

# US sees biggest drop in international students

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## THE TREND

Foreign students in the US by place of origin

Country	No. of students	% Change	% of Int'l students in the US
China	317,299	-14.8	35 ■■■
India	167,582	-13.2	18 ■■■
South Korea	39,491	-20.7	4 ■
Canada	25,143	-3.3	3 ■
Saudi Arabia	21,933	-29.2	2 ■

With the Covid-19 pandemic impacting foreign education, there was a 15 per cent decrease in the number of international students in the US in academic year 2020-21, as against a decline of 1.8 per cent in 2019-20, according to the Open Doors Report 2021.

This was the highest annual decline for the US. The highest annual increase in international students that it saw in the recent past was in 2014-15 when it clocked a 10 per cent growth. Annual growth has been on a downward trajectory since, falling to 7.1 per cent in 2015-16, 3.4 per cent in 2016-17, 1.5 per cent in 2017-18, and 0.05 per cent in 2018-19.

China and India, which account for around 55 per cent of total international students in the US, saw a decline of 15 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively, in the number of students going to the US. The

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"Despite the global pandemic, Indian students were able to apply for visas and travel to the United States. We issued over 62,000 student visas this summer alone, more than in any previous year. This goes to show that the United States remains the destination of choice for Indian students looking to study abroad. We look forward to issuing many more visas in the year to come, to help Indian students achieve their dreams of US study," said Heflin.

According to the US embassy, last year, the government and higher education institutions implemented measures to safely welcome international students in person, online, and via hybrid learning methods, guaranteeing opportunities and resources to international students remained robust.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLMENTS IN THE US

Year	Enrolled int'l students	OPT*	Total int'l students	Annual change %
2020-21	710,210	203,885	914,095	-15
2019-20	851,957	223,539	1,075,496	-1.8
2018-19	872,214	223,085	1,095,229	0.05
2017-18	891,330	203,462	1,094,792	1.5

\*OPT: Optional Practical Training

Source: Open Doors Report 2021

number of Chinese students, accounting for 35 per cent of total international students in the US, fell to 317,299 in 2020-21. Indian students comprised nearly 20 per cent

of foreign students in the US, at 167,582 in 2020-21. However, there are signs of change, with Minister Counsellor for Consular Affairs Don Heflin saying the

# Ignored by Cong, tribals now partners in development: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday lauded their contribution to Indian culture through the ages and said Lord Ram drew inspiration from them during his exile as he slammed the Congress for "neglecting" adivasis during its previous rules.

Tribals were now partners in the country's development and benefitting from various welfare schemes launched by the BJP-led government, he said. The PM also announced that henceforth Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, the birth anniversary of revered tribal icon Birsa Munda, will be cel-

ebrated like Gandhi Jayanti, Sardar Patel Jayanti and Ambedkar Jayanti.

"When we talk about tribesmen's contribution some people get worried. They don't believe in the immense contribution of tribals to Indian culture. Their contribution had not been explained to the countrymen. People were kept in the dark," Modi said.

"Those who ran governments in the past did not give priority to them. The country's 10 per cent (tribal) population was neglected," he said, attacking the Congress without naming the party. PTI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the dedication of the redeveloped Rani Kamalapati Railway Station to the nation, in Bhopal on Monday

PHOTO: PTI

## ALL IN A DAY

### SC recommends elevation of gay lawyer as HC judge

The Supreme Court (SC) Collegium has recommended the elevation of senior advocate Saurabh Kirpal as judge of the Delhi High Court. This is the first instance of the SC Collegium recommending the elevation of an openly homosexual member of the judiciary to the Bench. If appointed, Kirpal will be India's first openly gay judge. A statement issued by the top court said a decision in this regard was taken during a meeting of the Collegium on November 11. AGENCIES

### Pak allows India to send wheat as hunger grips Afghanistan

Pakistan will allow India to send 50,000 tons of wheat through its territory to neighbouring Afghanistan, which is reeling from a severe hunger crisis as its economy has stalled since the Taliban took over in August, according to an Afghan government official. Islamabad agreed to allow over land wheat shipments nearly a month after Kabul sought permission, Sulaiman Shah Zaheer, a spokesman of the Afghanistan Ministry of Commerce and Industries, said. "The issue has now been resolved, and India can now send the wheat to Afghanistan via the Wagah border in Pakistan." The aid will be the first such consignment from New Delhi, which is yet to recognise the Taliban regime. PTI

In October from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an asset reconstruction company. It plans to start operations by March next year. NARCL plans to acquire these accounts through 15 per cent upfront cash and the remaining by issuing security receipts. The Centre plans to give its guarantee of up to ₹30,600 crore to back security receipts issued by NARCL. The guarantee will be valid for five years. The condition prece-

dent for the invocation of guarantee would be resolution or liquidation. The guarantee will cover the shortfall between the face value of the SR and the actual realisation.

