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➡ **Select central staff can opt for old pension scheme:**

Government has allowed one time option to for jobs those who applied advertised before. Dec 22, 2003 (the day National Pension Scheme was notified), but Joined services in 2004, when NPS come into effect.

The order will be applicable to Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) forces personnel, Employees have time till August 31 to opt for the OPS.

BJP led Central govt. and states where. BJP is in power has opted for NPS. However, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh, have announced that they would restore the OPS.

Old Pension Scheme

- The scheme guarantees a life-long incomes part retirement
- Govt bears the expenditure of pension
- Under the scheme, a monthly payment is assured, where the amount is equivalent to 50% of the last drawn salary.

New Pension Scheme

- It is participatory scheme where employees contribute to their pension corpus from their salaries, with matching contribution from the govt.
- The funds are invested in earmarked investment schemes through pension fund managers.
- On retirement 60% of the corpus which is tax free is withdrawn which the remaining 40% is invested in annuities which is taxed

➡ **As rumours set off Panic, T.N. govt. seeks to pacify migrants.**

After rumours of attack Bihari labourers spread on Social Media. Tamilnadu govt has stopped in giving assurance of their safety. The district administration in Coimbatore and Tiruppur where large no of migrant workers are employed, issued appeals in Hindi urging workers not to panic.

Helplines set up :- District collectors and Industrial Unions have. set up helpline no: for workers to seek aid some workers wanted to leave for their hometowns after ramous spread.

➡ **Sangma to form Govt in Meghalaya; Rio will lead Nagaland with BJP help.**

Meghalaya

NPP - 26, UDP - II, INC - 5, BJP - 2, TMC - 5 others - 10

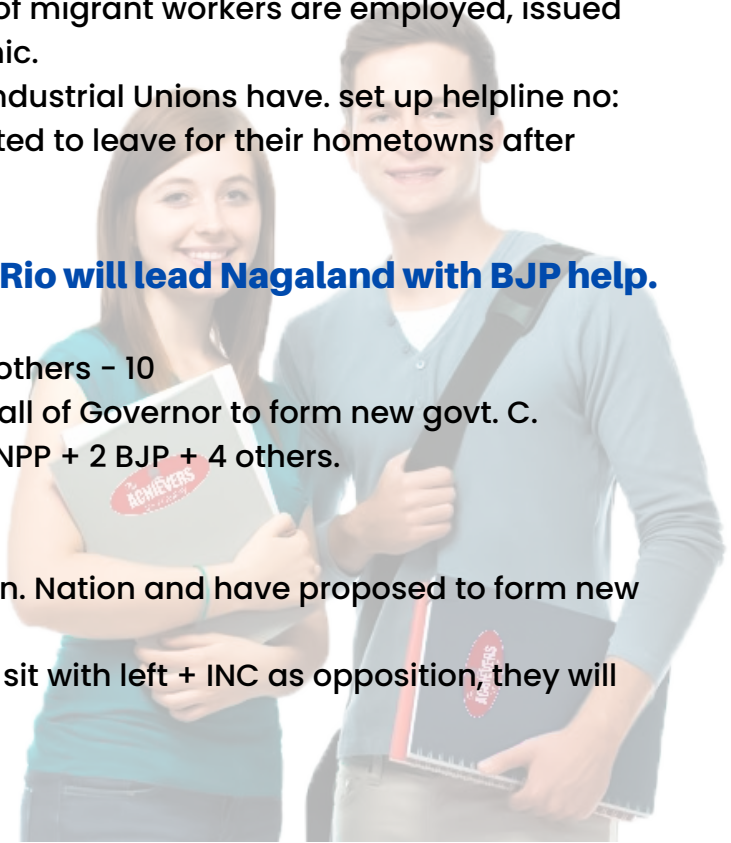
NPP head **Conard Sangma** has got the call of Governor to form new govt. C. sangama Showed support of 32 MLAs, 26 NPP + 2 BJP + 4 others.

Tripura

BJP - 33, Left + INC - 14, TIPRA - 13

C.M **Manik Saha** has submitted resignation. Nation and have proposed to form new govt.

TIPRA however have told that they will not sit with left + INC as opposition, they will have their own path as opposition



Nagaland

NDPP+ BJP – 37, NPP – 5, NPF – 2 others – 16 NDDP chief and CM Neimphu Raio has submitted his majority to form new government.

