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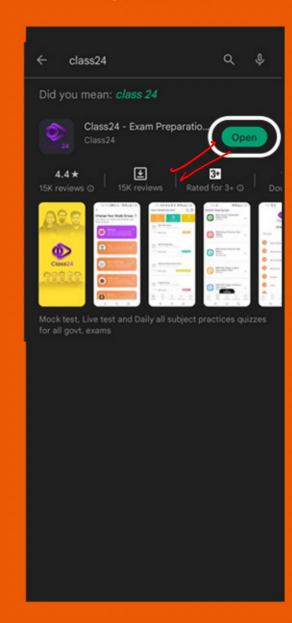
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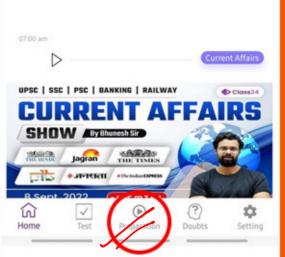
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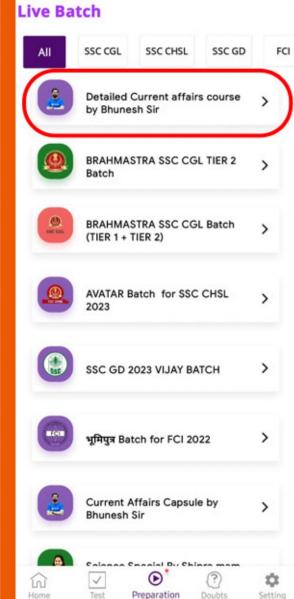
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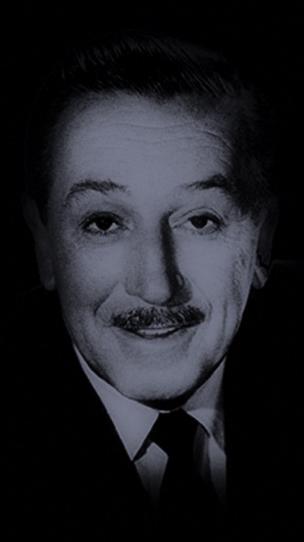
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The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.
—Walter E. Disney

SC to set up Bench

to hear hijab case

Double trouble with Bhojpuri songs for Holi



for 20 cheetahs: expert

In Punjab, fear of the return of 'dark days A police station siege in Ajnala stokes concerns



#### Select Central staff can opt | Sangma to form govt. in for Old Pension Scheme

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Official cites litigations

## Meghalaya; Rio will lead Nagaland with BJP help

#### The Hindu Bureau

The National People's Par-ty (NPP) on Priday over-came a hiccup in forming the next government in Meghalaya. In Nagaland, megnaiaya. In Nagaiano, the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP)'s Neiphiu Rio will lead the coalition government that includes the BJP, while the

includes the BJP, while the BJP's Manik Saha staked his claim to form the go-prime Minister Naren-dra Modl and Union Home Minister Antis Shah are ex-pected to attend the oath-meghalaya witnessed a brief drama after NJP chief Coerad K. Sangma met Go-vernor Phagu Chauhan in submit his resignation as



Mr. Conrad Sangma paraded 29 newly elected members – 26 of the NPP. The NPP. The NPP. The NPP. The Sangma S

the 55 seats it contested.

"They (NPP and BjP) may have the seat the numbers. We are confident that the Governor will invite us to form the government," he said, pointing out that 29 was not the majority mark in a 60-member House.



#### Democracy under attack, says Rahul

NEW DELHI Indian democracy is under threat and several Opposition leaders, including himself, are being snooped upon by using Israeli spyware Pegasus, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi told a group of students during a lecture at Cambridge University. > Page 8

Confusion over EPFO link: CITU

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The CITY has written to
the Central Provident Fund
Commissioner demanding
immediate intervention as
pensioners are facing practical
problems while using the link
provided by EPFO to exercise
the option for higher pension
benefits... to Page 8.

#### Karnataka BJP MLA booked after son held for accepting bribe

#### The Hindu Bureau

Karnataka BJP MI.A Madal Virupakshappa has been named the prime accused to the prime accused ing bits soon, Prashanth, who was arrested after be-ing caught red-handed ac-ting caught red-handed ac-ting caught red-handed ac-tion of the property of the allegedy on behalf of his after on Thursday. The police then reco-table property of the Thursday of the Prashanth's residence in Bengaluru and \$1.62 crore from the MLAS office, tak-Karnataka BIP MLA Madal

ing the total recovery to ₹7.72 crore. The MLA, his

vention of Corruption Act. Mr. Virupakshappa has resigned as the chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. reportedly at the behest of Chief Mi-

# nister Basavaraj Bommai.

Facing arrest
The MLA now faces the
threat of arrest. Holed up
in an undisclosed location,
he is exploring the best lemulerature or more raid.

gal options, sources said.
The police said they
would take stock of the recoveries made during the
raids and serve a notice to
Mr. Virupalshapap to present himself for questioning in the case. "We will
take a call on his arrest
soon," a senior officer said.

# As rumours set off

san said labourers from all States were working "peacefully and efficiently

without any threat whatsoever. The district administra-tions in Coimbastore and Ti-ruppur, where a large number of migrant work-ers are employed, issued appeals in Thind urging the workers not to panie.

Helplines set up District Collectors and in-dustrial associations also set up helplines for work-ers to seek aid. A section of industrialists said some workers were taken in by the rumours and wanted to leave for their hometowns.

#### panic, T.N. govt. seeks to pacify migrants

# a section of Bihar politi-cians triggering panic among Hindi-speaking la-ter panic speaking la-beling targeted in Tumi Na-dut, the government and in-dustrialists on Psiday distribution of the panic grants of their safety. Acknowledging that workers from north India workers from morth India to present of the panic panic popment of infrastructure in Tamil Nadu, Labour san asia labourers & en all

### Kerala girl on World Hearing Day poster

Rizwana, a final-year MBBS student who underwent cochlear implantation as a child, proves that early newborn screening can save hearing impaired children from being disabled for life

izwana was six years old when she first beard the music of rain and the joyous twitter of birds in know till then that her anklets could produce such a melodious jingle o that hearing her mother's voice for the first time can bring her such joy.

The world that the cochlear implant opened up for Ms. Rizwana, who was born with hearing impairment, was nothing short of magic. It helped her attend normal school and pursue her dreams with confidence. The world that the



It is Ms. Rizwana's story student at the Governmer Medical College Hospital, hat WHO India has Medical College Hospital, Kottayam, Ms. Rizwana is a living example that early newborn screening and consistent interventions can save many hearing impaired children from being disabled for life.

that WHO India has chosen to put on its poster on World Hearing Day (March 3) to send out this powerful message to millions. It was the determination and grit of her parents – Abdul

Mannanchery, Alappuzha – that made it possible for Ms. Rizwana to hear and speak normally, despite she being a late candidate for cochlear implantation Her hearing mpairment was identified when she was a year old.

Her parents had no idea about cochlear implantation at the time but she was put on rigorous speech therapy and was home-schooled



# Select Central staff can opt for Old Pension Scheme

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**NEW DELHI** 

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The order will also be applicable to the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel. Em-

### Old vs New

A look at the difference between the old and the new pension schemes

#### **Old Pension Scheme**

- ■The scheme guarantees a life-long income, post-retirement
- ■Government bears the expenditure incurred on the pension
- Under the scheme, a monthly payment is assured, where the amount is equivalent to 50% of the last drawn salary

#### National Pension Scheme

- ■It is a participatory scheme, where employees contribute to their pension corpus from their salaries, with matching contribution from the government
- ■The funds are invested in earmarked investment schemes through Pension Fund Managers
- On retirement, 60% of the corpus, which is tax-free, is withdrawn while the remaining 40% is invested in annuities, which is taxed

ployees have time till August 31 to opt for the OPS.

The employees' contribution to the NPS will be credited to the General Provident Fund (GPF) of the individual.

The Bharatiya Janata Party-led government has maintained that restoration of the old system will cause unnecessary financial burden on the government while several Opposition-ruled States such as Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh have announced that they would restore the OPS.

#### Official cites litigations

A senior government official told *The Hindu* that the decision was taken to address the vast gamut of litigations that the government faced on the issue.

"There were hundreds of litigations in courts across the country, the government did not win a single case. Through court orders, individual officials were getting benefit, we decided to issue general instructions for the benefit of all eligible officials," said the official.

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# Comparison of New & Old Pension Scheme

S.N.	Details	Old Pension Scheme	NPS
01	Contribution of Employee	Nil	10% of Basic + DA +RA-NPA
02	Pension guarantee	Yes by Govt.	No
03	Amount of Pension	50% of last Pay	As per share price
04	Pension decide by	Government	Share Market / PFMs
05	On Price rise	Dearness Relief given	Nil
06	Amount of Commutation	Up to 40% allowed	Nil
07	PF Eligibility	Yes	No
о8	PF withdrawal	PF Temp: within 15 years PF Final: After 15 years	Tier - I Nil, Tier - 2 withdrawable



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#### From Page One

#### One-time chance to opt for Old Pension Scheme

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Wel-fare (DPPW) held extensive consultations with the Ministries of Finance and Law and Departments of Expenditure and Personnel and reached a con-sensus to allow the employees the option to switch to the OPS. In 2020, the DPPW gave oneswitch to the ors. in 2020, the DTT or gave one time option to those Central government em-ployees to opt for the OPS who were declared suc-cessful for recruitment in the results declared be cessful for recruitment in the results declared be fore December 31, 2003. However, representation was received from government employees refer-ring to cour judgment and orders by the Centra Administrative Tribunals that allowed them to mis grate to the OPS. Following this, the DPFW movec a proposal to issue a general circular to extend the benefit of the judgments to similarly placed em-ployees. Union Minister of State for Personnel Jiendra Singh approved the proposal on Friday.

The exact number of employees who will be co

vered under the new order is not known and it will be known after eligible employees have exercised the option, said the official. "The govern-such cases in court. There were several orders by High Courts and even the Supreme Court to give OFS benefits to those recruits who applied for jobs of the court. The court is who applied for jobs of the court of vered under the new order is not known and it

#### Conrad K. Sangma to form govt. in Meghalaya

Mr. Mukul Sangma held a meeting with the lead-ers of the UDP, which bagged II seats, and the newly floated Voice of the People Party which has the People Party which laugh, though as he announced that he had re-ceived a signed letter of support from two MLA-elects of the HII State People's Democratic Party each from the BJP and IISPDP and two indepen-dents, we have the support of 32 MLAs," Mr. Con-racid Sangma said. But the development took another twist when HSPDP president K.F. Pang-Conrad Sangma said, But the party had not author-Conrad Sangma saying the party had not author-Conrad Sangma saying the party had not author

Cottrad Sangma saying the party had not aumorised its "two MLAs to lend support". In Nagaland, former Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang said, "Our party president, Chingwang Konyak convened a meeting of the newly elected members who chose Neiphita Rio as the legislature par-

In Agartala, Manik Saha submitted his resign: tion to Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya as the Chief Minister of Tripura and staked a claim to

Chief Minister of Tripura and staked a claim to form the new government.

Meanwhile, Tripura royal scion Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarmas said the TIPRA Motha would play a constructive role in the Opposition but "will not sit" with the members of the Left Pront and

#### T.N. govt. reassures migrants amid rumours

The Labour Minister, in a statement, accused mis The Labour Minister, in a statement, accused mis-creants of spreading rumours on social media with an "ulterior motive" and said labourers were aware there was no truth to such claims. Acknowledging the role played by labourers from northern States in major and minor industries in Ta-

mil Nadu over the years, Mr. Ganesan underli their role in the construction of bridges and in the Chennai Metro Rail project. He said employers had ensured the availability of all amenities to them (With inputs from Bihar Bureau,

#### **Democracy is under** attack, Oppn. leaders being spied on: Rahul

At a lecture in the University of Cambridge, Congress leader says he was snooped upon using Pegasus sowware and dissent was being curtailed

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had Pegasus on my phone. I have been called by intel-ligence officers who say please be careful of what

you say on the phone as we are recording the stuff," he claimed.

president cited key aspects of the alleged assault on

democracy: capture and control of media and judi-

control of media and judi-clary, surveillance and inti-midation, coercion by fed-eral law enforcement agencies, attacks on tri-bals, Dalits and minorities and shutting down of

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The former Congress

The Hindu Bureau

ndian democracy was under threat and sev-eral Opposition lead-ers, including himself, were being snooped upon by using Israeli spyware Pegasus, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi told a group of students at Cam-bridge, and the control of the Mr. Gandhi's lecture at the university, which was

Mr. Gandhi's tecture at the university, which was delivered on February 28, was shared on Twitter by Congress leader Sam Pitroda on Friday.

"Indian democracy is under pressure and under attack. The institutional framework which is re-quired for a democracy... quired for a democracy... Parliament, free press, the judiciary, just the idea of mobilisation... these are all getting constrained. We are facing an attack on the basic structure of democ-racy," he had said.

"A large number of pol-itical leaders have Pegasus on their phones. I myself

I have been called by intelligence officers who say please be careful of what you say on the

> have this type of an assault on media and on the de-mocratic architecture. So, we decided to go back to Indian history and cul-ture," Mr. Gandhi said, explaining the motivation be hind his 4,081 km-long

Responding to BJP's alle-gations that Mr. Gandhi's remarks had maligned Inremarks had maligned In-dia, Congress spokesper-son and social media head Supriya Shrinate said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had raked up domes-tic politics on foreign soil and had even made "fun of the country by saying peo-ple were ashamed of being born as Indians".

#### 'Rahul Gandhi is maligning our country on foreign soil'

The Hindu Bureau

Information and Broad-casting Minister Anurag Thakur on Friday accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of maligning India on foreign soil because of being unable to deal with electoral Mr. Thakur's remarks

came after Mr. Gandhi claimed that he was under ciaimed that he was under surveillance by intelligence agencies using the Israel spyware Pegasus. In a speech at Cambridge Un-iversity, the Congress lead-er said that Indian democ-racy was under threat and that engest proficience in hat several politicians, in cluding himself, were un-der surveillance. "We can understand his

hatred towards Prime Mi-nister Modi, but the conspiracy to malign the counspiracy to malign the coun-try on foreign soil with the help of foreign friends rais-es questions on the agenda of the Congress," Mr. Tha-kur said. He also wondered what prevented Mr. Gand-hi and other Congress lead-ers from submitting their rabones. To a Supreme phones to a Supreme Court-appointed technical committee that probed the Pegasus case.

Row erupts as J&K man's

#### Cong. asks PM to look into Adani Group's 'Chinese connections'

The Congress on Friday, as part of its ongoing "Hum Adani ke Hain Kaun" (HAHK) series, accused Gautam Adani's elder brother Vinod Adani of operating shell companies in 'collusion with Chinese nationals" and asked whether the Narendra Modi go-vernment would

would investigate the group.
Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the focus of his fresh set of questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on the alleged 'disturbing Chinese connections' of the Adani Group that has control over critical Indian introl over critical Indian inrastructure such as ports and airports.

The Gautam Adani-led group had dismissed the charges levelled against it in the aftermath of the Hir

in the aftermath of the Hin-denburg Research report as baseless and termed them "lies".

