' school yesterday, a doctor said.

Maldives faces democracy test after 'coup' violence

Maldives, an election monitoring group, said campaigning by Nasheed, Waheed and the two other candidates had so far taken place "smoothly and peacefully".

North Korea to reopen military hotline to South

North Korea yesterday agreed to reopen a military hotline to South Korea this week in another step towards improving frosty ties between the two countries, officials said.



The Indian Ocean archipelago of the Maldives goes to the polls this weekend for a presidential election that will test its young democracy 18 months after a violent change in leadership.

Looking relaxed as he posed for photos with supporters, held babies and stroked a kitten, Nasheed said he was confident of winning an outright majority in the first round.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Milk Producers' Union Limited (বাংলাদেশ দুগ্ধ উৎপাদনকারী সমবায় ইউনিয়ন লিমিটেড) listing recruitment details for various positions.