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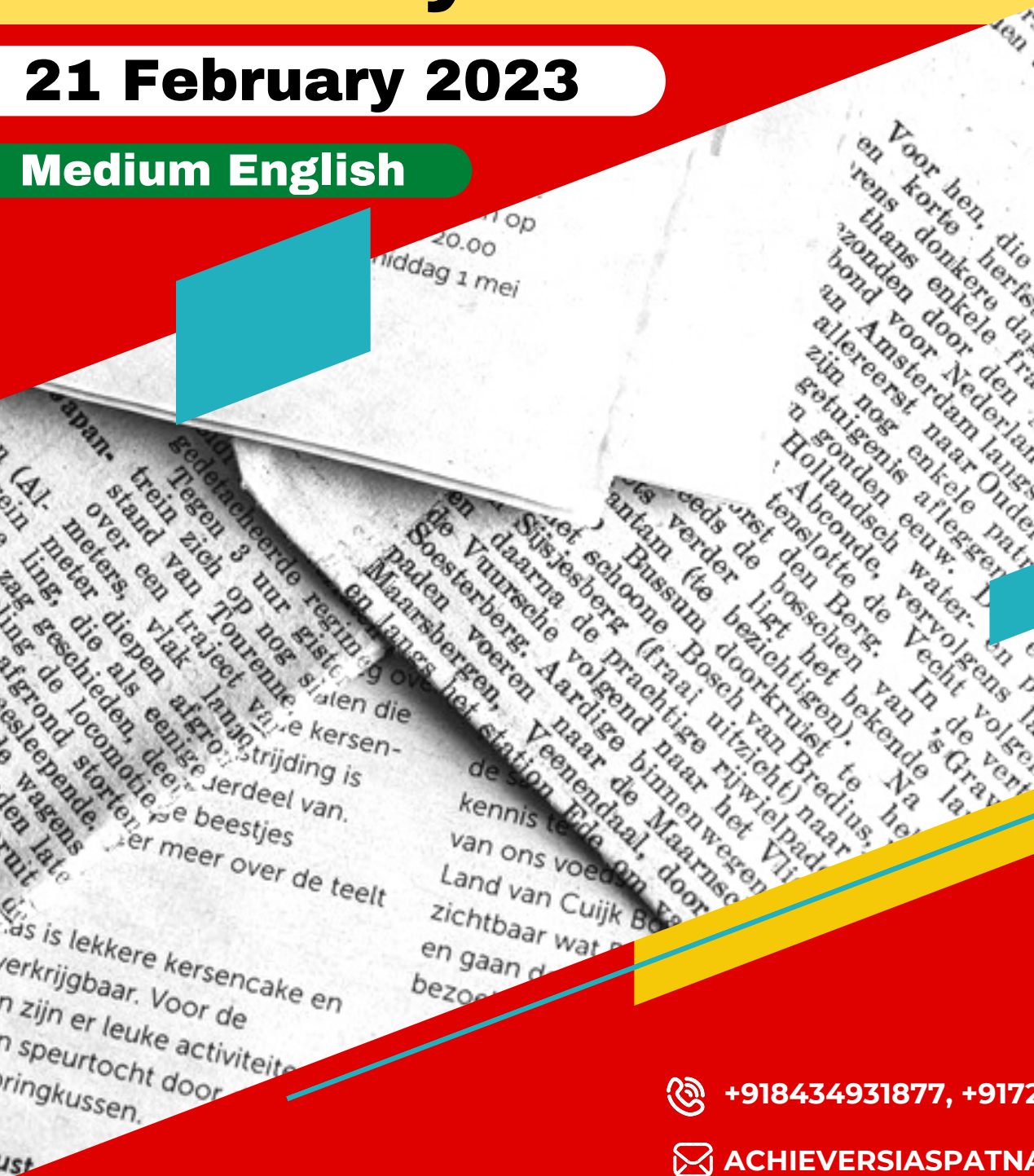
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THE HINDU 21-02-23 NATIONAL

- ➡ **Chhattisgarh congress leaders face ED searches the enforcement Directorate (ED) searched over a dozen locations in coal scam case. The raid was on some of the important congress leaders including Chhattisgarh congress treasurer and spokesperson.**

About coal lexy Scam :-

The ED is looking into allegations of money laundering pertaining to “a massive scam in which illegal levy of 25 per tonne was being extorted from every tonne of coal transported in Chhattisgarh involving senior bureaucrats, businessman politician and middle man”.

However congress has charged BJP of “vendetta politics” over ED raids congress national convention is going to be held in Naya Raipur. From 24 Feb to 26 February.