"A Chinese national, Chang Chung-Ling (aka Lingo-Chang) has been a director in several Adani Group companies along with Vinod Adani and has ilso made an appearance

only a JPC probe can unravel the full political and financial dimensions of the

Ramesh claimed. He said that in December 2017, South Korea seized the Panama-registered oil tanker Koti for transferring petro-leum products to a North Korean tanker in visco of UN sanctions. "It emerged that the Koti, which South Korea subse-scrapped, was both on UN and U.S. sanc-

with the Adani Group: Chien-Ting Chang is also

construct Mundra and oth-er Adani Group ports," the Congress leader alleged. "Only a JPC [joint parlia-mentary committee] probe can unravel the full politi-cal and financial dimen-sions of the PM-linked Adani Maha Mega Scam. No expert can or will," Mr. Ra-

#### Local body polls: SC seeks response from U.P. govt. and SEC

The Hindu Bureau

The Supreme Court on Friday sought responses from the Uttar Pradesh government and the State Elec tion Commission (SEC) or tion Commission (SEC) on a plea by a group of 14 Mayors to intervene in a case concerning the hold-ing of local body elections

in the State.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud issued notice and listed the case after three weeks. The Mayors said they should be allowed to continue and

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Backward Classes Commis-sion time till March 31, 2023 to conduct a "con-temporaneous rigorous empirical investigation", in accordance with the triple test conditions laid down both 6 kmess for contra

test conditions haid down
by the Supreme Court, to
who need political representation in the Sate.

The court had also
direction to the State to
form three-member committees headed by District
where the tenures of the
elected bodies had expired. The tenures of inseveral municipalities were several municipalities were set to expire by the end of

### body found months after he was detained by Army

Peerzada Ashiq The Jammu and Kashmir

The Jammu and Kashmir administration is awaiting the post-mortem report to take forward the probe into the death of a 33-year-old civilian from Kupwara of north Kashmir, who was arrested by the Army in December last year. His decomposed body was aportion of the state of the death of the state of the sta

Deputy Commissioner, Supwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray and Senior Supe-rintendent of Police (SSP), rintendent of Police (SSP), Kupwara, Yougal Manhas have visited the man's fa-mily and assured "that the investigation will be con-ducted in a transparent and impartial manner". The death was widely protested by the family and locals in Kuman Poeh-and locals in Kuman Poeh-



is justice. Action should be taken against those respon-sible for the killing," Khur-sheed Ahmad, a local sarpanch, said.

from custody. However,

Fled from custody'
Abdul Rasheed Dar, a driver by profession, was detained by the Army on December 15 for "questioning". According to police records, the Army maintained that Dar fled from custody. However,

the family alleged that Dar-died in custody. "We are week he was picked up by the Army. All we were de-active to the control of the execut burial," a close rela-tive of Dar, on condition of anonymity, said, parameter of Dar, on condition of anonymity, said, parameter of Dar-sparked protests in north Kashmir and several politi-cal leaders demanded a leaders demanded in incident.

#### Sonia Gandhi admitted to hospital due to fever

The Hindu Bureau

Former Congress presi-dent Sonia Gandhi has been admitted to the Sir Gangaram Hospital with fever and her condition is

fever and her condition is said to be stable.

"Snnt. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson UPA, has been admitted to Sir Gan-garam Hospital under Dr. Arup Basu, Sr. Consultant Department of Chest Medi-cine and his team on 2nd Mar 2023 on account of fever. She is undergoing observation and investiga-tions and her condition is stable," said Dr. D.S. Rana Chairman of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, in a

This is the second time the former Congress chief has undergone hospitalisa-tion in a span of three months. This January, Ms. Gandhi was admitted at the same hospital with vi-

#### SC to hear bail plea of Saket Gokhale after Holi vacation

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Fri-day agreed to hear after Holi vacations a plea filed by Trinamool Congress spokesperson Saket Gok-hale against Gujarat High Court's refusal to grant him holl in a case correspondent. Court's refusal to grant him ball in a case concerning al-leged misappropriation of money collected through crowdfunding. A Bench of Justices B.R.

ed the case on March 13. " have always maintained that the money was collect ed through crowdfunding This is not a case for deny This is not a case for deny-ing bail," senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, for Mr. Gok-hale, submitted. The court said that it had received the case file late on Thursday night and did not have

#### is an undeclared war on rural poor: CPI(M) The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Attack on MGNREGS

The Modi government is waging an undeclared war on the legal and constitutional rights of the rural poor, CP(M) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat said, addressing a press conference in solidarity of the MCNREGS workers who have been sitting on a 100-day protest at lantar Manday protest at Jantar Man

Ms. Karat said that the foremost step on their [go-vernment's] agenda is to "dismantle many of the aws, which were enacted through decades of strug-gle." The only reason the gie." The only reason the government has been un-able to completely elimi-nate the law, she said, is be-cause of the legal mandate it has. She said there are three major areas of con



Budget cut of 33%, turning away workers who de-mand work and dismal wages offered under the

programme.

The government narra-tive that funds will be made available according to the demand is a lie. Ms. to the demand is a he, Ms. Karat said, and also under-lined the need to revise the average national wage rate, which currently is at ₹218.

#### Supreme Court eases norm for selection of consumer court presidents, members

The Hindu Bureau

The Supreme Court on Friday used its extraordinary powers under Article 142 to attract younger talent to preside over consumer courts by reducing the mandatory professional experience from 20 to 10

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'Filling the vacuum'
However, it did not want to
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the amendments were

"We direct that in futur and hereinafter, a person having a Bachelor's degree having a Bachelor's degree from a recognised universi-ty and who is a person of ability, integrity and stand-ing, and having special knowledge and profession-al experience of not less than 10 years in consumer affairs, law, public affairs, administration. econom-

nance, management, engi neering, technology, public health or medicine, shall be treated as qualified for appointment of president and members of the nt directed.

#### Confusion in opting for higher pension using EPFO link: CITU

Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) general secre-tary Tapan Sen has written a letter to Central Provia letter to Central Provi-dent Fund Commissioner Neelam Shami Rao de-manding her immediate in-tervention to resolve pro-blems in uploading higher pension option application on the EPFO website. Mr. Sen demanded a

comprehensive statement nent on the Emp Pension Scheme of 1995

rom the EPFO with a holis tic approach to implement the Supreme Court judg Pension Scheme of 1998.

He said that issuing three circulars on the issue was a piece-meal dealing and it led to lot of confusion among pensioners. "There must be a cohesive instruction from the EPFO and more pensioners/em-ployee-friendly hassle-free mechanism to avail the benefits," he said. Practical problems

Practical problems
The former Rajya Sabha
member said pensioners
were facing practical problems while opting for
higher pension. "The link
that was provided by the
EPFO to exercise the option colline for higher pention online for higher pen-sion benefits was asking whether you had already opted for higher pension benefits while joining in the EPS-95 scheme. W the EPS-95 was started, obfor higher pension ber or higher pension benefits while joining the scheme, since there was no such amenable provision for the employees to indepen-dently opt for higher pen-sion," Mr. Sen said.

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of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of President and Members of State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2020.

#### 'Filling the vacuum'

However, it did not want to wait for the law. Rather, the court said its judgment would fill the vacuum until the amendments were made in the 2020 Rules.

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The appointments to the district consumer commissions would also be made on the same criteria, the judgment noted. Consumer Court is a special purpose court in India. It primarily deals with consumer-related disputes, conflicts, and grievances. The court holds hearings to adjudicate these disputes.

उपभोक्ता न्यायालय भारत में एक विशेष प्रयोजन अदालत है। यह मुख्य रूप से उपभोक्ता संबंधी विवादों, संघर्षों और शिकायतों से निपटता है। अदालत इन विवादों पर फैसला सुनाने के लिए सुनवाई करती है।

- The rights provided by the Court are listed below:
- 1.Right to <u>Safety</u>: The right to be protected from all types of hazardous goods and services.
- 2. Right to Information: The right to be fully informed about the performance and quality of all goods and services.
- 3. Right to Choose: The right to freely choose goods and services.
- न्यायालय द्वारा प्रदान किए गए अधिकार नीचे सूचीबद्ध हैं:
- सुरक्षा का अधिकार: सभी प्रकार की खतरनाक वस्तुओं और सेवाओं से सुरक्षित होने का अधिकार।
- सचना का अधिकार: सभी वस्तुओं और सेवाओं के प्रदर्शन और गुणवत्ता के बारे में पूरी तरह से सूचित होने का अधिकार।
- चुनने का अधिकार: वस्तुओं और सेवाओं को स्वतंत्र रूप से चुनने का अधिकार।

- 1.Right to be Heard: The right to be heard in all decision-making processes related to consumer interest.
- 2.Right to Seek Redressal: The right to seek compensation, whenever consumer rights have been infringed.
- 3. Right to Consumer Education: The right to complete consumer education.
  - There are two more Rights specified but they don't come as part of the 6 main Rights mentioned above.
- सुने जाने का अधिकार: उपभोक्ता हित से संबंधित सभी निर्णय लेने की प्रक्रियाओं में सुने जाने का अधिकार।
- शिकायत निवारण का अधिकार: जब भी उपभोक्ता अधिकारों का उल्लंघन किया गया हो, तो मुआवजे की मांग करने का अधिकार।
- उपभोक्ता शिक्षा का अधिकार: उपभोक्ता शिक्षा को पूरा करने का अधिकार। दो और अधिकार निर्दिष्ट हैं लेकिन वे ऊपर उल्लिखित 6 मुख्य अधिकारों के हिस्से के रूप में नहीं आते हैं।

- National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)]:
   A <u>court</u> that operates nationally and deals with cases where claimed compensation exceeds one crore (₹10 million).
- The National Commission is the apex body of Consumer Courts; it is also the highest appellate court in the hierarchy.
- The NCDRC is the highest judiciary of the consumer court, the consumer Supreme Court of India.
- National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)]: एक अदालत जो राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर काम करती है और उन मामलों से निपटती है जहां दावा किया गया मुआवजा एक करोड़ (₹10 मिलियन) से अधिक है।
- राष्ट्रीय आयोग उपभोक्ता न्यायालयों का सर्वोच्च निकाय है; यह पदानुक्रम में सर्वोच्च अपीलीय अदालत भी है।
- एनसीडीआरसी उपभोक्ता न्यायालय, भारत के उपभोक्ता सर्वोच्च न्यायालय की सर्वोच्च न्यायालय की सर्वोच्च न्यायपालिका है।

- Revised Pecuniary Jurisdiction:
  - 50 lakh (earlier less than 1 crore) for District Commissions,
  - More than Rs. 50 lakh to Rs. 2 Crore (earlier 1 crore to 10 crore) for State Commissions,
  - More than Rs. 2 Crore (earlier more than 10 crore) for the National Commission.
  - संशोधित आर्थिक क्षेत्राधिकार:
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CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1986	PROVISIONS	CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 2019
No separate regulator	Regulator	Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to be formed
Complaint could be filed in a consumer court where the seller's (defendant) office is located	Consumer court	Complaint can be filed in a consumer court where the complainant resides or works
No provision. Consumer could approach a civil court but not consumer court	Product liability	Consumer can seek com- pensation for harm caused by a product or service
District: up to ₹20 lakh State: ₹20 lakh to ₹1 cr National: above ₹1 cr	Pecuniary jurisdiction	District: up to ₹1 cr State: ₹1 cr to ₹10 cr National: Above ₹10 cr
No provision	E-commerce	All rules of direct selling extended to e-commerce
No legal provision	Mediation cells	Court can refer settlement through mediation

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#### Border issue should be kept 'in proper place', savs China

External Affairs Minister S, Jaishankar highlighted 'abnormal' state of ties and need for peace on the LAC for return to normalcy but Beijing wants to delink that subject from rest of relations

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Line of Actual Control (LAC) was required for a re-turn to normalcy.

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Mr. Qin, in what is his
first visit to India as Fo-

reign Minister for the G-20



Tug of war: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Chinese counterpart Qin Gang in New Delhi on Thursday. AP

meet, said China "supports the Indian side in fulfilling its chairmanship of the G-20 and is ready to strengthen communication and cooperation to safeguard the common interests of

the common interests of developing countries and developing countries and justice, so as to inject sta-justice, so as to inject sta-bility and positive energy mo the world' more and major emerging economies, China and In-ries and major emerging economies, China and In-terests than differences, he said. "The development and India display the strength of developing countries which will change the future of onebe brought under normal

He added that China was "willing to speed up resumption of exchanges and cooperation with India direct Hights at the earliest date and facilitate peopleto-people exchanges".

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was on challenges in the bi-lateral relationship and the peace and tranquillity at the LAC."

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#### Foreign Ministers of Ouad countries take aim at Russia. China

India joined other Quad members in calling for a "just and lasting peace in Ukraine", and respect for a rules-based order in the

rules-based order in the South and East China Seas, in the first such statement by the grouping that is seen to criticise both Russia and China.

The statement, that was released after the Quad Fo-reign Ministers' meeting hosted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New Delhi, was met with sharp responses from both Russia and China, who called the Quad grouping called the Quad grouping disruptive and "exclusion-ary". The meeting was at-tended by Australian Fo-reign Minister Penny Wong, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa

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law, including the UN Char-ter," the statement added, calling for respect for "so-wreignty, territorial inte-grity, and peaceful resolu-tions of the statement called for greater Quad collaboration in sup-port of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, and opposed any "unilaterial ac-the status can or increase the status can or increase the status quo or increase tensions in the area", understood to indicate recent tensions over Taiwan.
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concern at the militarisa-tion of disputed features, the dangerous use of coast guard vessels and maritime militia, and efforts to disrupt other countries' off-shore resource exploitation added, in reference to ac tions in the South and East China Seas. It also an-China Seas. It also an-nounced that the "Quad Maritime Security Working Group" would meet in Washington later this

womington.

While the Quad Foreign
Ministers' language on China and the Indo-Pacific has
been sharp in the past, this
is the first time a direct reference to the war in Ukrains have been word in the FMs' statement and comes a day after Russia and Chia statement at the G-20 Fo

reign Ministers' meeting. In Beijing, Foreign Mi nistry spokesperson Mac Ning called on the Quad "to do more things that contri bute to security and mu tual trust between regional tual trust between regional countries and that help to maintain regional peace and stability", rather than being "about putting exclu-sionary blocs". Ms. Mao said that "lead-ers of all 20 member coun-tries and the stability of the made it clear that the G-20 is not a forum to resolve se-

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#### 5 held for fraud using celebrities' PAN

Using PAN details of cele-brities such M.S. Dhoni, Abhäshek Bachchan and Madhuri Dixit, five men, who duped a fintech-based start-up in Pune, for procuring credit cards, were arrested by the Delhi police, officials said on Friday.

The Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh, which currently hosts 20 cheetahs brought in from Africa, does not have

enough prey to sustain all the animals. While the Rajasthan go-vernment had offered to

host some animals in the

relatively smaller but well-

equipped Mukundra Tiger reserve, "political consid-erations" had prevented

erations" had prevented this from happening, Yad-vendradev Jhala, the wil-diffe scientist who played a major role in India's chee-tah reintroduction pro-gramme, told The Hindu. Eight cheetahs from Na-mbbia and 12 from South Authority of the Pro-lation of the Pro-position of the Pro-lation of the Pro-position of the Pr

India between September 2022 and February 2023 as part of an initiative to rein-

troduce the species to In-dia, where the cheetah population had gone ex-tinct in the early 1950s.

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was the kingpin in the fraud.

The police said that Pu-neet and Mohammad Asif, who worked at Aadhaar Enrolment Centres, were involved in forging Aad-haar card details.

