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### **NATIONAL**

- ⇒ Neither side backing down, Parliament logjam runs on.  
Parliament could function for only 5 minutes 45 seconds both houses put together, as both position and ruling BJP stuck on their demands. BJP is demanding apology from Rahul Gandhi in parliament over his remarks in London, where he told that India's democracy has ended, west should interfere regarding this.  
Opposition parties kept on JPC demand in Adani case.  
Rahul Gandhi in a press conference told that he will respond to BJP in house only if he is allowed to speak. BJP has warned that if Rahul Gandhi doesn't reply they will start a campaign.
- ⇒ 13 opposition parties urge EC to conduct J & K election  
13 political parties leaders including INC, CPI(M), NCP, PDP, National conference etc. signed a Memorandum asking election commission to conduct election in J & K election was held in 2014 last time.
- ⇒ CBI books Sisodia in "political snooping" case.  
CBI has registered a case against former Delhi Dy CM Manish Sisodia about forming a "feedback unit" in 2015. The mandate of the unit was to collect "relevant information and actionable feedback regarding the working of various department, autonomous bodies, institutions, entities etc, in the Jurisdiction of the Delhi Govt and to conduct trap cases. Formation of this cost 36 govt's exchequer.  
BJP has been alleging that it was formed to blackmail media, Judiciary big corporates and to eliminate its opponents BJP welcomed the moves, and has demanded "masterminds" kejriwal's arrest.  
Manish Sisodia is in Jail CBI and ED both have filed cases against him in Delhi excise policy case.
- ⇒ SC reserves Judgment on Maharashtra political row.  
Justice P.S. Marsimha of the 5 Judge Bench observed that there is no freedom in regional parties, many of it is run by same family. In such cases only the top leader is tree, in this case Uddhav Thackrey. He was replying to the charge that nothing happened for several months and suddenly many Shiv Sena MLA moved with eknath shinde.

It also deliberated on whether Governor can call for trust vote on being approached by a group of MLAs who have left the party.

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- ⇒ Defence acquisition proposals value at 70,500 cr. cleared.
- ⇒ Defence acquisition council (DAC), chaired by defence Minister Rajnath Singh on thusday cleared Acceptance of necessity (AON) for capital acquisition proposal estimated at 70,500 cr.

AON has been accorded for capital acquisition under “Buy Indian – IDDM” (indigenously Designed, Developed, Manufactured) Indian Navy has go 56,000 crore in it. It includes Brahmos Missile, Shakti Radars, it will also include medium-speed marine diesel engine which India is going to develop and manufacture 1<sup>st</sup> time, a step towards self-reliance.

- ⇒ India welcomes confirmation of Eric Gracetti as US Ambassador. US Senate cleared his name on Thursday. MEA has welcomed this move.
- ⇒ NIOT to set up green self powered desalination plant in Lakshdweep. In an initiative to provide Lakshdweep portable water without emission NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology), Chennai is working towards it.

Currently there are five desalination plants in Lakshdweep. It provides 1,00,000 tonnes of portable water every day by desalinizing ocean water however this facility is run on diesel engines. And diesel has to be transported to Lakshdweep for this. Also it is not environmentally sustainable, as diesel engines create pollution.

NIOT is developing low temperature thermal Desalination (LTTD). Technology in this temperature difference b/w Ocean surface and at a depth of ocean will be used to generate power to run desalination plants.

The whole process is sustainable currently there are 5 desalination plants 4 more with LTTD will be installed.

- ⇒ SC reserves Judgment on 2017 verdict on designation of lawyer. Earlier the term “senior” used to be given by high courts by a process of secret voting by full court. In 2017 SC had told this “arbitrary and discriminatory”. It later had given guidelines regarding this. Senior advocate Indira Jaisingh had contested that government had no role in designating a lawyer as “senior”.

- ⇒ EC proposal to allow e-postal ballot for overseas voters under review: law minister.

The law minister told that is in talks with MEA to “iron out” logistical challenges arising through this.

- ⇒ Two pilots killed in Army copter crash in Arunachal Pradesh.

It was cheetah helicopter the ageing fleet of cheetah and chetak helicopters are in urgent need of replacement.

⇒ Assam budget promises bounty to tea workers ahead of LS election.

