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NATIONAL

⇒ **SC say no to sealed cover suggestions in Adani case**

SC has declined Govt suggestion to Take names of members of committee look into Hindenburg Saga in a sealed cover. SC told that it wants Complete transparency and it rejected claim by govt. that then keeping the names of members of committee to public domain may affect stock market.

A seven member committee will be set up, which will be lead by a former sc Judge. The other members will Director of ED (Enforcement directorate) apart from four other members.

⇒ :EC (Election Commission) on Friday decided to "give name "SHIV SENA" and party symbol "Bow and Arrow" to Eknath Shinde faction. EC said that 76% of faction,' votes 'Lie with Eknath Shinde faction, Currently among 57 Shiv Sena MLAs 40 is with knath Shinde faction.

Shiv Sena (2019 elections) → 57 MLAs

→ 19 MPs

Eknath Shinde supporter → 40 MLAs`15 MPs

Uddhay Thakrey supporter → 17 MLAs 4 MPs

Eknath Shinde told it - Victory of democracy and defeat to those who had played with Baba Saheb's ideology. On other Uddhay Thakrey told it as death of Democracy. They have told to move to SC over this.

⇒ **SC rates out voting by nominated members.** In a victory for Aam Admi party, SC has asked L-G of Delhi V.K. Saxena to call a meeting

to choose mayor for Delhi's Municipal corporation. Sc also told that nominated members won't participate in voting. Other members will be chosen when once the chosen Mayor presides over it.

- In recent election for Delhi Municipal corporation (DMC), got majority (134) of 25 seats while BJP got 104. 12 Members were elected by L-G (Lt Governor). Since then 3 meetings have been gathered to choose Mayor but all ended in tussle between Aap and BJP over elected member's being given permission to take oath first and issue whether elected member could vote. Aap Mayor Candidate Shelly oberoi had filed petition in court after that.

⇒ **Several discrepancies found in income tax 'Survey.' on BBC.**

IT (Income Tax) department has found several discrepancies, including funds used but not shown in documents, and inconsistencies regarding transfer pricing documentation.

BBC has said that it will respond to any formal communication by IT.

⇒ **IOC made to sign pact with Adani-Owned port: Congress.**

Congress has alleged that to give profit to Adani ports", IOC has been made to import LPG from Gangavaram port instead of Vishakhapatnam port.

Gangavaram port is being developed Adani ports and has 31% stake in it. The issue arose when TMC's Mahua Moitra told that Adani port had got IOC contract without participating in bidding, and there was quid pro quo between govt and Adani.

IOC however declined all these charges and on Thursday had told that the move is because of previous agreement signed b/w two parties and no illegality had taken place.

Ganga varam port is 10 km from Vishakhapattanam And 31% stakes of this port is with Adani ports.

⇒ **War to target India., says "Irani reacting to Soros's remark on Adani remark.**

George Soros - Is a Hungarian – America business man. As on March 2021, his net worth is \$8.6 billion, having donated \$32 billion to the open. Society Foundation.

Open society foundation – supports civil society groups across the world with stated aim to build vibrant and inclusive democracies.

⇒ What George Soros said about India and PM Modi.

He said “Modi and Adani are allies, and her fate is intertwined”. About decline in Adani shares he said that “I expect a democratic revival in India”. Replying these remarks from BJP Smriti Irani told that soroj an “economic offender” and “his trying to break India’s, democracy” She added that any attempt to “break” democracy in India will be met with might. With India under PM Modi.

⇒ Over 1000 Pangolins poached and trafficked in India in past five years. Two species of Pangolin – Indian Pangolin and Chinese pangolin is found India.

⇒ **MHA designates two outfits as terrorist organisations.**

Ministry of Home Affairs has designated two organisations KTF (**Khalistani Tiger Force**) and Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (**JKGF**) as terrorist groups. and VAPA act, 1967

KGF - Came into existence in 2011, with purpose to revive militancy in Punjab

JKGF - Surfaced in 2010. It was involved in infiltration, terror attack in J&K and Narcotics and weapon smuggling.

WORLD

⇒ Zelensky, seeks speedy supply of arms from allies.

On the opening of 3 - day gathering for Munich Security Conference, in Munich (Germany) Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky waded world leaders to speed up delivery of crucial weapons to Ukraine- Linking via video conferencing he said “we need speed - speed of our agreements, speed of our delivery speed of decision to limit Russian potential.”.