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DCP (Shahdara) Rohit
Meena said the modus operandi the group followed was that they would obtain the GST details of the celebrittes from Google, and they were aware that the first two digits of GSTIN are State codes and the next 10 digits were PAN number, the police officer said.

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uploading details, such as PAN and Aadhaar number to get credit cards issued.

NIA attaches property of

Pak.-based terrorist

#### Self-reliance is key in defence sector: CDS

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen. Anil Chauhan stressed on self-reliance in making defence equip-ment, while speaking of lessons for lindia from the war in Ukraine during a pa-

tion, the future of Asia and

even the whole world. The two sides should imple-

ment the important con-sensus of the leaders of the two countries, maintain

two countries, maintain dialogue and properly re-solve disputes, and pro-mote the improvement of bilateral relations and the steady moving forward of the relations."

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The boundary, and China's transgressions starting in April 2020, remain a sticking point. Mr. Qin repeated the Chinese stand that "the boundary issue the chinese beautiful to be with the control of the chinese than the chinese

should be put in the prop-er place in bilateral rela-tions" and that "the situa-

tion on the borders should

nel discussion at the Raisi-na Dialogue on Friday. "Every conflict has per-spectives – political, eco-nomic and diplomatic... We must be self-reliant in not wait for supplies from other nations," Gen. Chau-han said.

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#### The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has attached a property belonging to a Pakistan-based listed terro-rist, Basit Ahmad Reshi, in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla.

According to the NIA, Reshi has been designated as a "terrorist" under the Unlawful Activities (Pre vention) Act. He has been

vention) Act. He has been funding terror activities in the Kashmir Valley. Reshi 'joined the mili-sim of the mili-sim of the mili-sim of the mili-and execution of a terror attack at a police guard constable was killed. He was earlier associated with the banned outfit, Hizbal Mujahideen, and later fled He is currently involved. He is currently involved in the terror activities of The Resistance Front

in the terror activities of The Resistance Front (TRP), manages and sup-plies arms and ammuni-rithe outfit from across the border, said the agency. The NIA has attached his agriculture land mea-suring 9.25 marlas under the Act.

the Act.
Till date, the NIA has attached the assets of five designated terrorists, including U.S.-based Gurpatwant
Singh Pannun, Canadabased Hardeep Singh Nijjarand Khalistan Commando
Force (Panjwar)'s Paramjit
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# TENDER NOTICE (2" call)

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"I do believe I have
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government thinks otherwise," he said. gramme in the country

### 'Only one third'

As present, there are about 20 chital – the cheetah's main prey – per square ki-lometre available at the KNP, a sharp decline from the nearly 60 chital per square km that could be found in the park in 2014,

found in the park in 2014, Dr. Jhala said.
"This, at the most, would sustain 15 animals, and five ought to have been shifted elsewhere. Unlike the Gangasagar and the Nauradehi wildlife sanctu-arise the said of the said of the article of the said of the said war, and sinvestments

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"Initially the Rajasthan government was reluctant, but they agreed and wrote servation Authority (NTCA) last year conveying their readiness to accept cheetahs. But now the Centre doesn't seem keen. Centre doesn't seem keen. I think they want to wait. I think they are political think there are political think there are political. think there are political considerations here," he

Dr. Jhala said the lack of sufficient prey in KNP was a "concerning" situation. "I think the government should consider measures

should consider measures such as prey supplementa-tion [by bringing in more animals]. The government has been also as the com-ting of the com-tained of the com-transferred funds to Mad-hya Pradesh for creating a fenced enclosure like in the Kuno National Park," he added.

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## **Better service delivery**

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The World Bank building in Washington, D.C.

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(78 years ago)

Type International financial

institution

**Legal status** Treaty

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Washington, D.C., U.S.<sup>[1]</sup>

Membership 189 countries (IBRD)<sup>[2]</sup>

174 countries (IDA)[2]

Key people David Malpass

(President)[3]

Axel van Trotsenburg

(MD)

Anshula Kant

(MD and CFO)

Indermit Gill

(Chief Economist,)[4]

Parent organization

World Bank Group



Harry Dexter White (left) and John

Maynard Keynes, the "founding
fathers" of both the World Bank and the
International Monetary Fund (IMF)<sup>[6]</sup>



The Gold Room at the Mount

Washington Hotel where the
International Monetary Fund and World
Bank were established

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#### IN BRIDE



#### SC extends Pawan Khera's interim bail till March 17

The Supreme Court on Friday extended the interim bail granted to Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera till March Ir, even as Uttar Pradesh reason and the Congress and the Congress of First registered against him for allegedly using objectionable words against prime Minister Narendra Modi during a press conference in February. The Uttar Pradesh government told a Chandrachud, that Mr. Rhera's utterances were Chandrachud, that Mr. Rhera's utterances were deliberate attempt to denigrate a constitutional functionary". It said the plea to transfer the cases were an attempt to "Stall Investigations".

#### French Minister inaugurates artist residency network

The French government on Friday inaugurated Villa Swagatam, a cultural residency for artists from India and France. The pan-India network of residencies was opened here at the French Institute by the country's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna. "Cultural policy is in the DNA of our diplomacy and at the very core of our bilateral relationship with India We are keen on engaging with artists and academicians," Ms. Colonna said, announcing the residency. She added, "You are the true backbone of our relationship." The first edition of the network will focus on "the fields of literature,

#### NIA attaches ₹20.65 crore in Left Wing Extremism case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has attached about £20.65 crore, including the balance in more than ISO bank accounts, in connection with a Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) connection with a Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) case. According to the agency, the accounts include 124 special term deposits and one mutual fund belonging to Santosh Construction and its different partners. The action has been taken under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. While probing the role of Mrityunjay Kumar Singh, one of the partners in Santosh Construction, the NIA found that he allegedly had close links with top CPI (Maoist) cadre and had provided cash to one Ravindra Ganjhu.

#### Law Ministry notifies appointment of HC judges

The Law Ministry on Friday notified the elevation The Law Ministry on Friday notified the elevation of 20 additional judges as permanent judges of of 20 additional judges as permanent judges of Courts. In separate notifications, the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry said that while five additional judges have been made judges of the additional judges have been made judges of the Ministry and the Ministry of the Ministry elevated as judges in their respective High Courts, the Ministry said. Additional judges are usually appointed for a period of two years before being elevated.

1 Every writer ridiculed, debarred, essentially upright (13)

9 Friend of Eric bored by cricket match daily (10)

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11 Alarm initially rung out in city signalling an earthquake, say [8]

#### U.S. blames Indian firm for cough syrup deaths in Gambia

Inquiry suggests contaminated medicines imported into Gambia led to this Acute Kidney Injury cluster among children, CDC report says



A CDC report released on Friday said, "This inveson Friday said, "This inves-tigation strongly suggests that medications contami-nated with Diethylene Gly-col [DEG] or Ethylene Gly-col [EG] imported into The Gambia led to this Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) cluster suggests of the Control of the Control School of the Control of the Control

among children."

The CDC report is the third such evidence to link cough syrups manufac-tured in India to the deaths. Earlier, the World deaths. Earner, the world Health Organization had stated that it had found DEG and EG, two indus-trial chemicals, in tested samples in the range of 1% to 21.3%. Before this, an in-vestigation by the Gambian



ting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite and inability to pass urine

Parliament had said Maiden Pharma 'should be held accountable'.

India's claim
The Indian government,
however, maintains that
when it collected control
samples from the pharma
company of the same
batch that was exported to
Gambia and found no contamination. "We had also requested that a team of In-dian officials go to Gambia dian officials go to Gambia to investigate the case but we have been disallowed by Gambia from conduct-ing the probe," a senior Health Ministry official told

# The Indian Health Mi-

The Indian Health Mi-nistry has not issued any official response to the U.S.-CDC report. Health of-ficials have claimed it to be a political ploy". Between July and Septimber last year, the Guerral of the political states Health had identified that 28 children developed sud-78 children developed sud-den kidney failure and up to 66 (85%) of them died. Gambia had requested help from CDC experts to help investigate the situa-tion.

Up to 56 patients met the criteria for investiga-tion and were included in the CDC analysis.

#### Uzbekistan cough syrup deaths: Noida firm staff held

(adulterated and spu-rious), as per the complai-

nant Drug Inspector. Additional Deputy Com-

missioner (Central Noida)

The Hindu Bureau

The Noida police arrested hree employees of a phar-naceutical firm on charges of manufacturing and selling adulterated drugs in connection with the death of 18 children in Uzbekis-

on Friday.

Police said the cough syrup was alleged to have led
to the death of 18 children
in Uzbekistan.

A First Information Report was registered on
Thursday against five officials of Marton Biotech, af-

country.

He noted that yatras have been a part of India's cultural and social life for er a complaint was filed by a Drugs Inspector of the Central Drugs Standard Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), the police said, while the directors are absconding, teams have them, the police said. Central and Uttar Pra-desh drug authorities had checked samples of Marion Bötech products and "not of standard quality" "not of standard quality"

when there was no re-source available.

Mr. Modi gave the exam-ple of Kashi Vishwanath
Dham in Varanasi and said around 80 lakh people used to visit the temple in a year before it was rebuilt, but the tourist footfall crossed seven crore last year after the renovation. He also mentioned that 15 lakh devotees have visited Kedarnath Temple com-pared to only four-five lakh before the completion of the reconstruction work.

#### Better infra has put remote villages on tourist map: Modi

The Hindu Bureau

Modi on Friday said better infrastructure has put remote Indian villages on the tourist map as has redeve

lopment of religious cen-ters like Varanasi's Kashi Vishrwanath Temple. Addressing a post-fluid-Addressing a post-fluid-of the post-fluid control of the Mission Mode', Mr. Modi said it was a myth that tou-rism is a fancy word asso-ciated only with the high-lincome groups of the

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infrastructure. He gave the example of Indian villages

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marked as he underlined that remote villages are now coming up on the tou-rism map due to their im-proving infrastructure. The Centre has started the Vibrant Village Scheme for the villages situated along the border, he said emphasising the need to emphasising the need to support businesses such as homestays, small hotels

and restaurants. He said India needs to think out of the box and plan ahead to take tourism to new heights. As parame ters for the development of a tourist destination, is listed the potential of the place, ease of travelling to the destination and new

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#### Holi brings on a barrage of double entendre songs to Bihar's festivities

Amit Bhelari

In preparation for Holi this year, Bihar's Bhojpuri mus-ic scene is once again rife with sexual innuendo. The festival lends itself to songs with double entendre, be-cause of the symbols popu-lar at this time: water pistols, balloons, and horns with rubber air bladders (bhopu).

The transition from folk-

Perhaps not anymore.

SUDOKU



Congress MLA Pratima Ku-mari raised the issue of Bhojpari music's vulgarity and the state of the congress week. In reply, the State Planning and Develop-ment Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav said that ac-tion would be taken against those malsing and playing songs with a dou-ble meaning and obscene

"The special branch of

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Bihar police has already is-sued instructions to dis-sued instructions to dis-complaint in this regard," Mr. Yadaw said in the As-sembly on Wednesday. Mr. Yadaw said in the As-distry – that includes both him music and indepen-dent albums – is worth and the properties of the allowing Ranjan Sinha, who handles the launch of most Bhojpur it songs. "Annually, about

1,000 to 1,300 songs are re-leased, and of these 20-30% are vulgar. The trend-reached its peak in 2017,\* he says, adding that the singers are between the ag-es of 25 and 35, with listen-ers being even vouneer. ers being even younger. In Patna's Bakargan

shops that people can visi to download songs. They carry along pen drives or memory cards and pay \$30 to ₹50 for 1 GB of worth of

area said there are several reasons these songs are popular.
Bhojpuri singer and ac-tor Khesari Lal Yadav said he had stopped making songs with double mean-ing when he got trolled on social media. "I would like to change the perception to change the perception of Bhojpuri films and songs and make them more fami-ly oriented," he added.

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14 Play the lead in & as Tarzan [4] 15 Neat coloured fabric, ends trimmed (4) 16 Magnify complete audiovisual for (for example)... (9) 20 ... slide show, Powerpoint - your last two choices, in-depth and

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Dull photograph of American civil rights activist (7) Constitutional ambit [5]

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Heading to Champions' Trophy's final with two of fifties, like former India captain might? (6)

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19 Clear browser within 40 days before Easter (6)
22 Upright Arab ruler first to condemn wrongdoing (5)

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#### FAITH

#### Magnanimity of Lord Siva

By offering perishable things like flowers and fruits, we can derive everlasting and imperishable bliss from God, says Appayor blukshiras. Saint Thyagarraja praises Lerd'Sisays Appayor blukshiras. Saint Thyagarraja praises Lerd'Sisays Appayor blukshiras. Saint Thyagarraja praises Lerd'Sisays and devotion he gives great things like health, wealth and peace. Not contended, the thinks what else can be given? It is said that people need not worry about not knowing the to their little knowledge and what is known to them. All that is needed is a strong wish soaked in devotion. He that have been sometimed to the said of the said Bilvam Sivarpanam). Sri Adi Sankara says in Soundarya Lahari that we can

So it was said as a system in source and a later that we can do all works if only we have the inherent energy which is bestowed to us by Goddess Shakthi. She is the source of energy to Lord Siva. Appaaysa Dhikshitar says that with the faculities given by Him, if we don't worship, we become

The term Siva refers to auspiciousness and calmness The term Siva refers to auspricousness and cammess, we can derive His blessings not even straining by uttering the straining by uttering ters (Siva), said Sint. Krithika Bharadwaj in a discourse. He gives knowledge to those who respect Him and also to those who are indifferent — Madhiyarium, Madhipawar-kum Madhi Kodukkum Madhiye, says Vallalar.

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Lawyer Alex Murdaugh gets life in prison for murder of wife, son



U.S., South Korea announce largest joint field exercises in five years



The South Korean and U.S. militaries announced on Friday they will hold their biggest joint field overcises in five years later this mouth, as the U.S. firew a long-range is 1.B bomber to the Korean Peninsula in a show of force against North Korea. The North has threatened to take "unprecodently" stoney action against such exercises. W

Singapore PM's brother says govt, persecuting his family



Lee Hsien Yang, the brother of Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, on Friday accused government authorities of persecuting his family after it emerged that he and his wife were under official investigation. Officials say the two were being investigated over allegations of prividing false evidence in judicial proceedings. \*\*

Pentagon Papers leaker Ellsberg says he has terminal cancer



#### Russia is trying to be helpful to bring India, China closer: Lavrov

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ussia is interested in ensuring friend-ship between India and Chima and Moscow is trying to be "helpful" in this regard, said Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov here on Thursday. Resnonding to a question Responding to a question at the annual Raisina Dia-logue, Mr. Lavrov cautioned against 'outside players' and said Russia would like India and China to meet more often as the ssia-India-China trilater since the days of his predecessor, Yevgeny Primakov. "We never make friends

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Up close: Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lawrov speaking at the Raisina Dialogue 2023 in New Delhi on Friday. AN

collected that the RIC -Russia, India, China - trilateral was created during the tenure of the late Yev-

the tenure of the late two geny Primakov when Rus-sia took the initiative to geny Primakov when Rus-sia took the initiative to gether.