- Compensation to women pregnant workers in tea garden raised from 12,000 to 15,000.
- Tea garden and Adivasi community will be recognized as a separate sub-category within OBC. 3% Reservation in govt. jobs

⇒ Wait continues in T.N. for center's pennaiyar tribunal.

Tamilnadu and Karnataka are in conflict over building check dams after pennaiyar river. Pennaiyar tribunal was formed to resolve this.

## WORLD

⇒ Court upholds non-bailable warrants against Imran Khan.

A district court Judge of Pakistan on Thursday dismissed Imran Khan's plea to suspend non-bailable warrant against him in the Toshakhana case. The court told police to bring him to court by March 18.

Toshakhana Case – Pakistan former PM Imran Khan bought gifts, expensive watches from state depository and sold them for profit.

Earlier Imran Khan's supporter had shielded his arrest from Zaman park residence. In the shelling b/w supporters and police 70 supporters and 59 policemen got injured following this Lahore high court had ordered not to arrest him till Friday (17<sup>th</sup> Feb).

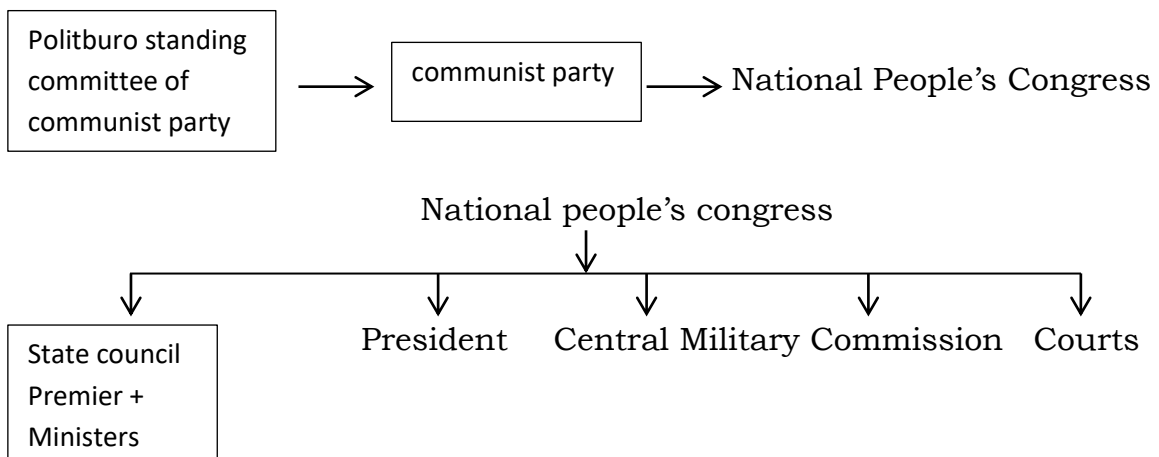
⇒ China's communist party takes control in overhad of government.

A plan to reform govt institutions was released on Thursday. It has given communist party and its leader Xi Jinping even more direct control over policy making, from furnace and Hong Kong to science and Technology.

The reforms will further move decision making out of state council, which is headed by Premier. The power to make policy now will rest on newly set up committees under the CPU central committees.

It will leave premier heading body which executes policy.

Structure of Political power in china.



Policy making at many levels was done by state council, but it has been shifted to a communist party committee headed by president.

