

International News

Senate passes sanctions bill targeting Iran, Russia

Decisive bipartisan vote passed 98-2
 A frequently polarised U.S. Senate found common ground Thursday as Republicans and Democrats joined forces to approve a sweeping sanctions bill that punishes long-time adversaries Iran and Russia with an array of financial penalties.
 The bipartisan legislation passed overwhelmingly Thursday, 98-2, more than five months after U.S. intelligence agencies determined Moscow had deliberately interfered in the 2016 presidential campaign.
 Lawmakers have long sought to hit Iran with more sanctions in order to check its ballistic missile program.

dissonance

lack of harmony, disagreement

inculpate

accuse or blame

Business News

'Lenient view initially on GST compliance'

The tax regime will rollout on July 1
 Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal, on Thursday assured trade and industry that the government will initially take a lenient view of their mistakes on the GST compliance front so long as there is no "malafide intent."
 "We will be initially liberal to (those committing) bonafide and technical mistakes," he said, adding that the government will be approaching such issues with an open mind. Those with a malafide intent, however, need not "rely on us," he added. The Minister's comments came in the backdrop of demands for pushing back GST implementation and for the government to adopt a lenient view to the concerns of trade and industry in the first few months. The Centre is committed to rolling out GST on July 1. The date is fixed and there will be no change, Mr. Meghwal said.
 GST will fetch several indirect benefits, including reducing the logistics charges from the existing 13.5%.

docile

compliant, submissive

sporadic

occurring at irregular intervals; scattered or isolated

National News

Flash floods kill 4 in Assam, Guwahati inundated

About 15,000 rendered homeless in at least four districts
 In almost a repeat of last year, the tributaries of the Brahmaputra have started rising with the advent of south west monsoon. At least half a dozen tributaries on both banks of the river have risen and officially four persons have been reported dead in flash floods. Many areas in Guwahati city were inundated, but the water fortunately has been receding from most parts since Wednesday night, locals said.
 Officials said Brahmaputra's north bank tributaries — Beki, Rangnadi, Subansiri — and the ones on the south bank — Dikhow, Desang and Dhansiri — are rising.

prevaricate

deceive; stretch the truth

chicanery

deception, trickery