

INDIA AT UN

'Afghanistan can succeed when terrorism no longer flows across Durand Line'

In an apparent reference to Pakistan, India's permanent representative to the UN TS Tirumurti said those providing sanctuary to terrorists must be held accountable

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Sanctions Monitoring Team under the Al-Qaeda/Daesh Sanctions Committee has also highlighted the presence of foreign fighters in Afghanistan. For violence to end in Afghanistan, these terrorist supply chains must be broken, Tirumurti said. 'It is time that the Security Council speaks unequivocally against violence and terrorist forces and acts against terrorist sanctuaries and safe havens,' he said.



A file photo of TS Tirumurti

everyone concerned.

He stressed that the overall objective of 'our endeavour has been only to bring lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan, as that is critical for the peace and security of the whole region' and in order to achieve this, the UNSC needs to ensure that the peace process must be Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled. The Indian envoy further stressed that it is important to ensure that the issue of full transit rights to Afghanistan is not used by states to extract political price from Afghanistan.

atic process is essential for long-term stability of Afghanistan and the region,' he said, noting that India will start its tenure in the UNSC from January next year, a crucial juncture for Afghanistan. 'We extend our assurance that India will continue to provide all support to the government and people of Afghanistan in realising their aspirations for a peaceful, democratic and prosperous future where the interest of all sections of Afghan society are protected. We will continue to support all opportunities that can bring durable peace, security and stability in the country.'

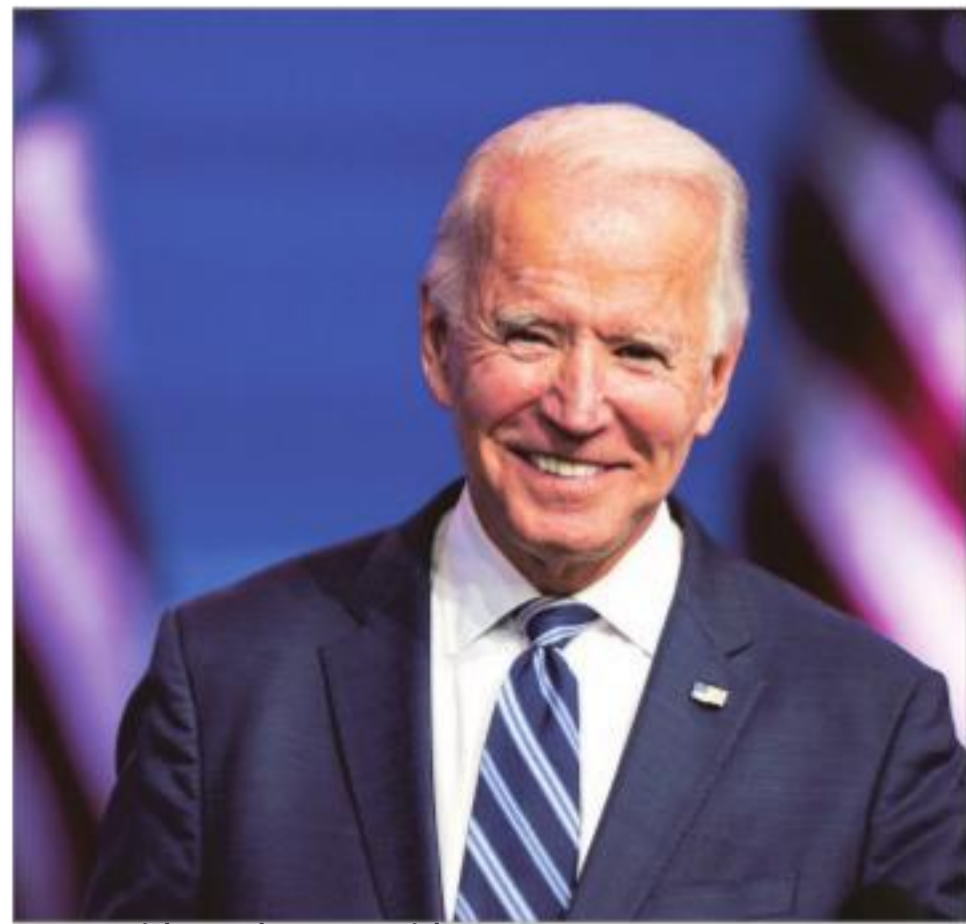
The Indian envoy said the international community 'simply cannot' afford to lose the gains of the last two decades as the progress achieved so far is hard-won. He stressed that India is convinced that the rights of women need to be strongly protected and gender mainstreaming and safer guardrails are integral to the future of Afghanistan.

