



National News

MAKING STATESMEN OUT OF LAWMAKERS

"Ansari seeks inter-parliamentary ties"

India needs to increase parliamentary interaction with other countries to create an all-weather group of interlocutors, senior diplomatic sources have said.

The role of parliamentarians for cultivating their counterparts in other countries was taken up recently by President Yoweri Musaveni of Uganda, who urged Vice-President Hamid Ansari last week to address the gap by sending more Indian lawmakers to Africa.

INTERLUCTOR

a person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation.

noun: interluctor

DIPLOMATIC

of or concerning diplomacy, ambassadorial

"diplomatic relations with Britain were broken"

synonyms:

adjective: diplomatic

Environment News

THOUGH THE NET TIGHTENS, INDIA REMAINS HUB FOR TURTLE TRADE

"Despite strict enforcement, ease of transport leads thousands, including endangered species, to be smuggled abroad."

As the smuggling networks strengthen, India continues to bear the ignominy of being the source of the illegal trade.

The detection of a staggering 58,442 smuggled amphibians over five years, demonstrates the persistence of the illegal trade despite increasing enforcement, reveals the recently-conducted study by researchers from Freeland India and Turtle Survival Alliance.

SMUGGLED

move (goods) illegally into or out of a country.

"he's been smuggling cigarettes from Gibraltar into Spain"

verb: smuggle  
past participle: smuggled

IGNOMINY

public shame or disgrace.

"the ignominy of being imprisoned"

noun: ignominy

Market News

GOLD HITS 4-MONTH HIGH, CLIMBS RS 325 ON FIRM GLOBAL CUES

"Gold prices soared by Rs 325 to regain the Rs 30,000—mark and trade at over 4—month high of Rs 30,175 per 10 grams at the bullion market today, amid a firm overseas trend and wedding season buying by jewellers."

Silver too followed suit and surged by Rs 600 to Rs 43,800 per kg on increased offtake by industrial units and coin makers.

SOARED

increase rapidly above the usual level.

"the cost of living continued to soar"

verb: soar  
past participle: soared

AMID

surrounded by; in the middle of.

"our dream home, set amid magnificent rolling countryside"

preposition: amid