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NATIONAL

⇒ Kishida calls for unified stand on global order

Japanese PM Fumio Kishida on Monday reached New Delhi. He held bilateral talks with PM Modi where Ukraine Crisis, G-7, G-20 and Co-operation b/w two nations was in focus. Later the two leaders visited Buddha Jayanti park in New Delhi- In evening PM kishida delivered lecture in SARRU HOUSE LECTURE organised by Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).

Bilateral talk with PM Modi –

PM Modi was invited to G-7 2023 to be held in September 2023 in Hiroshima (Japan). India is a special invitee. The other special invitees for G-7 this year is Brazil, Indonesia, Australia, South Korea, Vietnam, the Cook Islands and comoros. Japan is a Special strategic and Global partner to India. Both leaders talked for international order based on rule and law. PM kishida criticized Russia in Ukraine war, he hailed PM Modi for his message that "This era is not for war". Japanese PM launched "New plan for a free and open Indo Pacific (FOIP) In the evening the two leaders visited Buddha Jayanti Park. Documents regarding Bullet Train Funding, were also exchanged.

G-7 - US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada

Buddha Jayanti Park → Ashoka had sent her daughter Sanghmitra to propagate Buddhism in Srilanka. Sanghmitra had took a sapling of Bodhi tree, which was planted in Srilanka. Saplings had later been brought from Srilanka to India and planted. Now Buddha Jayanti park.

⇒ Consulate vandalised in San Francisco; India lodges a strong protest on Monday with US. Over vandalism of Indian consulate in San Francisco by Pro Khalistan elements. MEA summoned Chargé d'Affaires Elizabeth Jones and reminded the U.S. of the "basic obligation protect India's diplomatic missions on its territory.

There were also reports that Indian high commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma, had to Cancel an event after 'sword wielding elements

gathered at the Venue demanding and to police action against Amritpal Singh in Punjab. Earlier India had registered its concern when Indian flag was taken down in London embassy. Later a larger Indian flag was put on India's embassy. UK has arrested one person in this regard.

⇒ Severity of COVID variant XBB1.16 is not alarming. Recently India registered increase in active cases in Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat. The new cases have been from new mutated variant of Covid XBB1.16. The new variant currently shows no "alarming severity". People in the which new reports are coming have been asked to mask up. Centre has advised to test, track and treat strategy to the affected state;

⇒ India seeks increased security for High commission in London.

⇒ Police to probe ISI angle in Amritpal case; NSA invoked against 5 accused'.

All mobile internet services, SMS services, and dongle services provided on mobile networks, except voice calls was extended till Tuesday noon to prevent any attempt to prevent any attempt to incitement of violence.

Amritpal Singh has still not been nabbed

⇒ Govt. should stop arresting "innocent sikh youth" : SGPC

SGPC (Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee) on Monday asked the Punjab Police to stop arresting "innocent" sikh youths. Punjab police has arrested 112 persons in link with Amritpal Singh. SGPC is responsible for managing & Gurudwara in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh

⇒ SAD leaders attack AAP govt demand fresh polls in Punjab.

SAD (Shiromani Akali Dal) leader Sukhbir Singh Badal has attacked AAP govt for emergency like situation in Punjab. It has criticised police of arresting youths and has demanded immediate release of these.

SAD → Earlier with in NDA alliance with BJP, but during kisan protest it had parted from BJP.

⇒ No MGNREGS funds for Bengal for next year too.

The Centre in December 2021, had stopped MGNREGS funding to W. Bengal it was based on ground surveys which had shown violation of rules, large scale corruption as the main reason. Section 27 of MGNREGA allows for stoppage of funds for violation of rules in implementation of the scheme by the state.

No reason has been. Given till now, about stopping funds in 2023-24.

⇒ Scholars experts from SCO countries discuss ways to revive Buddhist culture.

In first of its kind India hosted last week a conference on "shred Buddhist heritage" under SCO. It saw participation of Buddhist from

all SCO Country and Baharin, UAE, Myanmar. Two days Conference from 14th and 15th March was organized by Ministry of culture. In next few months India will also host World Buddhist conference.