"We met last year and we are going or meet of the primakov when the this year," said Mr. Luwew. The RIC is a regular tribat-vernment and non-govern-ment levels, covering experts in trads technolo-"My feeling is the more they meet, the better and RIC is a platform for findia

 because they might not feel themselves comforta ble being one on one all the BRICS is another platform and we strongly supported India joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, including from the point of place where India and Chi-na can cooperate together and can look for common solutions. We will continue this policy," said Mr. Lav-ton, where the control of the playing any country against BRICS is another platform

playing any country against any other country," he added.

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#### Don't withhold poll funds, Lanka SC tells authorities

Meera Srinivasan

The Supreme Court of Sri Lanka on Friday issued an interim order restraining authorities from withholding funds allocated for the

ing funds allocated for the local government election, which was earlier scheduled for March 9, but poot to be seen to be Force) general secretary and legislator Ranjith Mad-

duma Bandara. The Election commission, which had postponed the elections citing the "lack of funds", on Friday said it would announce a new date by early next

Commenting on the de-Commenting on the de-velopment, Leader of Op-position Sajith Premadasa said in a tweet: "The his-toric order of the Suprema Court today on an applica-tion made by the SJB Gen-eral Secretary confirms the fact that democracy in ST Lanka is very much alive &



the independence of our noble judiciary is further reaffirmed. Mr. President, let the voices of the masses be heard."

The opposition Tamil National Alliance's legisla-tor and senior lawyer M.S. Sumanthiran said: The Supreme Court delivers an in-terim order restraining the Min of Finance @RW UNF et al from withholding funds to conduct LG Elections in the case filed by @sjbsrilanka Gen Sec @MaddumaBandaraR a little while ago. Hope the #EC fixes the date before legally mandated 19th March!"

Opposition protest
The development comes
amid resistance from the
political opposition to the
postponement of polls. Government critics accuse
President Ranil Wickremesinghe's administration of

stilling democracy. One member of the opposition National People's Power al-liance died after police fired tear gas and water cannons at a protest rally by its supporters last wee-kend, demanding timely

ells. President Wickreme-President Wickrems-singhe's government also faces mounting opposition over recent tax hikes and tricity prices. Nearly 40 unions went on a strike on Wednesday, threatening to continue their protests if the government does not address their economic

hardships.
The government in-creased taxes and utility nior Mission Chief for Sri Lanka, and Masahiro Nora Lanka IMF defended the government's move now that Sri Lanka is amo

that Sri Lanka is among countries collecting the least amount of fiscal reve-nue in the world.

"External creditors are not willing to provide fi-nancing to fill this gap. Tax reforms are needed to cor-rect this imbalance, the official simbalance, then

#### Biden, Scholz to weigh next steps for Ukraine

U.S. President Joe Biden hosts German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Washington on Friday for talks on charting the way ahead in their support for Ukraine, after friction over tank de-liberties to Kviv

liveries to Kyiv. Mr. Scholz's first trip to Washington since February 2022 offers the leaders

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But the talks will likely delve into thorny issues di-viding the two, including Germany's fears over Washington's green subsidies under the Inflation Re-duction Act, and U.S. caucontinued strong economic ties with Beijing. "I think the two of them are now more concerned about the way ahead – what will the next months in Ukraine look like? What does that mean for the support that

spokesperson. In an address to Parliament on the eve of the meeting, Mr. Scholz said the partnership between two of Ukraine's biggest backers was "closer and more trusting than ever".

#### Inferno unleashed



Sight of a lifetime: The 'Wall of Fire' pyrotechnics display concludes the first public day of the Australian International Airshov and Defence Expo at Avalon Airport in Geelong on Friday. AFP

#### WHO urges countries to come clean on COVID origins intel after China's denial

#### Agence France-Presse

The WHO on Friday urged all countries to reveal what they know about the ori-gins of COVID-19, following U.S. claims of a Chinese lab leak and furious denials from behinn

FBI director Christopher Wray told Fox News television on Tuesday that the
U.S. Federal Bureau of Incampaign against Beijing.

vestigation (FBI) had now assessed the source of CO-VID-19 pandemic was "most likely a potential lab incident in Wuham". The first infections with

The first intections with the new coronavirus were recorded in late 2019 in the Chinese city, which hosts a virus research laboratory. Chinese officials have angrily denied the FBI claim, calling it a smear

"If any country has information about the oriformation about the oriformation about the oriseasontal for that information to be shared with
WHO and the international
the World Health Organization's director-general redoes
"WHO has not abandoned any plans to identify
the origins of the COVIDto clinical back was
the most likely cause of the
COVID-19 outbreak.

#### China accuses U.S. of attacking companies after export curbs

#### Associated Press BEIJING

China accused Washington on Friday of improperly atneking Chinese compaagain BCI Group and 17 others were hit with curbs on 
access to U.S. technology 
on security or human 
rights grounds.

The Commerce Deputmer 
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that two BGI units might contribute to the govern-ment's surveillance appa-ratus, which buman rights groups say is trying to create a database of genet-ic samples that Muslims and other minorities were compelled to provide.

ment said it saw a danger ing Communist Party's mil-

itary modernisation or weapons development by Iran and Pakistan and sus-pected human rights abus-es in Myammar. Washing-ton has accused China of trying to use civilian companies to obtain processor chip and other technolo-gies that can be used to 'Suspected abuse' Other companies were cit-ed for their role in the rulmake weapons. Beijing re-torts that the U.S. is trying to stop potential commer-

cial competitors.

#### Wagner chief savs Ukraine's Bakhmut 'practically surrounded'

#### Agence France-Presse

The head of Russian mer

providing more arms to Ukraine, as key Kyiv backers President Joe Biden and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz were set to

meet in Washington. Ukraine has said it will defend "fortress Bakhmu for as long as possible but this week officials said the situation was becoming in

creasingly difficult.
Russia is determined to
seize Bakhmut – a nowdestroyed city once known for its sparkling wine – as part of its wider aim of cap-turing the entire Donetsk

region.

Ukrainian troops have held out for months, fighting brutal trench warfare and artillery battles that have flattened large portions of the city, where only around 4 500 civiling remain. Mr. Zelensky said that the fighting was "only

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#### Iron Age for Sprinters' Cup

#### Silvarius appeals in the Stayers' Cup

The eight-year-old Iron Age, who is in great heart, should score in the Zavaray S. Poonawalla Sprinters' Cup, while Silvarius should come good in the Dr. M.A.M. Ramasswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Memorial Stayers' Cup, the two plum events to be run on Saturday (March 4).

TURF INVITATION

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1	Havelock Cruise	Surender G.T.	LA, Bozario	4	65
2	Golden Guest	Pervati Byramji	B, Dharshan	5	90
3	Star Glory	S, Narrodu	Suraj Narrodu	7	59
4	Automatic	Han Ghatala	B,H, Davishan	2	58
5	Forsett	Pasanna Kumar	PS, Choulsan	5	54

STAR GLORY: His last run is best ignored, FORSETE A good fourth to Dyf in the Wolf 777 South India Derby (2,400m); working impressive SHUBANKARI; An impressive winner of his last two starts; may complete hat-trick, YUKAN: Runs with an upsetting chance.

7 The Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Memorial Stayers' Cup (3000m), 4-y-o & over

1 Arc De Triomphe Adhiraj S. Jodha P. Trevor

. SEVARIUS | 2. ARC DE TRIOMPHE | 3. SUCCESS 8 The Mysore Race Club Million (1200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-0 only

ARC DE TRIOMPHE: In a start-to-finish attempt won the CBTF

On-Line South India St. Leger (2,800m) in a gutty manner; maintain orm. MY OPINION: A good second to Arc De Triomphe (2,800m); th lever continues to be pastful. SUMARIUS: A comfortable winner of the

Sheer Bliss S. Namedu Kiran Naidu 13 58 White Roses S.S. Attaollahi P. Trevor 14
Aldgate A. Mangalorkar Antony Raj S. 15

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FORSETI | 2. SHUBANKAR | 3. YUKAN

3.35 p.m.

4.10 p.m.

2	Divine Blessings	Nell B. Devaney	Y.S. Srinath	6	61.5
2	Impiana	5.5. Attaollahi	L.A. Rozario	7	60.5
3.	The Omega Man	Mahmood Khan	V. Naveen Kurnar	5	60.5
4	Cyrenius	S. Padmanabhan	A. Sandesh	8	60
5	Capriati	-	-	-	58.5
6.	Step Up Girl	Md. Sajid Qureshi	Imran Chisty	4	58
7	The Golden Dream	Sharat Kumar	N. Arvind Kumar	14	56
8	Aquamatic	Irfan Ghatala	S. Saqlain	13	55
3:	Ardakan	Pradeep Annaiah	Salman Khan	3	55
	Striking Point	V. Lokanath	Vivek G	9	55
11	The Perfect Choice	Sharat Kumar	K. Sai Kiran	1	55
12	Foi	Anavind Ganapathy	Bhawani Singh	12	54.5
13	Limited Edition	M. Rajendra Singh	Mustakim Alam	31	54
14	Activated	Warren Singh	Nazerul Alam	15	53
15	Emeraldo	Kishan Thomas	B. Dharshan	2	51.5

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2	The Madras Race Club Million (2000m), rated 40 to 65					
1	Lord Frankel	S. Padmanabhan	Mustakim Alam	1	61.5	
2	Aurele	Feroz M. Khan	Y. S. Srinath	4	60	
3.	Inyouwebelieve	Prasanna Kumar	P. Trevor	7	59	
4	Santorino	Irfan Ghatala	S. John	3	57.5	
5	Stormy Ocean	Darius Byramji	Imran Chisty	10	5.7	
6	Golden Time	Y. Lokanath	S. Saglain	2	54.5	
7	Rue St Honore'	Imtiaz A. Sait	Neeraj Rawal	9	54	
5	Successful	S. Narredu	Kiran Naidu	5	54	
9	Southern Dynasty	5. Ganapathy	C.S. Jodha	6	53	
3.0	Triscopphant	C.C. Attractions	Abother Manney	0	60	

1. SANTORINO | 2. STORMY OCEAN | 3. INYOUWEBELIEVE

<u> </u>	(1200m), 3-y-o only Indian fillies				
2	Moonlight Queen	Rakesh	S. Saqlain	3	58.5
2	She Can	R.H. Sequeira	Akshay Kumar	7.	58.5
3	Fondness Of You	Rajesh Namedu	Yash Namedu	6	55.5
4	Kind Of Magic	Wjay Singh	P. Trevor	5	55.5
5	Fast Pace	Prithviraj	P.S. Chouhan	2	51.5
6	Galaticus	Rajesh Namedu	Vinod Shinde	4	51.5
7	Golden Peaks	Parvati Byramji	Imran Chisty	1	51.5

AST PACE: Has improved after the second to Roman m). GOLDEN PEAKS: On her debut, finished third to

1. SHE CAN | 2. FAST PACE | 3. KIND OF MAGIC

1	Last Wish	Neil B. Devaney	Y. S. Srinath	4	60
2	Square The Circle	Md. Sajid Qureshi	Vivek G	6	59
3	Albinus	James Mckeown	Neeraj Rawal	8	58
4	Supreme Dance	J. Sebastian	Yash Namedu	3	58
5	Tiger Mountain	D. Netto	Hindu Singh	2	57.5
6	Ashwa Yudhvir	Rajesh Namedu	Suraj Namedu	1.2	57
7	Etosha	Neil Darashah	Likith Appu	10	55.5
8	Capable	Sharat Kumar	K. Sai Kiran	5	55
9	Balor	Darius Byramji	Imran Chisty	7	54.5
10	Philosophy	S. Padmanabhan	A Sandesh	1.	54.5
11	Ruling Goddess	S.S. Attaollahi	R.N. Darshan	9	54.5
12	Shabelle	S.S. Attaollahi	Akshay Kumar	1.1	54.5

LAST WISH: His Nowhere in the Indian Dorthy bus Lipsoned. SUPPERME DANCE: Mode every post a winning one over 1,600m in his last start of Chemrak may repeat. ASEMNA WIGHORN IN WISH of the North Helden Last the starts, may raise a winning gallog today. PHLDSOPHR. Ran rowhere in Wirrs Indian Derby 2,450m; working gallog today.

1. PHILOSOPHY | 2. ASHWA YUDHVIR | 3. SUPREME DANCE

#### WHAT THE PROFESSIONALS SAY

rath Singh: A lot of people te Agnostic off saying he was y good in Kolkata but he came only good in Kolkata but ne cout and beat top sprinters in a juverile. He had major injury problems and was out of racing for almost 500 days. I think I have got him back to his best and

run below his form. Has recovered and will be right there. recovered and will be right there.

Immias Saite: Though Iron Age is
the oldest in the race, he hasn't
lost any of his zest for racing. He
has a touch of class and will be
right there.

Deepesh Narredus Leopard

Rock has done everything asked of him and will run a good race. P.S. Chouhan: Hunting Goddess is a very good filly, though short on experience but improving. May have been beaten by Iron Age the last time we met, but we have the scoper to improve.

STAYERS CUP P. Trever: Arc De Triomphe won the South India Leger, beating some good horses. Relishes the trip and I think he has a great

B. Suresh: The eight-year-old My Opinion is going strong and still enjoys his racing. Will be right there.

there.

Arjun Mangalorikar: Silvarius is an out-and-out stayer and his win in the Stayers Trial shows that he has improved and has a good chance.

chance. Vijay Singh: Success is a small filly with a big heart and very genuine. Going over this trip for the first time, but she should be right there.

#### Nine speedsters to battle it out in the Sprinters' Cup

A field of seven horses to vie for honours in the Stayers' Cup as the Invitation Cup weekend is all set to get underway at the Bangalore Turf Club on Saturday

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#### and Jeevan lose in quarterfinals

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Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedumchezhiyan lost 3-6, 6-1, [10-4] to Tiago Seyboth Wild and Matias Soto in the doubles overstoofinele of doubles quarterfinals of the \$718,245 ATP tennis on clay in Santiago, Chile. The Indian pair collect-

ed 45 ATP points and +

The results: \$718,245 ATP, Santiago, Chile: Doubles (quarterfinals): Thiago Seyboti Wild (Bro) & Matias Soto (Chi) bt

#### Karnataka and Meghalaya brace for a historic Santosh Trophy final in Rivadh

#### FOOTBALL

#### Amitabha Das Sharma

Karnataka and Meghalaya gave finishing touches to their stratagems as they prepared to create history in the final of the National football championship for the Santosh Trophy at the King Fahd International Stadium here on Saturday. The Saudi Arabian capital is serving as the stage for the title clash of the 82-find the best combination.

year-old inter-State cham-

pionship of India. Karnataka in its new no-menclature has never won the title and has so long ta-ken pride in Mysore's triumph 54 years ago. Simi-larly, for Meghalaya the National crown had been elusive despite the State being one of the biggest nurseries of football talent

in India. There was an air of expectancy as the finalists slogged it out in their last and have made our plans to give our best against Meghalaya, which is a good team with quality players. said the Karnataka coach Ravi Babu Raju. Karnataka produced a fine all-round performance to down former champion Services 3-1 in the semifinals.

Raju feels the big semifinal win will inspire his team to go for the final glo-ry. "We have been working on mental toughness and focus and have possession

Match starts at 9 p.m.

of the ball and do allow the

opponent to dictate terms," Raju added. Meghalaya head coach Khlain Sviemlieh said his semifinals was as good as winning the crown as i was our first entry into the

#### Qualifier Palan enters last four

#### PUNE CHALLENGER

Qualifier Dominik Palan of Qualifier Dominik Palan of Czech Republic beat se-cond seed Chun-Hsin Tseng of Chines Taipei 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-3 in the quarterfi-nals of the PMR Open \$130,000 Challenger ten-nis tournament at the Bale-wadi Stadium, Pune, on Fridav.