Tirumurti noted that Afghanistan today is at a critical juncture and it is vital for the international community, especially the UNSC, to send the right message to the international community. He stressed that the overall objective of 'our endeavour has been only to bring lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan, as that is critical for the peace and security of the whole region' and in order to achieve this, the UNSC needs to ensure that the peace process must be Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled.

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US President-elect Joe Biden

MICRO-BLOGGING SITE TWITTER will hand control of the presidential @POTUS account to President-elect Joe Biden the moment he is sworn in on inauguration day on January 20, even if President Donald Trump has not conceded his election loss, the company has said.

The @POTUS account is the official account of the President of the United States and is separate from the @realDonaldTrump account that Trump uses to tweet. Biden, 78, will be the 46th US President when he is sworn in.

The handover requires no sharing of information between the outgoing Trump team and the incoming Biden team, Twitter said, adding that all existing tweets on those accounts will be archived and Twitter will

transfer the accounts 'reset to zero tweets' to the Biden White House that day. Twitter is actively preparing to support the transition of White House institutional Twitter accounts on January 20th, 2021, Twitter spokesperson Nick Pacilio told Politico in an email.

As we did for the presidential transition in 2017, this process is being done in close consultation with the National Archives and Records Administration, Pacilio said. The same goes for @whitehouse, @VP, @FLOTUS, and a handful of other official accounts associated with the presidency, the report said on Friday. Twitter also confirmed that staffers will meet with representatives from the Biden-Harris transition team in the coming months to review how the new administration plans to use its government-related accounts, The Hill reported. The @POTUS account has more than 32 million followers and will provide Biden with another way to communicate with the public while in office. Trump, the 45th US President, has so far refused to concede the November 3 presidential race to Biden, even though results released by election officials clearly give the race to the former US vice president. He has filed multiple lawsuits challenging the poll results in several states. Biden was declared the winner of the US presidential election on November 7 after flipping the battleground states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin to the Democrats' column.

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Will social media be regulated by censor? However, with the OTTs coming under I&B ministry, the latter has got powers to make rules for user-generated content, which, apart from being transmitted on OTTs, can also be transmitted on intermediaries.

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Will social media be regulated by censor? Experts say these are early days and clarity on regulation of content, be it on OTTs or intermediaries and any overlap in the case of latter with Meity, would be clear only once the I&B ministry frames rules.

With low footfalls, multiplexes turn to other revenue sources Alok Tandon, CEO, INOX Leisure, says only about half of INOX theatres have resumed operations.

Among theatres that are welcoming audiences, the footfall is hardly something to write home about, say industry insiders. Kunal Sawhney, senior vice-president, operations, Carnival Cinemas, says theatres are yet to reach the pre-Covid operational benchmarks, mainly because of the absence of fresh content.

On November 20, two new English films hit the screens: The War with Grandpa starring Robert De Niro and a romantic comedy, The Broken Hearts Gallery. While this is encouraging, viewers are looking forward to Bollywood releases like Ranveer Singh-starrer 83 and Rohit Shetty's Soorvyanshi.

Until producers are confident about releasing big-budget films, alternate revenue streams are the only way to stay afloat for cinema halls. 'In the interim, multiplex owners need to find ways to monetise their brands and the loyalty they have built through user experience. These could be either capitalising on the theatrical experience or the other value adds that viewers avail at the movies,' says Rajib Basu, media and entertainment leader, PwC India.

and create spin-offs of their in-house food and beverage spread. Tandon says the demand for private screenings is high. 'The demand is not just metro-centric, but equally from tier-2 and tier-3 markets,' he adds. These private screenings for a group of five-10 people can start at ₹2,000-₹3,000. Sawhney says that at Carnival Cinemas, people can screen their wedding videos or any other videos stored in video formats that can be converted to be screened in theatres.

