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1) Trump, Modi Discuss

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India’s 2018-2019 budget will focus on solar power and renewable energy, with a target of increasing the share of renewable energy in the country’s energy mix to 30% by 2030, up from the current 30%.

Bhutan's Prime Minister Lotay Tshering said on Monday that his country would continue to support the Maldivian government in its efforts to maintain democracy and rule of law.

Bhutan has been one of the leading countries to express concern over the political crisis in the Maldives and has urged the government to stay committed to the rule of law and democratic institutions.

"We are closely monitoring the situation in the Maldives and will continue to support the government in its efforts to maintain democracy and rule of law," Tshering said.

Bhutan is an important partner for the Maldives in terms of economic cooperation and development assistance.

The Maldives has been facing a political crisis since November 2018, with the opposition leader calling for the resignation of President Abdulla Yameen and the implementation of constitutional amendments to extend the president's term.

2) Afghanistan

Saffron production in Afghanistan recently earned global recognition for its taste and flavor.

Saffron, a spice derived from the flower of the Crocus sativus, is known for its intense color and flavor.

Afghanistan's Saffron Council has been working to promote the spice and increase its production.

"Afghanistan is the world's largest producer of saffron, and we are proud to see our product recognized on the global stage," said the council's president.

Saffron is also known for its health benefits, including anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant properties.

3) Bangladesh

Bangladesh’s economy is growing steadily, with inflation remaining low and foreign reserves increasing.

"Bangladesh is on track to achieve its economic goals for the year, and we are confident in our ability to sustain this growth," said the country’s finance minister.

Despite some challenges, such as the Rohingya crisis, the government has been working to improve the country’s infrastructure and create job opportunities.

"We recognize the challenges we face, but we are committed to addressing them and ensuring a bright future for our people," said the minister.

4) Pakistan

Pakistan’s agriculture sector is facing several challenges, including drought, floods, and pest attacks.

"Our farmers are facing a difficult time, and we are working to provide them with the support and resources they need to overcome these challenges," said the agriculture minister.

The government has launched several programs to support farmers, including crop insurance and weather forecasting.

"We are committed to ensuring that our farmers have the tools they need to succeed," said the minister.

5) India

India is the second largest consumer of saffron in the world, with demand expected to grow in the coming years.

"The demand for saffron is growing in India, and we are well-positioned to meet this demand with our high-quality product," said the country’s saffron producer.

The government has been working to promote the export of saffron, with a target of increasing exports to $1 billion by 2023.

"We are confident in our ability to meet this target and contribute to the country’s economic growth," said the producer.