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Doval, Pakistan NSA agree to cooperate in SCO fight against terrorism

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Pakistan counterpart Moeed Yusuf joined NSAs of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member countries in Dushanbe where they agreed to cooperate in the joint fight against the threats of “international terrorism”, “extremism”, “separatism” and “religious radicalism”, a statement issued by host Tajikistan stated

The official statement, issued in Tajik, said special attention was given to the “current military and political situation in Afghanistan” and the risk of “escalation”.

It said the NSAs met Tajikistan’s President Emomali Rahmon. This was the 16th meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Councils of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

New IT Rules breach law and gag free speech: 13 key news media firms move Madras HC

The Madras High Court issued notices to the Union Ministries of Electronics and Information Technology and Information & Broadcasting on a plea by Digital News Publishers Association — a 13-member collective of the nation’s biggest news media companies — challenging the Constitutional validity of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (IT Rules, 2021).

The petition has contended that these rules violate Articles 14 (equality), 19 (1) (a) and 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution (right to freedom of speech and expression and right to profession).

Olympic medalist appointed first V-C of Delhi Sports University

Retired weightlifter Karnam Malleshwari — the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics — has been appointed the first vice-chancellor of the Delhi government’s Delhi Sports University.

Malleshwari won a bronze medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. She has also been awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award and Padma Shri.

UK High Court rejects Nirav Modi’s plea against extradition

A UK high court rejected the application of fugitive diamond jeweller Nirav Modi against his extradition to India.

According to news agency PTI, a senior UK high court official said Modi’s permission to appeal against extradition “was rejected on paper”. Modi, sources said, will now have the option to file an application within five days for an oral hearing, with a renewed “leave to appeal” application, for a judge to determine if it can proceed to a full appeal hearing.