Friday. In the semifnals, Palan In the semifinals, Palan will play fourth seed Luca Nardi of Italy. The other semifinal will be between the champion of the last two tourna-ments in Chennai and Ben-galuru, Max Purcell of Aus-

#### tralia and Miljan Zekic of Serbia. In doubles, Anirudh

Chandrasekar and Viiav Sundar Prashanth set up a title clash against the Japa-nese, Toshihide Matsui and Kaito Uesugi.

The results: Quarterfinals: Mijan Zekic (Srb) bt Harold Mayot (Fra) 6-2, 6-4; Nac Purcell (Aus) bt Francesco Naestrelli (Ra) 6-0, 6-2; Luca Nardi (Ra) bt Rio Noguchi (Jpn) 6-3, 6-5; Dominik Palan (Cae) bt Chun-Hsin Tseng Palan (Cae) bit Chun-Hisin Tiseng (Tpa) 7-6(4), 1-6, 6-3. Doubles: Semiffinals: Toshihide Matsui & Kaito Uesugi (Ipn) bit Mukund Sasikumar & Vishnu Vardhan 6-2, 7-5; Anirudh Chandrasekar & Wjay Sundar Prashanth bt Arjun Kadhe & Maximilian Neuchrist (Aut) 4-0 (retired).

#### Barcelona beats Real in Copa first-leg semi



#### Agence France-Presse

Barcelona won I-O at Real
Madrid in a Clasico Copa
del Rey semifinal first leg
on Thursday thanks to Edleg at Camp Nou on April 5.

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Supreme Court allows Chhattisgarh govt to probe

ex-bureaucrats APURVA VISHWANATH

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# FIRST TIME. JOINT STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MENTIONS UKRAINE WAR

### Day after G20, Quad sends message to Russia, China on Ukraine, aggression

Targets China over aggressive behaviour in the Indo-Pacific

FOREIGN MINISTERS of the Quad countries Friday called for lasting peace in Ukraine and, in

Ransian invasion of Ukraine, un-derlined respect for territorial derilined respect for territorial Meeting in New Delhi, the Quad ministers – LiS Secretary Affairs Minister 5 Jaishanhar, Affairs Minister 5 Jaishanhar, Appar's Foorlign Minister Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong – also targeted Penny Wong – also targeted the Indo-Pacific as well as its at-tempts to Boked designation of the Company of the Company of the Apparatus of the Company of the Apparatus of the Company o

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Broadenin the scope

the Ulcraine war in a joint statement of the Quad Foreign Ministers means the grouping, which had so far been concentrating the Kremlin a clear mes sage by calling for peace in Ultraine and the need

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with (from left) Penny Wong (Australia), Antony Blinken (US) and Yoshimasa Hayashi (Japan) at the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting on Friday. AN

In counter, Lavrov hits out at West, says THE FIRST reference to Russia, India & China will meet this year

HOURS AFTER Foreign Ministers of the Quad grouping met in New Delhi Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrow said Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China will meet this year for a meeting of the trilat-eral grouping. "This trolka will meet this year at the ministerial level," he said.



spite question marks over the rise industry, driven by a grow

# The Lokayukta raid at the home of V Prashanth Madal, son of BIP MLA K Madal Virupakshappa, in Bengaluru, AN

#### Over Rs 8 cr seized from office of BJP MLA and his son's home in Karnataka

#### KIRAN PARASHAR

recovered unaccounted cash adding up to Rs 2.02 crore from the office of a party MLA and chairman of a state PSU, and Rs 6.10-crore from the residence of the MLA's son.

Searches were conducted af-er the MLA's son was allegedly aught accepting a bribe of Rs 40 ikh in the MLA's office on

ursday evening. The MLA, K Madal The MIA, K Madail Visupalishappa, resigned as chair-man of the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Inf (KSDL), a state PSU, and is absconding. His son, V Prashanth Madal, a Karnataka Administrative Service (KAS) officer who was posted as chief ac-countant with the Bangalore

as bribe for a KSDL tender.

the Lokayukta police reported recovered Rs 2,02 crore in cas from the MLA's KSDL office, an Rs 6,10 crore from Prashanth residence. Prashanth was earlie posted with the now-defunc

#### CONTAMINATED SYRUP

#### Gambia linked India syrup to kids' deaths, now CDC confirms

of The Cambia National Assembly concluded that the deaths of 70 children due to acute kidney in-jury (AKI) were linked to con-sumption of four contaminated sumption of four contaminated syrups made by India's Maiden Pharmaceuticals, a report by the USCenters for Disease Control and Prevention released Friday said

#### IN COLLABORATION WITH ICIJ | AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART THREE

#### Red flags, India's green certification under cloud

#### Easy certification of forest produce makes it suspect, a potential tool to bypass global regulations



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#### Cricket history in India today: Women's Premier League begins

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from her break as England's vice



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earner and RCB skipper. Sneha' ts cricketing career didn't quit o. take off, and she got married a ful return to the domestic circuit bagged a WPL contract worth 8 30 lakh, and wants to don Indi



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#### IN THE NEWS

#### sorrowing leeway or states: 75% of mit in April-Dec

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#### orex reserves down 16 bn in February

THE COUNTRY'S billion during February ollowing a strengthening in the S dollar throughout the month s of February 24, the foreign tood at \$560.9 billion, reports

#### tBI slaps ₹3.06-cr ine on Amazon Pav

THE RESERVE BANK of India on Friday imposed a ₹3.06 crore penalty on Amazon Pay notia) for non-compliance with promote the compliance with community of the commun orepaid payment issuers, orts fe Bureau. ■PAGE 7

#### ICLAT refuses SBI lea in let case

NCLAT ON FRIDAY refused to grant any refused to grant any interim relief to SBI against the NCLT order n transfer of ownership of Jet irways to the Jalan Kalrock onsortium. But it will consider BI's plea after the conclusion farguments, reports Swaraj aggonkar.

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THE SUPREME COURT on Firlday dismissed a plea by Vijay Mallya challenging the roceedings in a Mumbal court of declare him a fugitive conomic offender, reports PTL

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RETAIL PARTICIPATION

#### **Vorld Bank commits** 1bn for healthcare

THE WORLD BANK will THE WORLD BANK will provide a \$1.-billion support to India's flagship Pradhan lanti-Ayushman Bharat Health firastructure Mission (PM-BHIM) to improve the public ealthcare infrastructure across ne country, reports fe Bureau.

# What the lithium



Where Mukesh Amhani might pull ahead of rival Gautam Adani

The two hillionaires have adopted different playbooks While Adani went headlong into public utilities, Ambani

### Friday fireworks on D-St Embraer & Sukhoi to

Most Asian markets end SENSEX week on a high note

#### SIDDHANT MISHRA

BENCHMARK INDICES MADE a stellar jumping over 1.5% on positive signals by the US Fed and a surge in Adani Group stocks.

The jump in Adami stocks followed global equity fund GQG's cumulative ₹15,466crore investment in four group entities via blockdeals late on Thursday, saying the group has "fantastic assets".

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The Sensex surged 899.62 points or 1.53% to 59,808.97, while the broader Nifty50 gained 272.45 points or 1.57% to cross the 17,500-mark and close

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ADANI ENTERPRISES

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### and PNB were the major gainers, rising 5.11%, 4.83%, and 4.02%. "A recoverywas due in the banking sector as it was in a beaten-down state. Some short-

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#### Services PMI climbs to 12-year high in Feb

#### New Delhi, March 3

NEW BUSINESS GAINS and low input cost inflation pushed services sector activ-ities growth to a 12-year high in February,

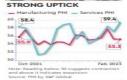
ities growth to a 12-year high in February, even as capacity pressures remained mild seem as capacity pressures remained mild a widely regarded survey. The rebound assumes importance as the second advance estimate of GDP for P323 showed with the survey of the P323 showed with the survey of transport, communication and broadcasting; the largest services sector, decelerated from 25.7% in Q3 to 15.6% deceleration in financial services GVA. in Q2 and 9.7% in Q3.1 here was also a deceleration in financial services GVA, with the year-on-year growth declining from 8.6% in Q1 to 7.1% in Q2 and fur-therto 5.8% in Q3.

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user to 5-even suby adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose to 59.4 in February from 57.2 in the previous moeth. The index had declined sequentially from 58.5 in December. The uptick was helped by a substantial moderation in cost pressures — Input prices increased at the slowest pace in nearly two-and-a-half years — which ensured output charge inflation softened to a 12-

month low.

"The service sector more than regained the growth momentum lost in January, posting the sharpest expansion in output for 12 years as demand resilience and competitive pricing policies underpinned



the joint best upturn in sales over the same period," Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market

Intelligence, said.
At the composite level, private sector output in India increased for the nine-teenth successive month in February.

#### SC extends stay on order against Yes Bank AT1 bonds write-off

THE SUPREME COURT on Friday extended a stay on an order by the Bombay high court quashing the write-off of additional Tier-1 (AT1) bonds issued by Yes Bank. The top court was hearing an appeal by Yes Bank against the HC rulling that had set a saide an administrator's decision to write off ₹8,450 crore of AT1 bonds in March 2020 after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) initiated a restructuring of the lender.

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ATL bonds are high-yield securities that typically have loss-shootbing features, meaning they can be written off if a lender's capital fails below a crucial level.

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the restructuring exercise.
On Friday, the counsel for Yes Bank, Kapill Sibal, argued that the write-off in AT1 bonds was a part of a "well-thought of" restructuring exercise. Without it, banks would not have infused funds in Yes Bank, Sibal added.

The HC, while pernouncing its decision on Jan. 20, had stayed the order for six weeks. The SC on Friday extended this stay until further orders. It will hear the case next on March 28.

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# Govt eyes tie-up with make small jets locally

#### Also approaches Airbus, Leonardo venture ATR

SIDDHARTHA SINGH & RAGINI SAXENA

THE GOVERNMENT IS looking to partner

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lines as they can fill a larger share of total seats Airbus estimates India will need 2,210 air is. The country has piqued global turboprop akers' interest, with De Havilland Aircraft

mining to seize 80% of its market for aller planes of less than 20 passengers. India has completed preliminary discus-ns with Embraer, while Sukhoi has reessed interest in making regional jets resessed interest in making regional jets

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#### Foxconn plans \$700-mn iPhone unit in Bengaluru

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#### FRAUDS DON'T LAST 30 YEARS, SAYS GQG PARTNERS CHAIRMAN

#### Rajiv Jain's five-year wait yields 20% gains in just one day

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THE ₹15,446 CRORE block deal on Thursday seems to have changed the fortunes of Adani Group stocks, at least for the time being. A day after the deal, all group companies gained over ₹70,000 crore in

gained over \$70,000 crore in market capitalisation.

And the man behind the turn-around infortunes—Rajiv jain, chair-man and CIO of \$92 billion GQG Partners—must be happy to have waited for the opportunity for five years. He is already sitting on a 20% profit in a single day. That is, his \$15,446 crose investment has risen ₹15,446 crore investment has risen to ₹18,574 crore. Of course, he upply the shares at a discount of went all out with a \$1.9 billion buy the shares at a discount of the share at a discount of the bought the shares at a discount of between 2.5% and 5.7%.

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ADANI, FED EFFECT PUSH UP SENSEX BY 900 PTS

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50% share of Apple in ₹60,000-crore smartphone exports in April-Dec FY23

than exports during the same period last year and 33% higher than those registered during the entire FY22 at ₹45,000 crore. Apple has contributed nearly 50% of the ₹60,000-crore exports thus far. Projections are that exports for the full FY23 will cross the ₹75,000-crore mark.

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#### भ्रष्टाचार पाआप है!



सता में आते ही आम आदमी पार्टी ने राजनीति में ब्रामचार के सवाल को उसी तरह स्-मंतर कर दिया जिस तरह मुख्यधारा के सभी राजनीतिक दलों ने किया था।

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भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) ने जकतार की भारताय केन्छत्र चाटा (भाजका) न सुक्रत्यार का वायकारी जीति के विरोध में विल्ली के छार प्रमुख डेडार्से पर जन खानरण अभिवान चलाचा और ख्यानंत्री का इस्तीरक मांच। प्रदर्शन की अगुआई देस कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष वीरोप्त सम्बद्धा ने की। उन्होंने हहा कि खुद को बहुर ईमानदार कहने वाले अरविंद हजरीवाल और उनके मंत्री कितने बड़े ऋहावारी हैं। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि करोड़ों रुपए के शराब वले के सुत्रधार अरविंद केजरीवाल हैं, इसका

तासा सायाआइ न अपना जापा त्याट माकवा है। हीं, नेता प्रतिपक्ष रामधीर सिंह विधुड़ी ने कहा कि राव घोटाले में करोड़ों रुपए का अक्षाचार करके वमंत्री अब खद को नहीं बचा सकते हैं।

कांद्रेस के पूर्व अध्यक्ष राष्ट्रल सांधी ने चावा किया है कि उनके और कई अन्य विषयों नेताओं के परेन में 'पेकासर स्वाइंडल' का राष्ट्रल ने कहा कि गुगमर अधिकारियों ने खुद उनसे कहा का का चार्चानी करते हुए ये स्वच्यान रहें बंगीक उनकी बातों को 'दिकार' किया का कहा है। राष्ट्रल सांधी के 'दिकार' किया का स्वाइंडल राष्ट्रल सांधी के 'दिकार' कि अधिकार किया

वान कैश्विज विरविद्यालय में दिए व्याख्यान चीरान कहा कि भारत में लोकतंत्र पर हमला

रहा है और देश के लोकतांत्रिक दांचे को नष्ट ज्या जा रहा है। 'इंडियन ओवरसीज कांग्रेस' के मुख सैम पित्रोदा ने सहुत गांधी के व्याख्यान

सप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा

# कतई बर्दाश्त नहीं

जनसता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 3 मार्च।

उच्चतम न्यायालय ने कहा है कि पैसे की पूछा ने प्रवाचार को कैंतर की तरह पनपने में मदद की है। उच्चतम न्यायालय ने छत्तीसगढ़ की प्रवाचा नीत पूर्ववती रमन स्थिह सरकार में इचान वाचिव रहे अमन कुमबर सिंह और उनकी पत्नी के किलाफ आप के जात जीत से अधिक संपत्ति के मामले में वर्ज प्राचीनकी वरे रह करने के उन ज्याकालय के फैसले को रह करते हुए उकत टिप्पणी की।

भीर्ष अवालत के उस फैसले के साथ भी सिंह और उनकी पत्नी बासमीन सिंह के खिलाफ मुकदमा चलने का रास्ता साफ हो गया है। न्यायालय ने कहा कि संविधान के तहत स्थापित अमानानों का लेख के लोगों के प्रति कार्नन्त्र के कि

के किलाफ करही वहर्रवाई भी करें। जावसूर्ति एस रवीद्र भट और ज्यावसूर्ति रीजंकर पत्ता की चीठ ने उठक न्याब्वलव के आदेश को रह करते हुए कहा कि संविधान की प्रतादक में धन का समान वितरण कर भारत में लोगों के लिए सामाजिक न्याय सुनिश्चित करने का त्रसा सीबीआइ ने अपनी जांच रिपोर्ट में किया है। वादा किया गया है, जिसे पूरा करने में ऋतचार एक बड़ी बाधा है। गौरतलब है कि छत्तीसगढ़ उच्च न्याबालय ने