➡ **Border issue should be kept in proper place; says china.**

Beijing has said that the border issues should be kept at its proper place and should not let other things on which India and China can come together rain it. China's foreign minister ain Gang in talks with S. Jaishankar called on India to look relations as in the context of once in a century changes in the world". He said " As a neighbouring countries India and China have for more common interests than differences" Mr. Jaishankar on the other hand in a press conference, he said that he dis "abnormal", he said that he discussed problem at LAC with quin Gang.

➡ **Foreign Ministers of Quad countries take aim at Russia, China. IN Quad Foreign Ministers Meeting in New Delhi,**

India Joined other Quad members in calling for as "Just and Casting peace in Ukraine", and respect for rules based order in the South and East China seas. This is the first time Quad has mentioned about Ukraine crisis earier QUAD meetings the joint statement mainly used to criticise china for its role in south china sea the QUAD FMM was heded by S. Jaishanar in New Delhi

➡ **The world bank is lending up to 1 billion USD to held India with preparedness for future pandemics as well as health infrastructure prepared**

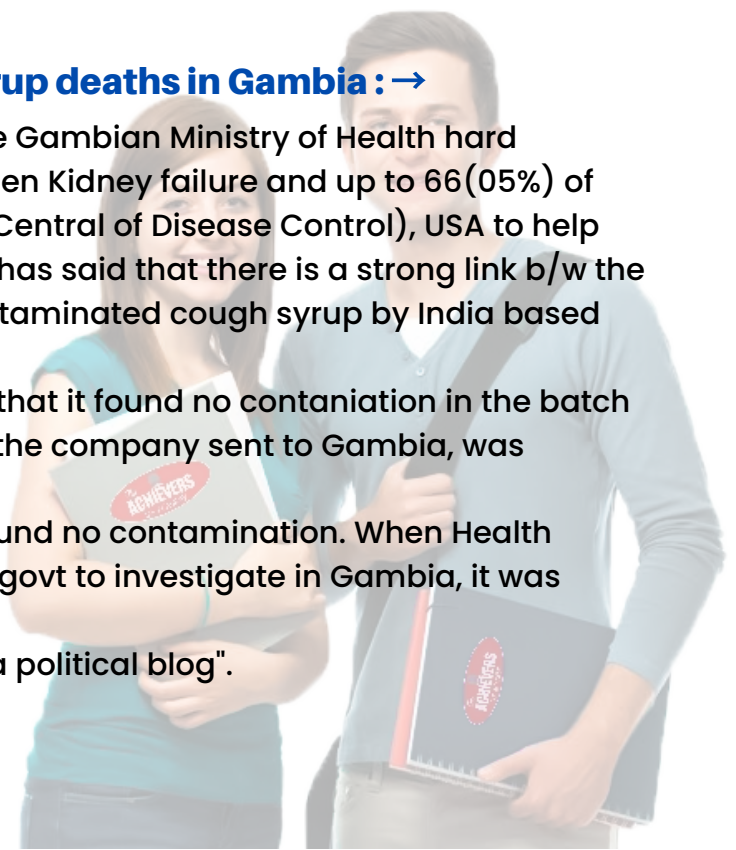
➡ **U.S. blames Indian firm for cough syrup deaths in Gambia : →**

Between July and September last year, the Gambian Ministry of Health hard identified that 78 children developed sudden Kidney failure and up to 66(05%) of them died. Gambia had requested CDC (Central of Disease Control), USA to help investigate the situation. CDC in its report has said that there is a strong link b/w the deaths and Consumption of allegedly contaminated cough syrup by India based Maiden Pharmaceuticals.

The Indian govt, however has maintained that it found no contaniation in the batch of medicine it collected from the batch of the company sent to Gambia, was investigated

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Health official have said the report to be "a political blog".



➡ **India has scores 74.4 in World Bank index on working Women.**

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The Index measures equal standing of men and women. A score 100 means women are on equal standing as men

Only 14 countries have scored 100 Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Letavia, Luxemburg, The Netherland Portugal, Spain, Sweeden, Among south Asian countries Nepal (80.6) has scored highest. The report covered 190 economies. The ang score for south Asian Region was 637

➡ **Better infra has but remote villages on tourist map : MODI.**

Addressing post – budget webinar on the subject “Developing tourism in mission mode”. PM Modi told that India's tourism sector can grow manifold with increase are in civic amenities, good digital connectivity, good hotels and hospitals and excellent infrastructure. Giving examples of Kashi vishwanath where 80 lakh visited per year before rebuilding, after rebuilding it crossed 7 crores.