### Crypto...

The meeting took place against the backdrop of rising concerns in various quarters about crypto currencies and the possible risks emanating from trading in them, especially since there is a growing interest in such assets worldwide. Currently, there are neither specific regulations nor an outright ban on use of crypto currencies in the country.

Last week RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had said at an event that the central bank was cautious on cryptocurrencies. At the PM-led meeting a few days ago, the consensus was that the government must take a forward-looking and progressive step on the matter while putting in firm regulations. Sinha told a TV channel after the meeting, "Today's taxation framework is very capable of handling crypto tokens and crypto finance. We have to decide on the many functions that crypto finance can fulfil, where do we bucket different aspects of crypto finance...it can serve as an asset, security, commodity, payment system. The underlying technology has many broad manifestations."

Once the broad bucket under which this falls is decided, taxation would become easier, he added. Representatives of crypto exchanges, block chain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC), industry bodies as well as academicians and other stakeholders submitted their views before the panel. Some Congress members in

the panel told PTI that there are significant challenges in banning crypto currencies. The broad view of the panel was that a Chinese wall should be put in place on crypto currencies' fungibility in the real world and its interface with the real world should be regulated, they added.

According to sources, questions were raised on the advertisements run by certain crypto exchanges, but the members largely agreed that putting in place a body to oversee regulations was the way forward.

### Tax...

"The chief ministers requested that if part of tax devolution be front-loaded, it would be helpful. I have directed the finance secretary to do this immediately. This is an exceptional year. States should not be short of money when we are requesting them to push up capital expenditure," she said.

Union Finance Secretary T V Somanathan said devolution was done in 14 instalments.

Sitharaman also said two states — Madhya Pradesh and Sikkim — asked for further relaxation in the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. States are allowed to borrow from the markets to the extent that it does not increase their fiscal deficit beyond 3 per cent of their gross state domestic product (GSDP). They can borrow 2 per cent more this fiscal year, 1 per cent with riders and 1 per cent is unconditional.

She said the entire GST compensation to the states had been given in November itself.

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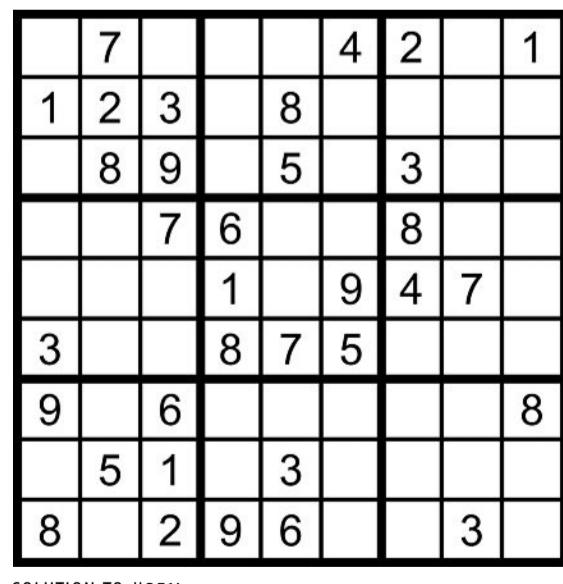
### Lenders...

For Lavasa Corporation, the lenders are still undecided over the two offers received from Dhir Hotels and Resorts and Darwin Platform Infrastructure, the source said. The last date for finding a resolution for Lavasa is November 25.

NARCL received its licence

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In continuation to the Public Notices for e-Auction of Sterling Biotech Limited as a whole, on a Going Concern Basis, published on 21.10.2021 and 04.11.2021 in this newspaper, it is hereby informed that the last date for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) has been further extended to 30.11.2021. The other timelines in terms of the Process Document also stands extended/revised accordingly. In this regard, please refer to the Process Document, Version 2.2 dated 15.11.2021 for complete details, uploaded on the website of the Corporate Debtor, <http://www.sterlingbiotech.in/liquidation.html>.

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