आय के जात स्रोतों से अधिक संपत्ति अर्जित करने -पूर्व अव्यर पेज के आरोप में राज्य के पूर्व प्रधान सचिव असन "आरावार की जड़ का पता लगाने सिंह और उनकी पत्री के खिलाफ दर्ज प्राथमिकी बहस की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

राहुल ने अपनी जासूसी किए जाने का लगाया आरोप, कहा

मेरे व कई नेताओं के फोन में 'पेगासस' था

की है। राहल गांधी का कड़ना था कि 'विपध इस

पिछले साल के मध्य में एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय मीडिया संगठन ने कहा था कि 'पेगासस स्पाइनेयर' का उपयोग कर 300 से अधिक

वीडियो अपने यहपूर्व चैनल पर जारी किया - भारतीय मोबारल फोन नंबर को निगतनी के लिए - खतर है और हमला किया जा रहा है।

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कहना वा कि 'विषय इस तरह का द्याद लगातार महत्तुत कर रहा हैं। विषय के खिलाफ मानले दर्ज हो रहें हैं। मेरे खिलाफ कुछ ऐसे आपराधिक मानले दर्ज किए गए जो किसी भी प्राधिकी में अप्राधीत

परिस्थित में आपराधिक

मामले नहीं थे।"



में प्रधान रुचिय रहे अमन कुमार सिंह और उनकी वर्ती के विलाफ आव के ज्ञात स्रोत से अधिक संपत्ति के मामले में दर्ज प्राथमिकी को रह करने

का फैसला निरस्त करते हुए अदालत ने कहा कि पैसे की भूख ने भ्रष्टाचार को कैंसर की तरह पनवने में मदद की है। शीर्ष अवात्त के इस फैसते के साथ ही सिंह और उनकी पत्नी वासमीन सिंह के खिलाफ मुकदमा वलने का रास्ता साफ हो नवा है।

अरुवारात्रा को बत्त क राज्य के आत कार्यव है। कहाँ वे विकाश कि प्रधानार की कार्ता बर्चाहत गाँव किया का तकता। साथ ही वे अस्पाय करने वालां के खिलाफ काड़ी करवां ही भी करें। कर खिलाफ करही करवां ही भी करें। करवाडियान (दे चारपार) ट करवारी अपूर्ध के रूप में अडाणी समृद से जुड़े। बाद में जब अडाणी समृद ने समाचार चैनल एनडीटीवी को खरीचा ती तित चैनल के बोर्ड के सत्यत्य के रूप में निवृक्त किए लूट। पीट ने करत , 'यह पूरे समुख्य के रूप जर्म की बात है कि हमारे मंदिधान निर्माताओं वे क्षा बाह्य है भी दूरिया स्वापात स्वापात करते में लगातार गिरावट आ रही है और समाज में नैतिक मूल्यों का ह्यस तेजी से बड़ रहा है। पीठ ने कहा, "अष्टाचार की जह का पता लगाने के लिए अधिव

क्वाड देशों के विदेश मंत्रियों ने रूस का नाम लिए बगैर कहा

# युक्रेन संकट को लेकर परमाणु हथियारों की धमकी अस्वीकार्य

जनसता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 3 मार्च।

क्वाड के विवेश मंत्रियों ने शुक्रवार को वृक्षेत्र में स्थावी शांति का आझन किया और रूस का नाम लिए बगैर कहा कि परमाणु हथियारों का इस्तेमाल वा उनके इस्तेमाल की पमकी 'अस्वीकार्य' है। विदेश मंत्री एस जवहांकर, उनके अमेरिकी समकश्च एंटर्नी विवयन जापानी समयक्षा वीजिमाना हवाली

एटना व्यवस्त्र, जायना सम्बन्ध्य वाहामासा हवाता और अस्ट्रेरिलवाई सम्बन्ध्य पेनी चाँग के बीच वैठक के बीधन वह मुद्य उदा। एक संपुक्त बयान में विषेत्र मंत्रियों ने वहा कि उन्होंने अंडरराष्ट्रीय वस्त्रन के अनुसार कुठेन में सम्ब, तकाल एवं स्वाबी खाँति की जरूरत पर बल दिया है। विदेश मंत्रियों ने कहा, 'यूक्रेन में संवर्ष तथा तथा इसकी वजह से उत्पन्न हालात पर अपनी प्रतिक्रिया पर हम चर्चा करते रहे हैं और इस बात पर सहमत हैं कि घरमाणु हविवारों का इलोमाल वा उनके इस्तेमाल **बाकी पेज 8 पर** 



हुए क्वाड ने एक स्वतंत्र, समावेशी एवं खुले हिंद-प्रशांत क्षेत्र के लिए प्रतिबद्धता जताई। ह्यीन ने शुक्रवार को क्वाड समुह की बैठक की आलोचना

की और करा कि देशों के बीच बातचीत का मकसद शांति और विकास को आगे बदाना होना चाहिए।

अफगानिस्तान, इराक. लीबिया पर क्यों नहीं चर्चा की गई : लावरोव

रूसी विदेश मंत्री सर्गेई लावरोव शुक्रवार को पश्चिमी देशों की पुजनार का पश्चिमी देशों व आलोचना करते हुए आरोप लगार कि ये जी20 समूह की बैठकाँ दे चौरान चुक्रेन युद्ध का मुख ठठा रहे हैं और पूछा कि समूह की फिडली और पूछा कि समूह की पिछल बैठकों में किसी ने भी इराक अफगानिस्तान तथा चुगोस्लाविया स्थिति की सुध क्वों नहीं ली।

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#### लोकायुक्त अधिकारियों ने मारे छापे

#### कर्नाटक में भाजपा विधायक के बेटे के घर से छह करोड़ रुपए नगद मिले

बंगलुरु, 3 मार्च (भाषा)।

कर्नाटक में लोकायुक्त अधिकारियों ने मारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के विधायक मदल विरुपद्यप्य के बेटे प्रशांत कुमार को 40 लाख रुपए की रिश्वत लेने के आरोप में पकड़े जाने के बाद मारे गए छापे में विधायक पुत्र के घर से छह करीड़ रुपए से अधिक की बेहिसाब नगरी बरामद की। भाजपा विधायक ने अपने बेटे के खिलाफ

है। राष्ट्रल ने इस व्याख्यान में 'भारत जोड़ो संश्ववित लक्ष्यों की सूची में रखा गया या जिनमें पात्रा' और चीन के संदर्भ में विस्तार से बातचीत कर्ड़ नेताओं और पत्रकारों के फीन नंबर भी खे। इसके बाद कांग्रेस और कई अन्य विपक्षी दलों ने इसके बाद कांग्रस्त और कह अन्य विश्ववा यहाँ न संख्य और संसद के बाहर इस मुद्दे की लेकर सरकार पर निशाना साथा था। राहुल गांधी ने 'भारत जोड़ी बाजा निकालने के कारण के बारे में कहा कि जब लोकतानिक लोकायुक्त की कार्रवाई के बाद केएसडीएल के अध्यक्ष पर से इस्तीपर ये विवा। हालांकि उन्होंने दावा किया कि भ्रष्टाचार-निरोधक एतंसी द्वारा की गई कार्यमारी उनके और उनके परिवार के खिलाफ क्षेत्र पर हमला ही रहा है तो विषय हो ती? एक साजिस है। मुख्यमंत्री बसवराज बोग्याई ने पर हमारे लिए संचार करना बहुत मुश्किल हो जाता है।

जात है।

तहार ने यह पाय भी किया कि भारत में स्वित्य में से निमान भी वा का किया कि भारत में से प्रमान में तह पाय भी किया कि भारत में तेवा कि माने के प्रमान में विद्या कि के किया कि भारत में तेवा कि किया कि भारत में तेवा कि किया कि भारत में तेवा कि किया कि माने किया कि माने कि म

के आरोप में पकड़ने के बाद की कार्रवाई। विधायक ने केएसडीएल के अध्यक्ष पद से दिया इस्तीका।



ज्ञारखंड में धनशोधन मामले में छापे, तीन करोड़ की नगदी जब्त

नई दिल्ली 3 मार्थ।

प्रवर्तन निर्देशालय (ईटी) ने शुक्रवार को झारखंड त्रयोगा गिर्माशील (१६०) " सुक्राधार का झारखाड के हजारीवाग जिले में आईएएस अधिवकरी यूजा सिखल व अन्य ये संबंधित धनाशीधन मामले में छापेमारी के चीवन जीन कनोड़ रुपल की नकती जबत की। अधिकारीत्यों ने यह जानकारी थी। उन्होंने कहा कि मोहम्मद ई अंखरी नामक रवित के रिकामों से बारे पैसाने पर 500 और 2.00

रुपए के नीटों को कुछ गड़ियां जब्त की गई। ईटी ने सिंबल के खिलाक जारी धनशोधन मामले के जांच के सिलसिले में छापेमारी के चौरान ये नकची धरामा की। प्रवर्तन निवेशालय ने वर्ष 2000 वैच भारतीय प्रसारपतिक योगा (आसमाप्रा) अधिकारी पर सिंचल को मनरेगा वोजना में कवित अनिवमितताओं सरक्ल का मनरमा वाजना म कायत आनवामतताञ्ज जुड्डे धनलोधन मामले में रिकले साल 11 मई जिप्पतार कर तिया था।

#### युवक से बात करने पर बेटी की हत्या, गिरफ्तार

जनसता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 3 मार्च।

का शव भाई की मदद से मुकारी गांव में हिंडन ल से नीचे पेंक दिया। पलिस ने 23 फरवरी की इस घटना का खुलासा करते हुए आरोपी चिता गिरफ्तार कर लिया। पुलिस ने उसकी निशानवेडी र हिंडन नदी से मृतक युवती का शय बरामय कवा और पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया।

पुलस क्षेत्राचकार्य खकड़ा प्राता सिंह न घटना व खुलासा किया। सिंह ने चताया कि बीती 26 प्रवर्ग को बाना चांबीनगर पुलिस को सूचना मिली

#### त्रिपरा में साहा का इस्तीफा. मेघालय में संगमा ने सरकार बनाने का दावा पेश किया

जनसता ब्यरो

पर्वोत्तर के तीन गुज्यों के विधानसभा चनाव के रिमाण आने एक दिन के बाद शुक्रवार की वर्नीतिक गहमागहमी रही। मेवालय में जहां शनल पीपुल्स पाटी (एनपीपी) के प्रमुख कोनराड संगमा ने राज्यपाल प्याग चौहान से मुलाकात र राज्य में सम्बद्ध बचाने का बाब ऐस विक्रम उन्हें कर राज्य म संस्कार चनान का चावा पत्र तिकार करा 32 विधायकों के समर्थन का पत्र सीचा। वहीं त्रिपुरा के निवर्तमान मुख्यमंत्री माणिक साहा ने त्याल सत्यदेव नारायण आर्य से मलाकात की और अपना स्थलीका सीप दिया।

कि उसी चाने में तैनात होमगार्ड प्रमोद (निवासी ग्राम

महिते, 3 मार्थ (भागा)। जतर प्रदेश के बातपत जिले के पांची गांव में बचर्ड के रूप में करनेला एक लिशा ने अपनी बेटी वर्षित तीर पर मला दवाकर हत्या कर यी और वर्षित तीर पर मला दवाकर हत्या कर यी और

#### जी20 में यूक्रेन पर सहमति नहीं दिल्ली विवि की छात्राओं को ले बनना देशों में विभाजन : संरा

नई दिल्ली, 3 मार्च।

2035 तक नौ फीसद वार्षिक वृद्धि की संभावना

संवुक्त राष्ट्र महासचिव एंटोनियो गुतारेस के एक प्रथमता ने कहा है कि जी-20 के विदेश 

# जा रही बस पलटी. एक की मौत

# विस्तासुर, 3 माव १००० । विकासपुर, 10०० । विकासपुर, 3 माव १००० । विकासपुर, 10०० । विकासपुर, भारत में बच्चों में मोटापा बढने की आशंका

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-पूर्व खबर पेज 💊 जाता है। इसका उद्देश्य स्वास्थ्य के अनुरूप वजन हासिल 'वर्ल्ड ओबेसिटी फेडरेशन' की ओर से

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अध्ययन रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत में 2035 तक मोटापे के शिकार लोगों की दर 11 फीसर हो जाएगी। 2020 से 2035 के चौरान वयस्कों में मोटापे के मामलों में 5.2 फीसद की

गवा है कि 2020 में भारत में लड़कों में मोटाये का जीखा तीन फीसद था, लेकिन 2035 तक यह जीखिम 12 परीस तक वत जाएगा और लजकियों के लिए जोसिम 2020 र चो फीसब था. लेकिन अगले 12 साल में यह बढ़ कर स

प्रवित्तर था, ताकन अगता 12 साता में कह बढ़ कर र प्रवित्तर हों जाएगा। रिपोर्ट में कहा गवा है कि इससे भारत के राष्ट्र सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) पर 1,8 फीसद तक प्रभा पडने की आशंका है। 'वर्ल्ड ओबेसिटी फेटरेशन' है बंध प्रोफेन्सर लुईस बाउर ने कहा, इस साल की रिपो स्पष्ट चेतावनी है कि आज मोटापे को दूर करने विफल रहने पर, हम भविष्य में गंभीर नतीजे भगत सक हैं। बच्चों और किशोरों में मोटापे की दर तेजी से बढ़ शेष रूप से चिंता का विषय है।

# भारत में बच्चों में मोटापा बढ़ने की आशंका

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हर साल चार मार्च को विश्व मोटापा दिवस मनाया जाता है। इसका उद्देश्य स्वास्थ्य के अनुरूप वजन हासिल रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि मोटापा बढ़ने से भारत के राष्ट्रीय सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) पर 1.8 फीसद तक प्रभाव पड़ने की आशंका है। 'वर्ल्ड ओबेसिटी फेडरेशन' के अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर लुईस बाउर ने कहा, इस साल की रिपोर्ट एक स्पष्ट चेतावनी है कि आज मोटापे को दूर करने में विफल रहने पर, हम भविष्य में गंभीर नतीजे भुगत सकते हैं। बच्चों और किशोरों में मोटापे की दर तेजी से बढ़ना विशेष रूप से चिंता का विषय है।

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Rank		
1	Nauru	61.0%
2	Cook Islands	55.9%
3	Palau	55.3%
4	Marshall Islands	52.9%
5	Tuvalu	51.6%
6	Niue	50.0%
7	Tonga	48.2%
8	Samoa	47.3%
9	Kiribati	46.0%
10	Micronesia (Federated States of)	45.8%
11	Kuwait	37.9%

183	Republic of Korea	4.7%
184	Ethiopia	4.5%
185	Japan	4.3%
186	Nepal	4.1%
187	Cambodia	3.9%
187	India	3.9%
189	Timor-Leste	3.8%
190	Bangladesh	3.6%
191	Viet Nam	2.1%

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## Tapping into Helium Reserves

- Researchers propose a new model to tap into helium reserves to address shortage issues and a recent new study suggests that reservoirs of this gas, with no carbon footprint, likely exist in geological formations beneath the Earth.
- शोधकर्ताओं ने कमी के मुद्दों को हल करने के लिए हीलियम भंडार में टैप करने के लिए एक नए मॉडल का प्रस्ताव दिया और हाल ही में एक नए अध्ययन से पता चलता है कि इस गैस के जलाशय, बिना कार्बन पदचिह्न के, संभवतः पृथ्वी के नीचे भूगर्भीय संरचनाओं में मौजूद हैं।

#### What is the Proposed Model to Tap Helium Reserve?

- The gas can be produced and stored in crystalline basement rocks, dense rocks that extend from the mantle to the near-surface or surface.
- These rocks are 30-40 kilometre thick.
- They have also existed for millions or billions of years, allowing large amounts of helium to be produced and stored.