- ➡ **India, Italy eye defence pact during Meloni visit.**

Italy’s President Georgia Meloni is chief guest for Raisina Dialogue Conference to be held from March 2, in New Delhi of the scheduled visit Mr. Meloni will PM Modi and “A general bilateral cooperation in defence sector is on the lines” diplomatic sources confined to the Hindu. If the talk does not conclude then September G-20 visit of Georgia Meloni will be the time when defence agreement will possibly be signed. Indo –Italy Relations during 2012-2015 deteriorated by several incidents first being two Italian – mariners

- ➡ **Upendra Kushwaha quits JD(U), forms own political out fit.**

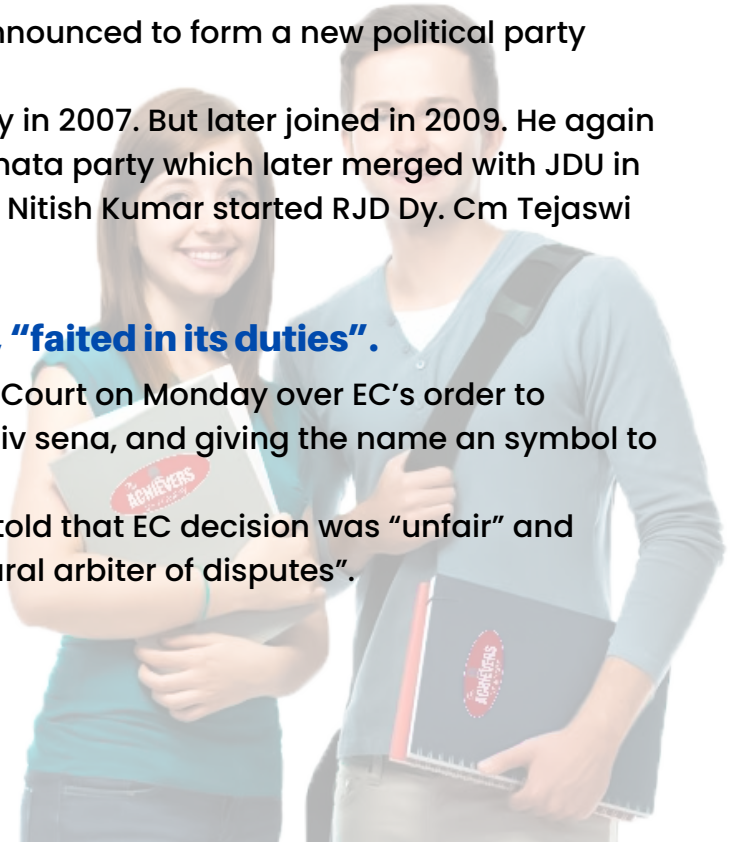
Kushwaha resigned from the party and announced to form a new political party Rashtriya Lok Janta Dal (RLJD).

Mr. Kushwaha had left Nitish Kumar’s party in 2007. But later joined in 2009. He again quit in 2013, and formed Rashtriya Lok Samata party which later merged with JDU in 2021. Mr. kushwaha rebelled from the time Nitish Kumar started RJD Dy. Cm Tejaswi yadav as his success.

- ➡ **Uddhav moves SC says EC is “Unfair, “faieted in its duties”.**

Former Maharashtra CM moved supreme Court on Monday over EC’s order to recognize Eknath shinde faction as real shiv sena, and giving the name an symbol to it.

Advocate representing Uddhav Thackrey told that EC decision was “unfair” and “biased”, and failed in its duties as a “natural arbiter of disputes”.



➔ **Centre may notify emissions trading scheme by June.**

After passing of the Energy conservation (Amendment) bill last December, centre is in now final stages of "emissions Trading schemes" (ETS). It will require polluting industries to achieve certain standards of energy efficiency and permit these to "trade" these improvements. The Bureau of Energy efficiency (BEE), a body of power ministry would be the nodal co-ordinator of scheme.

For example :-

There are 3 companies A, B and C Govt. has given target to minimize pollution by XY.

A	B	C
↓	↓	↓
Achieved target	Did not achieve target	Did not achieve target
↓		
Will get "credits" and certificates from govt.		

A can sell the "credits" to company B and C.

Currently ETS is functional in European union and South Korea the difference b/w Indian policy to European policy is that it will not tell to cut carbon emission on absolute terms.

➔ **NITI Aayog gets new CEO Iyer to go to world bank.**

Former Union Commerce secretary B.V.R. subramanayam has been appointed as CEO of NITI Aayog.

The present CEO parmeswaran Iyer has been executive Diretor of world Bank. In washing DC.