- ⇒ U.S. releases video of alleged collision of drone and Russian jets. U.S. has released 42 second video about the collision of Su-27 and American drone. The video shows Su-27 moving toward drone and hitting it. Meanwhile U.S. defence secretary Lloyd Austin called on his Russian Counterpart Sergeir Sonigm.
- ⇒ Macron's govt rams through pension reform without vote. French president emanual Macron's govt. passed a pension reform through parliament without a vote on Thursday. The legislation is to raise the retirement age from 62 years to 64 years. Many analysts and trade unions earlier had protested this bill.
- ⇒ Overcoming a century of difficult ties, Japan South Korea renew ties at Tokyo summit. Japan and south Korea has agreed to resume regular visit of their leaders and take steps to resolve a trade dispute during a highly anticipated summit in Tokyo on Thursday, in what PM said a "big step" to rebuild the two nations. The two U.S. allies has been at odds due to their history. Japan ruled over korea for about 3 decades before end of 2<sup>nd</sup> world war (1945). In this period Japanese forces performed excess like killing people rape etc.
- ⇒ Israelis step up protests after PM rejects compromise on reforms. Israelis are protesting against government plan to overhaul Judiciary.
- ⇒ U.K. bans Tik-Tok on government phones over security grounds.
- ⇒ China calls for calm, seeks peace talks b/w Russia and Ukraine. Chinese foreign minister Qquin Gang talked to his Ukrainian counterpart on phone "china hopes that all parties will remain calam and resume peace talk as soon as passible".
- ⇒ Poland to be first NATO member to give Mig-29 fighter jets to Ukraine. First 4 will be supplied within few days next week.
- ⇒ Credit Suisse's 54 bn lifeline goves global banks tentative relief credit Suisse – Switzerland based investment Bank. It is 2<sup>nd</sup> largest bank in Switzerland the bank currently is facing liquidity crisis and there is fear of getting it worse. On thrsday credit Suisse borrowed 54 billion from Switzerland and central bank as emergency lifeline. After 2008 financial crisis, credit Suisse is the first major bank to take help of emergency lifeline. After fall of slican valley bank (SVB), banking sector is tacing down fall in its shares.

## **EDITORIAL-1**

### **Dangerous Moves**

The US should find stability in ties with Russia to help and the Ukraine war.

⇒ What the editorial is all about?

The editorial is about recent incident in which Russia's Su-27 intercepted US surveillance drone MQ-9 Reaper near Crimea in Black sea. It further talks about recent deterioration of treaties like New START. It tells how US and Russia by improving their relationship can end Ukraine war.

⇒ What is the recent incident in Black sea. Russia Su-27 fighter jet intercepted US surveillance drone MQ-9 Reaper near Crimean Peninsula in Black Sea. The drone fell in Black Sea after that the two sides have conflicting narrative about the incident.

The Pentagon says that the incident occurred in international water. While Russia has told that the incident occurred after US drone violated "Temporary airspace" of the Crimean peninsula. Temporary airspace – the space declared by Russia to be used in Ukraine war. The incident occurred on March 14.

⇒ What mechanism is in place to avoid such incidences?

Russia and USA has deconfliction Hotline to avoid such incidences.

For e.g. Few days ago president Joe Biden visited Kyiv. USA might have informed Russia through this hotline that Joe Biden will be visiting here and only after that Russia had stopped shelling in Kyiv for the period Joe Biden was there.

⇒ What role US is playing in Ukraine war?

US has provided over 30 billion assistance in military assistance and had imposed tough sanctions on Russia. Russia withdrew itself from New START treaty. Russia has repeatedly claimed that the whole west is behind it in Ukraine war and Russia is fighting for its existence.

⇒ What does current incident mean and what is way ahead?

Though both nations showed maturity in handling it. Any miscalculations could have proved to be disastrous. Deterioration of Bilateral ties b/w the two countries is a bigger challenge. US has been against Russia even after end of cold war. If the two nations are able to address problem two nations are able to address problem relating to their bilateral ties. It will help in ending Ukraine war.

## **EDITORIAL-2**

### **Testing Time**

- ⇒ February's sharp foreign trade drop requires nuanced policy attention
- ⇒ What the editorial is all about?

In February India's exports dropped heavily 8.8%. the decline is steep; the editorial analyzes factors which led to decline in exports, such as bank falling in U.S, fluctuating oil prices etc. it further suggests what India can do to boost exports

- ⇒ What are the figures of export?

YoY decline in February 2023 exports 8.8%



Export Feb 2022 – Export Feb 2023 – 8.8%

Oil product exports – 29%

Chemical exports – 12%

Engineering goods exports – 10%

13 out of 20 major export items saw decline in exports on YoY basis. The figures of exports were not good in 2022 because of Ukraine crisis and inflation around the world.

- ⇒ Recent development that affected exports?

U.S. is India's largest export destination fall of two US banks. And another European banker credit Suisse showing vulnerability, has led to suspicion. Resulting in fall of Indian exports.

- ⇒ What government is doing regarding this?

Govt. is looking to curb inessential imports to manage deficit. Even offer that trade deficit was 29.2 in last September govt need to make policy to tap new market to boost export.