- गैस का उत्पादन किया जा सकता है और क्रिस्टलीय तहखाने की चट्टानों में जमा किया जा सकता है, घनी चट्टानें जो मेंटल से निकट-सतह या सतह तक फैली हुई हैं।
- ये चट्टानें 30-40 किलोमीटर मोटी होती हैं।
- वे लाखों या अरबों वर्षों से भी मौजूद हैं,
   जिससे बड़ी मात्रा में हीलियम का उत्पादन और भंडारण किया जा सकता है।

• Also, these rocks could also be a source of hydrogen.

• The model showed that energy generated from the radioactive decay of uranium and thorium could split water to form hydrogen.

 साथ ही ये चट्टानें हाइड्रोजन का स्रोत भी हो सकती हैं।

 मॉडल ने दिखाया कि यूरेनियम और थोरियम के रेडियोधर्मी क्षय से उत्पन्न ऊर्जा हाइड्रोजन बनाने के लिए पानी को विभाजित कर सकती है।

#### What is the Significance of Helium Gas?

- Helium is a noble gas and has a closed-shell electronic configuration, making it stable and unreactive.
- It has the lowest boiling and melting points of any element and exists only as a gas, except under extreme conditions.
- Helium was first discovered in 1868
   by French astronomer Jules Janssen
   and English astronomer Joseph
   Norman Lockyer

- हीलियम एक नोबल गैस है और इसका एक बंद खोल वाला इलेक्ट्रॉनिक विन्यास है, जो इसे स्थिर और अक्रियाशील बनाता है।
- इसमें किसी भी तत्व का सबसे कम क्वथनांक और गलनांक होता है और यह चरम स्थितियों को छोड़कर केवल गैस के रूप में मौजूद होता है।
- हीलियम की खोज पहली बार 1868 में फ्रांसीसी खगोलशास्त्री जूल्स जानसेन और अंग्रेजी खगोलशास्त्री जोसेफ नॉर्मन लॉकयर ने की थी

- As of 2022, the reserves of
  helium in the United States has
  the largest reserves of
  helium globally followed by
  Algeria and Russia.
- India's Rajmahal volcanic
   basin in Jharkhand is
   the storehouse of
   helium trapped for billions of
   years.

• 2022 तक, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में हीलियम के भंडार में विश्व स्तर पर हीलियम का सबसे बड़ा भंडार है जिसके बाद अल्जीरिया और रूस का स्थान है।

• झारखंड में भारत का राजमहल ज्वालामुखी बेसिन अरबों वर्षों से फंसे हीलियम का भंडार है।

#### **Uses of Helium**

- Balloons and airships
- Industrial applications
- Medical applications
- Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)

- गुब्बारे और हवाई जहाज
- औद्योगिक अनुप्रयोग
- चिकित्सा अनुप्रयोग
- परमाणु चुंबकीय अनुनाद (NMR)

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### India's First DNA Vaccine for Dengue

- Researchers at India's National Centre for Biological Sciences, in collaboration with nine other institutions in India, Africa, and the US, have developed India's first and only DNA vaccine candidate for dengue fever.
- भारत के नेशनल सेंटर फॉर बायोलॉजिकल साइंसेज के शोधकर्ताओं ने भारत, अफ्रीका और अमेरिका में नौ अन्य संस्थानों के सहयोग से डेंगू बुखार के लिए भारत का पहला और एकमात्र डीएनए वैक्सीन विकसित किया है।

#### What is DNA Vaccine?

- A DNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a small piece of DNA that codes for a specific antigen (a molecule that triggers an immune response) from a pathogen, such as a virus or bacterium, to stimulate an immune response.
- DNA vaccines are third-generation vaccines.
- The ZyCoV-D is the world's first and India's indigenously developed DNA based vaccine for COVID-19.

- एक डीएनए टीका एक प्रकार का टीका है जो डीएनए के एक छोटे ट्कड़े का उपयोग करता है जो एक विशिष्ट एंटीजन (एक अण् जो एक प्रतिरक्षा प्रतिक्रिया को ट्रिगर करता है) के लिए एक रोगज़नक़, जैसे कि वायरस या जीवाणु, से एक प्रतिरक्षा प्रतिक्रिया को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए कोड करता है।
- डीएनए टीके तीसरी पीढ़ी के टीके हैं।
- ZyCoV-D COVID-19 के लिए दुनिया का पहला और भारत का स्वदेशी रूप से विकसित डीएनए आधारित वैक्सीन है।

#### What is Dengue?

- Dengue is a mosquito-borne tropical disease caused by the dengue virus (Genus Flavivirus), transmitted by several species of mosquito within the genus Aedes, principally Aedes aegypti.
- This mosquito also transmits chikungunya and Zika infection.

- डेंगू एक मच्छर जनित उष्णकटिबंधीय बीमारी है जो डेंगू वायरस (जीनस फ्लेविवायरस) के कारण होती है, जो जीनस एडीज के मच्छरों की कई प्रजातियों द्वारा प्रेषित होती है, मुख्यतः एडीज एजिप्टी।
- यह मच्छर चिकनगुनिया और जीका संक्रमण भी फैलाता है।

#### Dengue Vaccine

- The dengue vaccine CYD-TDV or Dengvaxia was approved by the US Food & Drug Administration in 2019, the first dengue vaccine to get the regulatory nod in the US.
- Dengvaxia is basically a live, attenuated dengue virus which has to be administered in people of ages 9 to 16 who have laboratory-confirmed previous dengue infection and who live in endemic areas.

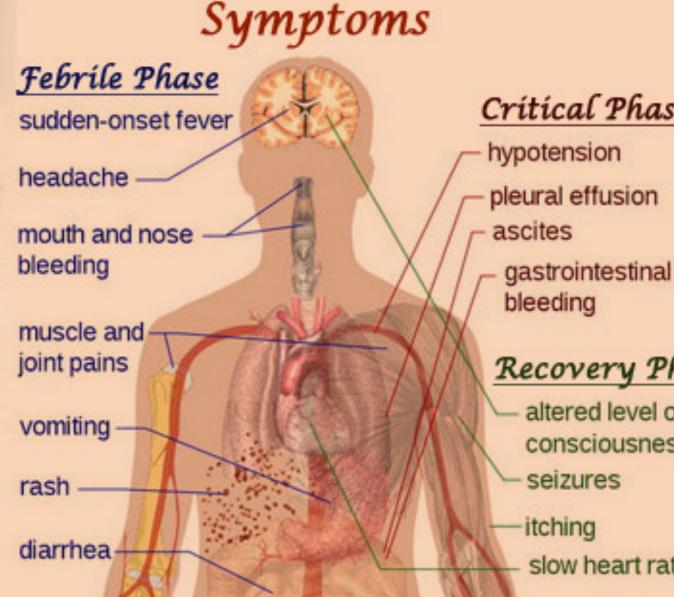
#### डेंगू का टीका

- डेंगू वैक्सीन CYD-TDV या डेंगवाक्सिया को 2019 में यूएस फूड एंड ड्रग एडिमिनिस्ट्रेशन द्वारा अनुमोदित किया गया था, जो अमेरिका में नियामक मंजूरी प्राप्त करने वाला पहला डेंगू वैक्सीन था।
- डेंगवैक्सिया मूल रूप से एक जीवित, क्षीण डेंगू वायरस है जिसे 9 से 16 वर्ष की आयु के लोगों में प्रशासित किया जाना है, जिनकी प्रयोगशाला में पिछले डेंगू संक्रमण की पृष्टि हुई है और जो स्थानिक क्षेत्रों में रहते हैं।

### Dengue Fever



Aedes aegypti- mosquito causing dengue



### **Daily Current Affairs**

# Ornamental Fish Aquaculture

- National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is providing technical support to provide intensive training to islanders of Lakshadweep for Ornamental Fish Aquaculture.
- भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद (ICAR) के तहत नेशनल ब्यूरो ऑफ फिश जेनेटिक रिसोर्सेज (NBFGR) सजावटी मछली एक्वाकल्चर के लिए लक्षद्वीप के द्वीपवासियों को गहन प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने के लिए तकनीकी सहायता प्रदान कर रहा है।

#### What is Ornamental Fish Aquaculture?

- Ornamental fish culture is the culture of attractive, colourful fishes of various characteristics, which are reared in a confined aquatic system.
- Farmers and hobbyists mainly grow it and these fish are also known as living jewels.

- सजावटी मछली पालन विभिन्न विशेषताओं की आकर्षक, रंगीन मछलियों की संस्कृति है, जिन्हें एक सीमित जलीय प्रणाली में पाला जाता है।
- किसान और शौकिया इसे मुख्य रूप से उगाते हैं और इन मछलियों को जीवित रत्न के रूप में भी जाना जाता है।

#### What is this Initiative about?

- A total of 82 islanders, including 77
  women, underwent training for
  an experimental initiative aimed
  at promoting self-reliance through
  community aquaculture.
- The NBFGR provided support and supplies for capacity building, including culture devices and shrimp/clownfish seeds.
- 77 महिलाओं सहित कुल 82
   द्वीपवासियों ने सामुदायिक जलीय कृषि
   के माध्यम से आत्मिनर्भरता को बढ़ावा
   देने के उद्देश्य से एक प्रायोगिक पहल के
   लिए प्रशिक्षण लिया।
- NBFGR ने क्षमता निर्माण के लिए समर्थन और आपूर्ति प्रदान की, जिसमें कृषि उपकरण और झींगा/क्लाउनफ़िश बीज शामिल हैं।

- Four community aquaculture units involving 46 women were created and have successfully raised ornamental shrimps to marketable size.
- NBFGR also maintains a
   germplasm resource center on
   Agatti Island
- 46 महिलाओं को शामिल करते हुए चार सामुदायिक एक्वाकल्चर इकाइयाँ बनाई गई और सजावटी झींगों को विपणन योग्य आकार तक सफलतापूर्वक बढ़ा दिया है।
- NBFGR अगत्ती द्वीप पर एक जननद्रव्य संसाधन केंद्र भी रखता है

#### What is ICAR-NBFGR?

- ICAR-National Bureau of Fish
  Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR)
  was established in December 1983 at
  Allahabad.
- It was established under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- It aims to undertake research
   related to the conservation of fish
   germplasm resources of the
   country.

- आईसीएआर-नेशनल ब्यूरो ऑफ फिश जेनेटिक रिसोर्सेज (आईसीएआर-एनबीएफजीआर) की स्थापना दिसंबर 1983 में इलाहाबाद में हुई थी।
- यह भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद
   (ICAR) के तत्वावधान में स्थापित किया
   गया था।
- इसका उद्देश्य देश के मत्स्य जननद्रव्य संसाधनों के संरक्षण से संबंधित अनुसंधान करना है।



- As per the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, SMART-PDS is an **important technologically driven initiative**, therefore, all states and union territories should make earnest efforts to implement it at the earliest.
- SMART-PDS is a system where smart ration cards are issued to beneficiaries of the public distribution system, and ration is given through fair price shops on the production of the smart ration card by any member of the beneficiary family.

- केंद्रीय उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री के अनुसार, SMART-PDS एक महत्वपूर्ण तकनीकी रूप से संचालित पहल है, इसलिए, सभी राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों को इसे जल्द से जल्द लागू करने के लिए गंभीर प्रयास करने चाहिए।
- स्मार्ट-पीडीएस एक प्रणाली है जहां सार्वजिनक वितरण प्रणाली के लाभार्थियों को स्मार्ट राशन कार्ड जारी किए जाते हैं, और लाभार्थी परिवार के किसी भी सदस्य द्वारा स्मार्ट राशन कार्ड के उत्पादन पर उचित मूल्य की दुकानों के माध्यम से राशन दिया जाता है।

Major initiatives are undertaken by the Government of India to strengthen the Public Distribution System (PDS) in India which includes the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) implemented from April 2020 to December 2022 during the COVID-19 pandemic in coordination with States & UTs and One Nation One Ration Card plan implemented to support migrant population, promoting millets in the PDS is important for strengthening nutrition security in the country.

• भारत में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली (पीडीएस) को मजबूत करने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा प्रमुख पहल की गई हैं, जिसमें राज्यों और राज्यों के समन्वय से कोविड-19 महामारी के दौरान अप्रैल 2020 से दिसंबर 2022 तक लागू की गई प्रधानमंत्री गरीब कल्याण अन्न योजना (पीएमजीकेएवाई) शामिल है। प्रवासी आबादी का समर्थन करने के लिए यूटी और वन नेशन वन राशन कार्ड योजना लागू की गई, देश में पोषण सुरक्षा को मजबूत करने के लिए पीडीएस में बाजरा को बढ़ावा देना महत्वपूर्ण है।



- Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry has received the Porter Prize 2023.
- It recognized the government's strategy in managing COVID-19, also the approach, and involvement of various stakeholders especially the involvement of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers.
- The country's contribution to developing and manufacturing vaccines was also lauded.
- India delivered more than 2.5 billion doses.

- केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय को पोर्टर पुरस्कार 2023 प्राप्त हुआ है।
- इसने COVID-19 के प्रबंधन में सरकार की रणनीति, विभिन्न हितधारकों के दृष्टिकोण और भागीदारी विशेष रूप से मान्यता प्राप्त सामाजिक स्वास्थ्य कार्यकर्ताओं (आशा) कार्यकर्ताओं की भागीदारी को मान्यता दी।
- टीकों के विकास और निर्माण में देश के योगदान की भी सराहना की गई।
- भारत ने 2.5 अरब से अधिक खुराक वितरित की।

#### What is PORTER Prize

- Porter Prize is named after award-winning economist
   Michael E. Porter.
- He has brought economic theory and strategy concepts to bear on many of the most challenging problems faced by corporations, economies and societies.
- पोर्टर पुरस्कार का नाम पुरस्कार विजेता अर्थशास्त्री माइकल ई. पोर्टर के नाम पर रखा गया है।
- उन्होंने निगमों, अर्थव्यवस्थाओं और समाजों द्वारा सामना की जाने वाली कई सबसे चुनौतीपूर्ण समस्याओं को सहन करने के लिए आर्थिक सिद्धांत और रणनीति अवधारणाओं को लाया है।

#### **ASHA** programme

• India launched the ASHA programme in 2005-06 as part of the National Rural Health Mission.

• With the launch of the National Urban Health Mission in 2013, the programme was extended to urban settings as well.

• The core of the ASHA programme has been an intention to build the capacity of community members in taking care of their own health and being partners in health services.