➔ **EPFO lists norms for opting higher pemions**

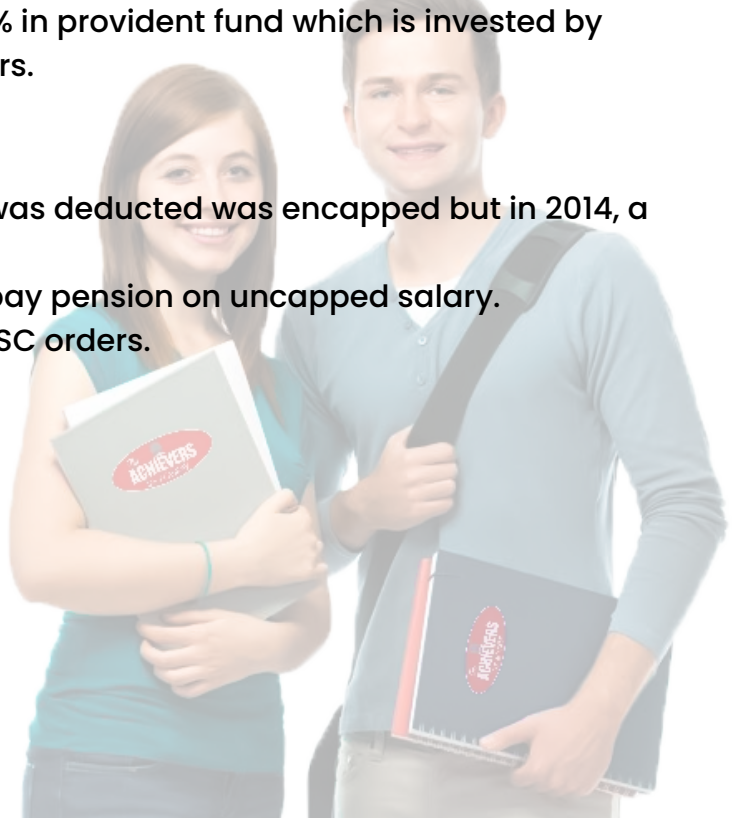
EPFO is govt's social security scheme through which all public and private employ has to pay 12% and the employees pay 12% in provident fund which is invested by govt. and return after emption of 58 years.

➔ **What is the issue?**

Under (EPS-1995) the salary on which PF was deducted was encapped but in 2014, a cap was put over this.

SC on 4 November 2022, ordered govt to pay pension on uncapped salary.

EPFO has released guidelines to abide by SC orders.



THE HINDU 21-02-23 WORLD

- ➡ **"Kyiv stands" declares Biden as he makes a surprise visit to Ukraine US president on Monday reached Kyiv on surprise visit to display solidarity with Ukraine. Mr. Biden declared after meeting president Zelenskyy "One year later, Kyiv stands", "And Ukraine stands. Democracy stands the American stands with you, and the world stands with you". On the visit Biden announced an additional half Billion assistance for shells for howitzers, antitank missiles, and air-surveillance radar.**

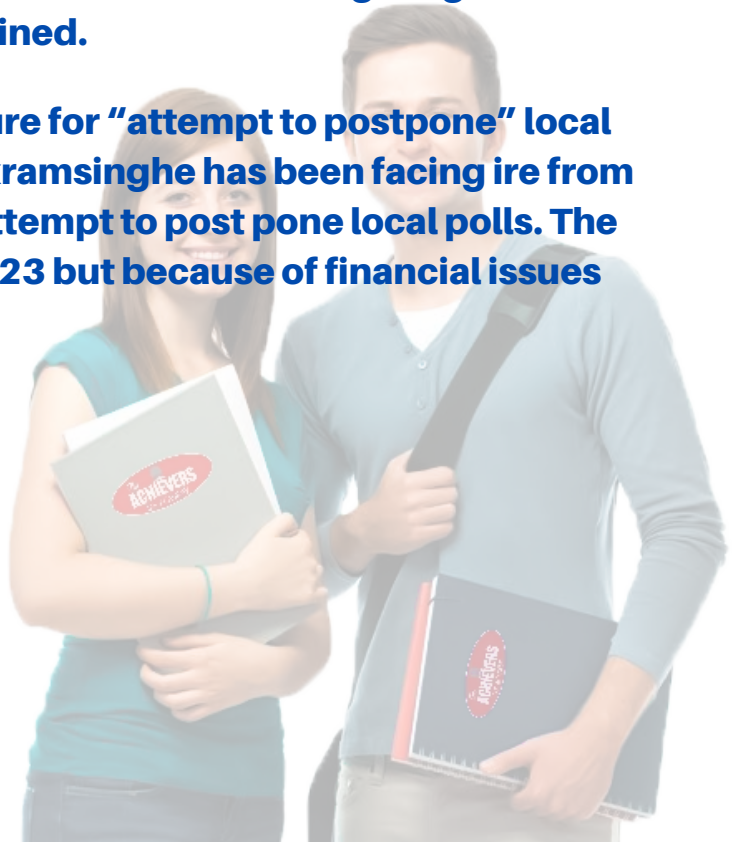
The timing of visit is crucial, as war is expected to intensify with spring coming, Mr. Biden is trying to unify western allies. Ukraine has earlier demanded long range missiles, and fighter jets which U.S. had declined.

