

**National News**

**India again asks Pakistan to provide consular access to Jadhav**

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India on Saturday again asked Pakistan to grant full and early consular access to its national Kulbhushan Jadhav, sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court, as the two countries exchanged lists of prisoners lodged in each other's jails. According to the list Pakistan shared with India, at least 546 Indian nationals, including nearly 500 fishermen, are languishing in jails in that country.

**languishing**

lose or lack vitality; grow weak

**consular**

relating to the consul or consulate in a foreign city

**Business News**

**Apparel discounts continue, new tax levied after GST**

Apparel stores in the capital continue with attractive schemes, but buyers much to their dismay found out that most brands have got costlier on account of GST as offers are not inclusive of taxes in many cases. According to officials at different stores of Levi's, Arrow, United Colors of Benetton, and US Polo, while discount offers such as 'buy two get two' remain the same, the total outgo from consumers has increased as they have to pay extra taxes. The discount on old stocks is still there, but now that the systems have been updated, the tax rate is different and not inclusive of the discounted price, said a Levi's store manager.

**clothing**

**concern and distress caused by something unexpected**

**Economy poised for a leap after GST: Shah**

'Efforts made to malign the measure have come to naught'

The Goods and Services Tax, the country's biggest tax reform since Independence, will help speed up India's economy and prepare it to compete with top countries, BJP president Amit Shah said here on Saturday. Mr. Shah, who is on a two-day visit to Goa, said efforts made to malign the GST had failed. Whether in Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat or Assam, there will be a common tax structure, he said.

evil in nature or effect

having a composed and self-assured manner