

Trump pledges to revamp Obama-era Cuba deal

International News

U.S. President promises to support people against Raul Castro's government
 U.S. President Donald Trump vowed on Friday to overhaul Barack Obama's deal to restore ties with Cuba, promising to instead support the Cuban people against Raul Castro's government. Mr. Trump flew to Miami's Little Havana, spiritual home of the Cuban-American community, to denounce his predecessor's "one-sided" settlement and pledge to work for Cuba's freedom. In practical terms, Mr. Trump's review of the deal was limited. He will not break the diplomatic ties Mr. Obama worked so carefully to restore, nor does he plan to impose new trade sanctions. But he did tighten rules for Americans travelling to Cuba, ban ties with a military-run tourism firm and reaffirm the existing U.S. trade embargo, which will be firmly enforced.

fractious

irritable and quarrelsome

malign

hurtful, injurious

Russia eyes India for IT exports

Business News

Healthcare and crime-control solutions are among the offerings
 Russia is looking at India as an export market for its information technology (IT) solutions. It is also eyeing partnerships with Indian IT companies to implement its home-grown technologies, according to a top official at a Russian state-owned corporation.
 "We are keen on privileged, strategic partnerships with Indian companies," Vasily Y. Brovko, director for special commissions at Rostec State Corporation, which oversees implementation of Russian state policy for industrial development, told The Hindu . As had been the case with defence related contracts with India in the past, he said, Rostec would co-develop the solution with its Indian partners, transfer technology to the client and help educate users. This would be done through its subsidiaries National Centre for IT (NCIT), which develops solutions and RITE, the export arm that engages with target countries, he added.

plausible

seeming reasonable or probable

sanguine

optimistic or positive

Congress vows to continue struggle for farmers' rights

National News

Scindia wraps up his satyagraha; leaves for Mandsaur
 Wrapping up his 72-hour satyagraha at Khalghat in Dhar district on Saturday, Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia vowed that the Congress would take the struggle to districts across Madhya Pradesh and agitate till a solution was found to their problems. The Congress leader then left for Mandsaur district to once again attempt to meet the kin of the farmers killed in police firing on June 6 there.

venerate

regard with great respect

trite

silly, commonplace