#### आशा कार्यक्रम

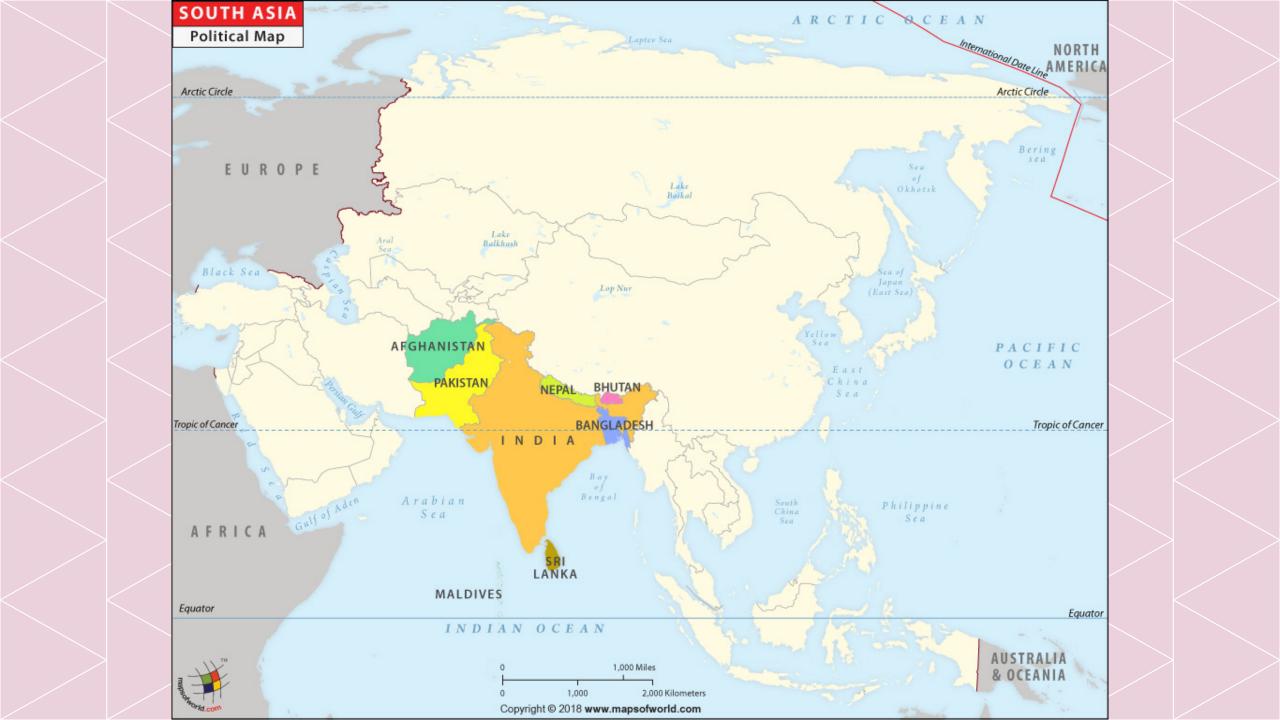
• भारत ने राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य मिशन के हिस्से के रूप में 2005-06 में आशा कार्यक्रम शुरू किया था।

• 2013 में राष्ट्रीय शहरी स्वास्थ्य मिशन के शुभारंभ के साथ, कार्यक्रम को शहरी सेटिंग्स में भी विस्तारित किया गया था।

• आशा कार्यक्रम का मूल उद्देश्य समुदाय के सदस्यों को अपने स्वयं के स्वास्थ्य की देखभाल करने और स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं में भागीदार होने की क्षमता का निर्माण करना है।

**Daily Current Affairs** 

# South Asia's human capital is the resilience it needs



• The pandemic has put at risk the decade's progress in building human capital, including the improvements in health, survival rates, school enrollment, and reduced stunting.

#### **Human Capital**

• It consists of the knowledge, skills, and health that people accumulate over their lives, enabling them to realize their potential as productive members of society.

 महामारी ने मानव पूंजी के निर्माण में दशक की प्रगति को खतरे में डाल दिया है, जिसमें स्वास्थ्य में सुधार, उत्तरजीविता दर, स्कूल में नामांकन और स्टंटिंग में कमी शामिल है।

#### मानव पूंजी

• इसमें ज्ञान, कौशल और स्वास्थ्य शामिल है जो लोग अपने जीवन में जमा करते हैं, जिससे उन्हें समाज के उत्पादक सदस्यों के रूप में अपनी क्षमता का एहसास करने में मदद मिलती है।

#### Need of Human Capital

- The last few years have ushered in a harsh new reality where crises are the norm rather than the exception, examples being pandemics, economic slumps, extreme weather events, etc.
- The knowledge, skills, and health that people accumulate their human capital is a critical source of the resilience that countries rely on for recovery.

- पिछले कुछ वर्षों ने एक कठोर नई वास्तविकता की शुरुआत की है जहां संकट अपवाद के बजाय आदर्श हैं, उदाहरण महामारी, आर्थिक मंदी, चरम मौसम की घटनाएं आदि हैं।
- ज्ञान, कौशल और स्वास्थ्य जो लोग अपनी मानव पूंजी जमा करते हैं, उस लचीलेपन का एक महत्वपूर्ण स्रोत है, जिस पर देश पुनर्प्राप्ति के लिए भरोसा करते हैं।

#### South Asia's human capital

- With nearly half its population under the age of 24 and over one million young people set to enter the labour force every month until 2030, the region could reap an enviably high demographic dividend.
- To strengthen resilience and protect the well-being of future generations, governments across South Asia need to take urgent policy action and invest in human capital.

- 24 वर्ष से कम आयु की लगभग आधी आबादी और 2030 तक हर महीने दस लाख से अधिक युवा श्रम बल में प्रवेश करने के लिए तैयार हैं, यह क्षेत्र एक उच्च जनसांख्यिकीय लाभांश प्राप्त कर सकता है।
- लचीलेपन को मजबूत करने और भावी पीढ़ियों के कल्याण की रक्षा के लिए, दक्षिण एशिया की सरकारों को तत्काल नीतिगत कार्रवाई करने और मानव पूंजी में निवेश करने की आवश्यकता है।

#### Issues & challenges

- Shortcomings
- Lack of resources & monetary support
- Impacts of COVID 19

- कमियों
- संसाधनों और मौद्रिक समर्थन की कमी
- कोविड 19 के प्रभाव

#### Suggestions

- Quality over quantity
- Acting before crisis
- Interdependent focus

- मात्रा से अधिक गुणवत्ता
- संकट से पहले अभिनय
- अन्योन्याश्रित ध्यान

#### **Human Capital Index (HCI)**

- The Human Capital Index is an annual measurement prepared by the World Bank.
- It claims to seek to measure the amount of human capital that a child born today can expect to attain by age 18.
- In the Human Capital Index (HCI)
   2020, India is placed 116th out of 180 countries.

- मानव पूंजी सूचकांक विश्व बैंक द्वारा तैयार किया गया एक वार्षिक माप है।
- यह मानव पूंजी की उस मात्रा को मापने का दावा करता है जो आज पैदा हुआ बच्चा 18 वर्ष की आयु तक प्राप्त करने की उम्मीद कर सकता है।
- मानव पूंजी सूचकांक (एचसीआई)
  2020 में, भारत को 180 देशों में से
  116वें स्थान पर रखा गया है।

# The Hindu Vocabulary

Insurgency (Noun) : विद्रोह, उग्रवाद: an active revolt or uprising

**Synonyms**: uprising, revolt, rebellion, mutiny

Antonyms: counterinsurgency,

counterrevolution

Example Sentence: Despite the enormity of the war's casualties, the Iraqi insurgency continues to grow stronger with every passing day.



Indiscreet (Adjective) : अविवेकी: not careful or polite in what you say or do



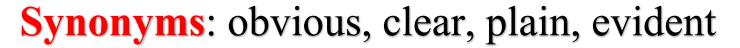
Antonyms: discreet, decorous

Example Sentence: Don't tell her any

secrets; she's so indiscreet.







**Antonyms**: invisible, unnoticeable, hidden

**Example Sentence**: The bank robber made the mistake of trying to escape in a conspicuous orange car.



Euphemism (Noun): प्रियोक्ति : a word or phrase used to avoid saying an unpleasant or offensive word



Synonyms: metaphor, phrase, term, idiom, colloquialism

Antonyms: directness, straightforwardness, terseness

**Example Sentence**:1. "Senior citizen" is a euphemism for "old person".

Stringent (Adjective): कठोर: strict, precise, and exacting (of regulations, requirements, or conditions)



Synonyms: strict, rigorous, rigid

Antonyms: lenient, flexible

**Example Sentence**: The quantity of exports has declined since the early 80s due to the stringent procedures by the government.



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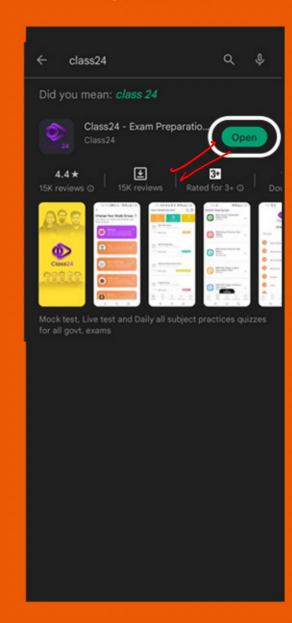
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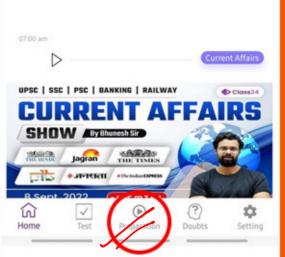
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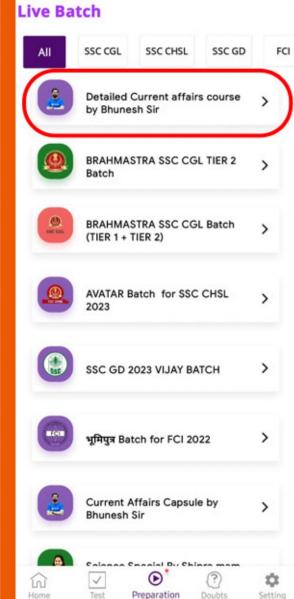
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#### STEP-4









1. As per the recent judgment of Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, who among the following should be members of high-power committee to select Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs).

1. सर्वोच्च न्यायालय की संविधान पीठ के हाल के निर्णय के अनुसार, निम्निलिखित में से किसे मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त (CEC) और चुनाव आयुक्तों (ECs) का चयन करने वाली उच्च-शक्ति समिति का सदस्य होना चाहिए।

- 1. Prime Minister
- 2. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha
- 3. Chief Justice of India

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 2 only
- b) 1 and 3 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

- 1. प्रधान मंत्री
- 2. लोकसभा में विपक्ष के नेता
- 3. भारत के मुख्य न्यायाधीश

ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन सा/से सही है/हैं?

- a) केवल 2
- b) केवल 1 और 3
- c) 2 और 3 केवल
- d) 1, 2 और 3

#### Answer – D

• A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a high-power committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India must pick the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs).

#### 2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Election Commission of India is a five-member body.
- 2. Union Ministry of Home Affairs decides the election schedule for the conduct of both general elections and bye-elections.
- 3. Election Commission resolves the disputes relating to splits/mergers of recognised political parties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 3 only

#### 2. निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

- 1. भारत का चुनाव आयोग पांच सदस्यीय निकाय है।
- 2. केंद्रीय गृह मंत्रालय आम चुनाव और उपचुनाव दोनों के संचालन के लिए चुनाव कार्यक्रम तय करता है।
- 3. चुनाव आयोग मान्यता प्राप्त राजनीतिक दलों के विभाजन/विलय से संबंधित विवादों का समाधान करता है।

ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन-सा/से सही है/हैं

- a) 1 और 2 केवल
- b) केवल 2
- c) 2 और 3 केवल
- d) केवल 3

#### Answer – D

- Statement 1 is not correct: Article 324 of the Constitution of India states that the Election Commission shall consist of the chief election commissioner and such number of other election commissioners, if any, as the president may from time-to-time fix.
- At present, the Election Commission consists of a Chief Election Commissioners and two other Election Commissioners.
- Statement 2 is not correct: The Election Commission of India decides the election schedule for the conduct of both general elections and bye-elections.
- Statement 3 is correct It also resolves the disputes relating to splits/mergers of recognised political parties

## 3. Consider the following statements about International Space Station (ISS)

- 1. It is multi-nation construction project of United States, Russia, Canada and Japan.
- 2. It is set up in low Earth orbit (LEO)

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both correct
- d) Neither correct

## 3. अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष स्टेशन (आईएसएस) के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें

- 1. यह संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका, रूस, कनाडा और जापान की बहु-राष्ट्र निर्माण परियोजना है।
- 2. इसे लो अर्थ ऑर्बिट (LEO) में स्थापित किया गया है

ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन सा/से सही है/हैं?

- a) केवल 1
- b) केवल 2
- c) दोनों सही
- d) ना ही सही

#### Answer – C

- Statement 1 is correct: The International Space Station (ISS) is a multi-nation construction project that is the largest single structure humans ever put into space. Its main construction was completed between 1998 and 2011, although the station continually evolves to include new missions and experiment
- The ISS is not owned by one single nation and is a "co-operative programme" between Europe, the United States, Russia, Canada and Japan,
- Statement 2 is correct: It is the largest artificial object in the solar system and the largest satellite in low Earth orbit, regularly visible to the naked eye from Earth's surface

- 4. Consider the following statements regarding Non-profit organisation (NPO) making use of India's social stock exchange (SSE):
- 1. NPOs can raise money through SSE using private placement or public issue, or donations from mutual funds.
- 2. However, NPOs are not allowed to raise money through instruments in the nature of zero coupon bonds (ZCBs) as they are not always able to repay their loans.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both correct
- d) Neither correct

- 4. भारत के सोशल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (SSE) का उपयोग करने वाले गैर-लाभकारी संगठन (NPO) के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:
- 1. एनपीओ प्राइवेट प्लेसमेंट या पिल्लिक इश्यू, या म्यूचुअल फंड से दान का उपयोग करके एसएसई के माध्यम से धन जुटा सकते हैं।
- 2. हालांकि, एनपीओ को जीरो कूपन बॉन्ड (जेडसीबी) के रूप में उपकरणों के माध्यम से धन जुटाने की अनुमित नहीं है क्योंकि वे हमेशा अपने ऋण चुकाने में सक्षम नहीं होते हैं।

उपर्युक्त कथनों में से कौन-सा/से सही है/हैं?

- a) केवल 1
- b) केवल 2
- c) दोनों सही
- d) ना ही सही

#### Answer - A

- NPOs can raise money either through issuance of Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) Instruments from private placement or public issue, or donations from mutual funds.
- It is mandatory that the NPO is registered with the SSE for facilitating the issuance of ZCBs.
- The instrument must have a specific tenure and can only be issued for a specific project or activity that is to be completed within a specified duration as mentioned in the fund-raising document (to be submitted to the SSE).

• The minimum issue size is presently prescribed as Rs 1 crore and minimum application size for subscription at Rs 2 lakhs for ZCZP issuance.

• The NPO may choose to register on the SSE and not raise funds through it but via other means. However, they would have to make necessary disclosures about the same.

# 5. India is importing the S-400 / Triumf air defence systems from—

5. भारत S-400/ट्रायम्फ वायु रक्षा प्रणालियों का आयात कर रहा है—

- a) USA
- b) Russia
- c) France
- d) Israel

- a) अमेरीका
- b) रूस
- c) फ्रांस
- d) इजराइल

#### Answer – B

• Deliveries of five regiments of S-400 air defence systems under a \$5.43 billion deal with Russia are expected to be completed by year end or early 2024, according to official sources.

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