He insisted that there is "no alternative" to Ukraine triumphing the battle and "no alternative" to Ukraine joining EU and NATO. World leaders from France, Germany, US Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi and NATO president Jens Stoltenberg are among leaders who will participate in it.

Munich Security Conference (MSC) → It is an annual conference on international security held in Munich (Germany). It is the world's largest gathering of its kind.

⇒ Suicide strike on key police office in Pak, leaves 7 dead.

3 militants launched a deadly suicide attack in Police headquarter in Pakistan's One suicide bomber blew himself up and other two others was killed in ambush with security forces. 7 has died including 3 terrorist, 18 Police personal has wounded. Tahreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has taken the responsibility.

⇒ China top tech dealmaker goes missing amid graft aid One of the china's most influential banker and founder of investment bank CHINA RENAISSANCE has gone missing. It was confirmed by the company. Chinese officials are thought to be behind his disappearance. China has been cracking down on some top businessman in recent years.

⇒ Teen, two men rescued in Turkey after 11 days.

Turkish rescuers pulled 14-year old boy and two men 11 days after earthquake The quake has killed more than 41,000.0 in Turkey and Syria

⇒ UAE's new inter faith centre to host country's first Synagogue.

UAE has opened a centre housing a mosque, church, and the country's first Synagogue with aim to promote a interfaith coexistence in the muslim nation.

The oil rich has normalised its relation with Israel and this is a sign. Israel is home of Jewish community. SYNAGOGUE - place where Jew worship

Editorial-1

GOING OFF-COURSE

The centre's suggestions on change in MGNREGS seem misguided.

⇒ **What the editorial is all about?**

The editorial talks about importance of MGNREGS and its treatment by Govt; such as reducing funds, delay in payment of wages etc. It talks why there is need for Govt. to change its approach towards it.

⇒ **What I's MGNREGS ? How it has helped alleviation of penury?**

MGNREGS → Mahatma Gandhi National Rural employment Guarantee Scheme is demand driven employment Guarantee scheme. In which 100 days of employment minimum is given by government to one member of a family.

The scheme is demand driven means if one goes to govt. in rural areas and demands work under MGNREGS, govt will fulfil that. The work under MGNREGS generally are building roads, bounds, drainage etc under rural area.

Reports say that MGNREGS have helped a lot in welfare of rural people. In off season when there is no work in fields is going on it has helped rural people in becoming financially more stable. Even during pandemic proved to be important for migrant workers.

⇒ **What is current govt's approach towards MGNREGS.**

Current govt doesn't look optimistic about MGNREGS. It has reduced funding to about 33%. in Budget 2023. There has issues of delay in payment for MGNREG workers in recent times Govt. has also changed payment method from "account method" and Aadhaar Method" both to "Aadhaar Method" only. This further excluded many who were looking to work under MGNREGS. Govt's claim was it will reduce corruption. But reports show that it has not been able to do so. The recent statement by Rural Development minister that states should bear 40% of MGNREGS Funding, shows that how govt. is slowly trying to get away from MGNREGS. Currently 100%. of funding of

MGNREGS ComeD from central government. The move to fund it by states will worsen its situation to

⇒ **What is way to forward ?**

Govt must change its approach towards MGNREGS by recognising its potential in catering to the poor's right to work.

Editorial-2

Executive Fiat

Parliament should remain a forum of free debate and discussion.

⇒ **What the editorial talks about ?**

Editorial refers to recent incident when Lok Sabha "expunged" part of his speech in Lok sabha against Pm Modi on Adami issue. The editorial says that there was nothing wrong about Rahul Gandhi asking questions. Further accuse on Rahul Gandhi that he faulted Parliamentary. Priveleges. These developments are taking parliament to a low. And it should be stopped.

⇒ **What the issue was was ?**

On February 7 during his Lok Sabha speech Rahul Gandhi made comments. About PM Modi and Adani relations. Some Union minister found found there derogatory. and complained. After this a part of his speech was removed from records.

Rahul Gandhi was charged with breach of privelege and he was sent notice to give his replay. In a reply sent to Parliament Rahul Gandhi has stood by his statement.

⇒ **What-is is editorial's view on this?**

Rahul Gandhi was under right to question Party in power. Also govt. shoud have answered about its relation with Adani. Mr. Modi told that 140 crore people had-blesed him, but he should answer the charges as he is accountable to people. There types of incidents has only lowered down presence of members in state assemblies. There will only bellittle parliamentary authority