

National News

Indian bags key post in UNFCCC

An Indian national, Ovais Sarmad, has been appointed the Deputy Executive Secretary in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). “Mr. Sarmad, currently the Chief of Staff to the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration, has an experience of nearly 27 years,” said the press release. Born in 1960, he has a degree in commerce from Osmania University.

Headway

Forward movement.

Ignite

Cause to start burning.

Business News

‘Foreign food retailers can sell non-foods too’

By October, the Centre is expected to pave the way for multibrand foreign retailers to tap the Indian market, by allowing overseas investors in the food retail segment to offer ‘Made in India’ non-food items as well, according to Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

The Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) had assured her ministry that the concerned foreign direct investment (FDI) norms would be tweaked as a ‘sweetener’ for foreign investors likely to attend a mega World Food Forum being held in the national capital this November, Ms. Badal said in an interview.

“I have been told the decision would be cleared before World Food India Forum,” Ms. Badal said. “The PMO told me it will be done before World Food summit so October is the last date (but) I think it will be done well before that.”

Impending

Close in time.

Imperious

Having or showing arrogant superiority.

State News

Haryana playing politics over water, says Sisodia

Accusing BJP-ruled Haryana of reducing water supply to the Capital, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Tuesday that if the “crisis” continued, supply to Lutyens’ Delhi would be hit as well. On May 13, the Delhi Jal Board had said in a statement that the level of water in the pond that is fed by the Yamuna and the carrier-lined channel that brings water from Haryana had reduced, leading to production at Wazirabad treatment plant being curtailed at 30%. The DJB had said that supply had been affected from May 12 and would continue to be hit till Tuesday evening in parts of north, north-west and west Delhi. On Tuesday evening, however, Mr. Sisodia said the situation hadn’t been resolved. “Delhi water crisis still not resolved. Water being stopped despite court order. I have directed DJB to file contempt petition in HC,” he tweeted.

Jabber

Talking in a noisy, excited manner.

Jostle

Making one’s way by pushing or shoving.