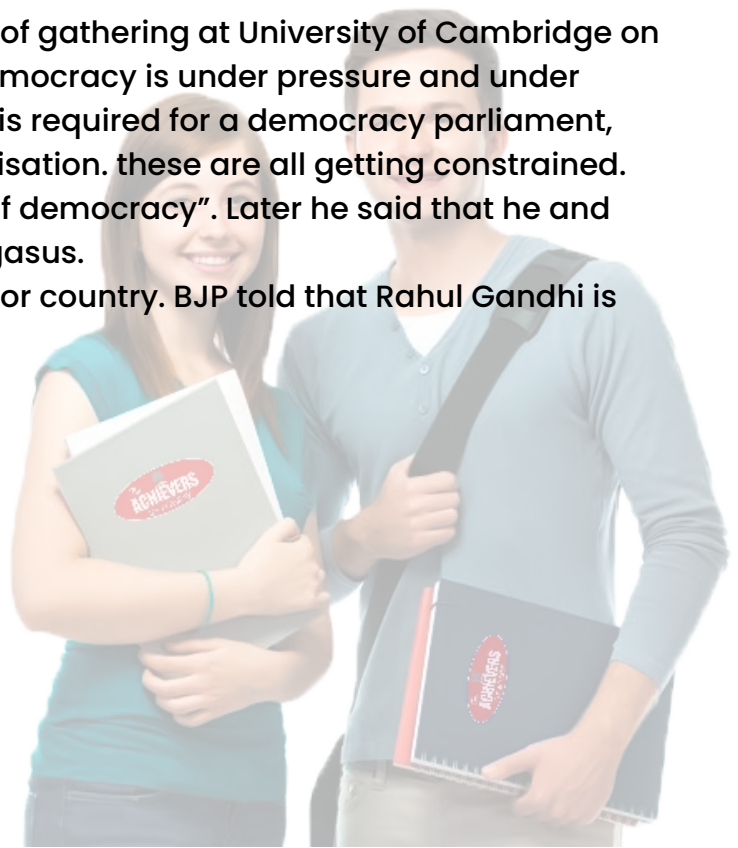
➡ **French Minister inaugurates artist residency network..**

French govt. inaugurated Villa Swagatam a cultural residency for artists from India and France in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna.

➡ **Democracy is under attack, oppn,**

leaders being spied on: Rahul Addressing of gathering at University of Cambridge on February 28. Rahul Gandhi said "Indian Democracy is under pressure and under attack. The institutional framework which is required for a democracy parliament, free press, the Judiciary, the idea of mobilisation. these are all getting constrained. We are facing-attack on basic structure of democracy". Later he said that he and many other leaders were snooped by Pegasus.

BJP has told these remarks as maligning for country. BJP told that Rahul Gandhi is maligning India on Foreign soil.



THE HINDU 04-03-23 WORLD**➡ Russia is trying to be helpful to bring India & China closer: Lavrov.**

Russia is interested in ensuring friendship relationship b/w India & and Moscow is trying to be "helpful" in this regard, said Russia FM sergei Lavrov on Thursday responding to a question in Raisina Dialogue. "we never make friends against somebody we have excellent relations with India and excellent relation with china. The Indo- Russia relation is characterised in official document signed by two leaders as specially privileged strategic partnership Further he said We are interested in these two great nations and to be friends and we are trying to be helpful".

➡ Don't withhold poll funds Lanka SC tells authorities.

SC (Supreme Court) of Srilanka of Friday issued an interim order restraining authorities to withholding the funds allocated for local govt. elections which was scheduled on 9th March, but postponed. Election Commission of Srilanka has said that it will release a new date for elections after this Judgement. Earlier govt. in Srilanka had postponed election citing lack of funds. This had led wide protest in country.

➡ Nobel peace Prize winner Bialitski Jailed for 10 years.

A court in Belarus on Friday sentenced Nobel Peace prize winner and human right activist Alex Bialitski to 10 years in prison for financing war. The decision may lead some major decision over Ukraine. US and Germany are two largest backers of Ukraine.

➡ WHO urges Countries to come clean on COVID origins informations after China's denial

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