

International News

Trump says he has no Comey tape

U.S. President Donald Trump admitted on Thursday he did not have recordings of his private meetings with fired FBI Director James Comey.
 “With all of the recently reported electronic surveillance, intercepts, unmasking and illegal leaking of information, I have no idea whether there are ‘tapes’ or recordings of my conversations with James Comey, but I did not make, and do not have, any such recordings,” Mr. Trump tweeted.
 The White House has for weeks been challenged by the press to prove Mr. Trump’s claim that he taped his meetings with Mr. Comey.

recalcitrant

disobedient, uncontrollable

ephemeral

momentary, passing

Business News

GST to help lower overall tax burden over time: Patel

‘The new tax regime is part of the digitisation revolution’
 Reserve Bank Governor Urjit Patel on Thursday said the soon-to-be implemented goods and services tax (GST) will not only create a national market but will also broaden the tax base which in turn will lower the overall taxes in the long-term.
 “The prudent point is that GST itself is part of the digitisation revolution, which along with the reforms on the information tax side in terms of the processes and operations, have the potential to broaden the tax base considerably,” Mr. Patel told an event organised by industry lobby IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry here.
 He also said GST is a precursor to a low tax regime in the country at a later stage.

pusillanimous

lacking courage, fearful

vacillate

go back and forth, be indecisive

National News

‘Plastic bullets’ sent to Kashmir

May replace pellet guns, which caused 13 deaths last year
 The first batch of less lethal ‘plastic bullets’ were sent to the Kashmir Valley a few days ago as security forces anticipate protests to mark the first death anniversary of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani who was killed in a gunfight on July 8 last.
 The government faced severe criticism over the use of pellet guns which resulted in 13 deaths last year and injuries to over 250. Several parties demanded their withdrawal
 “We got the plastic bullets a few days ago, but are yet to use them. We have been asked to exercise restraint,” a senior CRPF officer said in Kashmir. The CRPF helps the police in containing protests and maintaining law and order in the Valley.

enigma

difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious

euphoric

intense excitement and happiness