- ➡ **Israelis persist with their protests as Netanyahu advances Judicial changes.**

Israel's govt. plan to overhaul country's legal system is being met with mass protest, it is expected that the new Judicial system will be way weaker and Israelis are not happy with this.

- ➡ **Ranil govt. is facing mounting pressure for "attempt to postpone" local polls. Sri Lanka's president Ranil Wickremesinghe has been facing ire from civil society and opposition for his attempt to postpone local polls. The polls are announced from March 9, 2023. But because of financial issues govt. wants to conduct it next year. Earlier demanded long range missiles, and Fighter Jets which U.S. had declined.**

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EDITORIAL 1

REFORM RELUCTANCE

The sense of urgency to fix the GST regimi's flaws seems to have ebbed.

What the editorial is all about

Recently GST council took some major decisions like to establish GST Appellate tribunal and GST changes on some products but there are other "pricky issues which needed to be resolved. The editorial talk about the issues and the decision taken in GST council meet.

What decisions were taken in GST council meet?

GST council reached a broad based consensus to establish GST Tribunal appellate to quickly resolve. Issues on GST. It will help in faster disposal of many cases pending in High courts on GST. The other decision was to reduce GST on pencil sharpner. Lower penal charges for delayed tax payments by smaller taxpayers also got councils consensus. A new system for Gutkha However, GST on gaming and casinos was still stack. The major issue of rationalizing tax slabs still seems to be unresolved. There are still many structural reforms that need to be done. But I elections scheduled in 2023, and after that 2024 General election will be conducted and it seems that only in 2035 a truly good and simple tax system will be there.

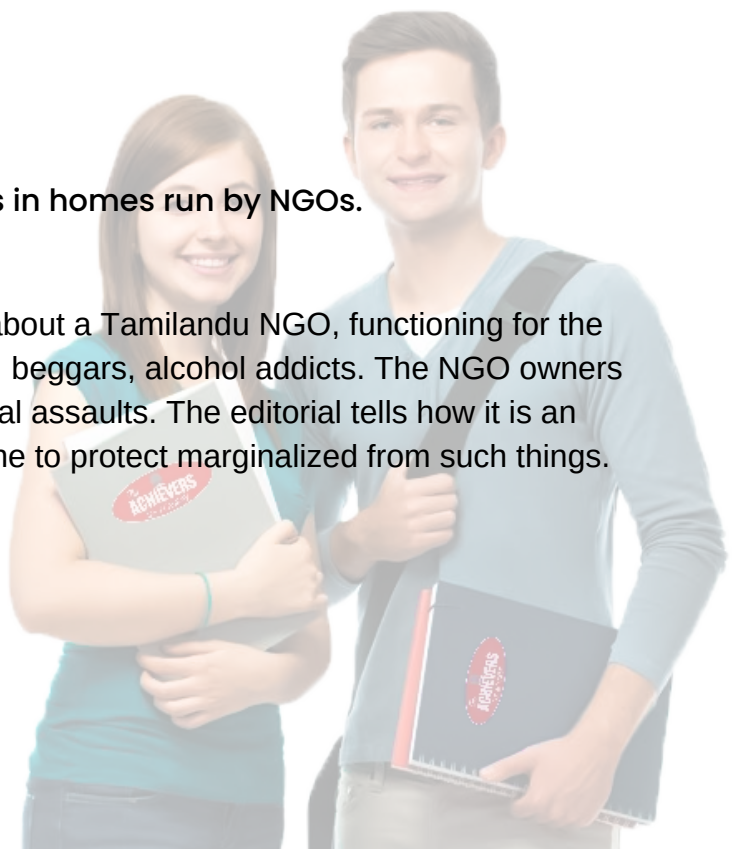
EDITORIAL 2

House of Horrors

Authorities must not Ignore what happens in homes run by NGOs.

What the editorial is all about?

The editorial has been about recent incident about a Tamilandu NGO, functioning for the people on fringes of society, destitute women, beggars, alcohol addicts. The NGO owners exploited their conditions, by torture and sexual assaults. The editorial tells how it is an administrative failure and what need to be done to protect marginalized from such things.



What happened regarding this incident?

142 residents were rescued from Anbu jothi Ashram in Villupuram district of Tamilnadu. Those rescued include destitute women, elderly people beggars, alcohol addicts. The owner of the unlicensed Ashram has been charged of torture, sexual assault bizarre scare tactics, and trafficking by its residents. It came into light when Tamilnadu Police searching for people who were missing.

National commission of women (NCW) has recorded testimony of victims and investigation has been handed over to CB-CID.

The case should never have happened, had safety mechanisms provided by law was enforced. All care homes should be registered and periodic assessment should be carried to check any such events in future also the monitoring agency need to be corruption free.