The revenue generated from private screenings alone may not be cost-effective, though. Hence, multiplexes are counting on viewers adding services like food and beverages, and watching movies at premium screens

ticket sales bringing in about 40% revenue. Carnival Cinemas had recently also forayed into the cloud kitchen business. Under the brand names of Purple Canteen, Green Canteen, Movie Munchies and Red Bubble Cafe, Carnival Cinemas is monetising its F&B arm through food delivery aggregators Swiggy and Zomato in states like Maharashtra and Kerala. Meanwhile, PVR Cinemas has renewed its association with Indian Super League team Chennaiyin FC, to give fans an experience of watching the games on the big screen.

'Pvt hospitals fees exorbitant; spending on health very low' '... Cost of health service delivery increased due to absence of specific guidelines for Covid treatment in private hospitals as a result of which patients were charged exorbitant fees,' the committee noted in the report.

Stressing on the need for better partnership between the government and private hospitals in wake of the pandemic and shortage of state-run healthcare facilities, the

report said, 'The Committee is of the view that arriving at a sustainable pricing model to treat Covid patients could have averted many deaths.' The committee believes healthcare should never be limited to only those who can afford to pay but should move towards the noble vision of universal health coverage. For this to happen, the government needs to be considerate and support the private health care sector, the report said.

The committee was all praise for healthcare workers and doctors for being on frontline in handling of the deadly virus and said they should have defined working hours, predictably functioning reliever rosters and scheduled off-duty days. The doctors, who have laid down their lives in fight against the pandemic, must be acknowledged as martyrs and their families be adequately compensated, it suggested in the report.

Retail sees uptick in festive season

Again, Gujarat and Rajasthan saw good recovery ahead of the festival, said Alisha Malik, VP, marketing and e-commerce. The company claims footfalls increased by more than 200% compared to the initial unlock months. Sales, in general, have been picking up every week amid the festive season. The firm also logged heavy bookings in the east during Durga Puja, said Malik.

Beauty retailer Nykaa said there has been a consistent improvement month on month in terms of footfalls and revenues in most of its physical stores. The brand aims to touch 100% of the pre-Covid revenue levels by December. 'With big-brand launches such as Charlotte Tilbury as well as cult favorites like Lime Crime, and more to come in the next couple of months, we are observing a big boost in the makeup category in the October-December quarter,' a company spokesperson said.

Aarti Ahuja, head, marketing at TCNS Clothing that owns brands like W and Aurelia said there has been a visible spike in business during the last two weeks of the festive season. Consumer expenses were not just restricted to formal wear but were seen across categories. Ahuja said there has been a better response from smaller towns in terms

of revival and demand generation and some of them even managed to reach the pre-covid levels.

Commercial real estate in dire straits with WFH

'New enquiries have been slow and mainly about portfolio reassessment and consolidations. We anticipate demand to revive to pre-Covid levels over the next nine-12 months, Sawhney said.

The year 2019 was an exemplary period for Delhi NCR, which registered a robust demand of 10.9 MSF for office spaces. However, it seems that the scenario is unlikely to play out again in the next one year.

On demand outlook, Sawhney said focus for most occupiers at this point is to optimise capital and operational expenditure, given that WFH may continue for most large occupiers up to March 2021 and in some cases even June 2021.

'Corporates are now planning their space requirements keeping in mind factors such as flexibility in lease terms like expansion and contraction of a part of their take up, minimum capital investment (where landlord also invests in aspects like flooring, false ceiling, toilets, etc, which typically would have been part of the tenant's fit-out spend), lower rental costs, lower commuting time for employees, last-mile connectivity, social dis-

tancing, etc,' she explained. Savills anticipates increased occupier interest for co-working and managed office spaces in addition to lower ticket size traditional leases as occupiers are evaluating splitting their portfolios to have multiple satellite offices.

Locations like Noida Expressway and Golf Course Extension Road are expected to see increased traction by occupiers for their expansion and relocation, given the availability of quality supply at attractive rents and improved connectivity.