- ⇒ SC directs govt to clear 28,000 crore OROP arrears by February next year.
- ⇒ Parliament stays stalled over Rahul remcrlus JPC demand. Both houses remained paralysed over BJP demanding apology from Rahul Gandhi and opposition demanding JPC probe
- ⇒ SC clubs FIRs against Khera, Protection from arrest extended. Interim bail has been extended till April 10.
- ⇒ Farmers remind centre of anfull filled promises, seek MSP guarantee for crops. Thousands of farmers assembled by Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM). They submitted their two demands to govt. one (1) Minimum support price full all crops (2) Immediate waiver of all loans of all farmers. other than. reduction in input priar
- ⇒ BJP malling proposal from Maharashtra unit to advance Assembly election schedule,

WORLD

- ⇒ Xi in Moscow for talks with Putin in ties, Ukraine conflict. Chinese President landed in Moscow Monday on his landmark visit to Russia. "I am confident the visit will be fruitful and give new momentum to the healthy. And stable development of Chinese Russian relations." Xi Jinping was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying shortly after landing.
"in a world of volatility and transformation China will continue to work with Russia to safeguard the international system with the UN at its core, he said.
The two leaders will discus China's 12 point position paper on Ukraine conflict.
- ⇒ There is no such thing as a Palestinian nation, history language Israel Minister AS Israeli and Palestinians are holding talks in EGYPT to reduce tension in West Bank. Israeli finance Minister delivered a speech in Paris saying that notion of Palestinian People was artificial
"There is no such thing as a Palestinian nation. There is no palestiantaion History. There is no Palestinian language", The statement has brought criticism from Palestinian authorities.
- ⇒ Civil Society groups call for mediation b/w Khan and Sharif government A Collective civil society organisation of Pakistan has offered to meditate b/w Shahbaz Sharif govt. and Imran khan led (IPTI). Over a hundred. NGOs including trade which and women right advocates have appealed to govt in this regarel. a/c it the current

elback of law and order is causing extreme economic woes, it has created fear and existential crisis among people.

The group said, "therefore with all sincerity and a non-partisan approach, we call upon all political parties, parliamentary . particular to bring down the current intolerant and confrontational rhetoric and sit together to sort out their political differences on the holding of elections in greater interests of the nation, the supremacy of the constitution and a mutually agreed peaceful democratic transition"

- ⇒ Nepal PM Prachanda wins 2nd vote of confidence within 3 months. He got 172 votes in 275 member house
- ⇒ Taliban Chief issues decree against Nepotism Supreme leader of Taliban has issued a degree barring. Taliban Administration from hiring relatives in govt. position
- ⇒ EU to chalk €2-bn ammunition plan to kyiv
- ⇒ Russia opens criminal probe into ICC after arrest warrant on Putin. Case has been filed in Russia. On Criminal Judge Karim Khan and several other Judges against "unlawfull arrest warrant against President Putin.
- ⇒ Yemen group agree to prisoner swap as peace efforts accelerate. Yemen's Houthi rebels (Supported by Iran) and Internationally recognized govt (supported by Saudi Arabia) has agreed to swap 880 Pow. The conflict has decelerated after Peace agreement b/w Iran and Saudi Arabia

EDITORIAL-1

CEREAL SOLUTION

Dietary shifts are slow processes, and India must let all grains grow.

- ⇒ What that the editorial is all about?
Millets is being pushed heavily by Indian govt. because of its health benefits and benefit regarding climate change etc. that editorial says that despite it govt should led other grains such as rice, whet, maize grow.
- ⇒ What steps govt has taken regarding millets.
2023 has been marked as International Year of Millet by UN. In Budget 2023-24 Millet was named "Shree Anna" by FM Nirmala Sitharaman adding that Indian Institute of Millet Research in Hyderabad would be supported as centre of excellence. In recently held Millet Conference in Delhi' PM MODI called milletses, "doors to prosperity" for India's marginal farmers, the "Cornerstone of nutrition", and a potential ally of climate change".

Q. what are advantages of millets ?

Millets are high in nutritional fibre, it consumes less water, is pest resistant and thus overall good for climate. Also can be grown in arid land. India produces 41% of global millet production.

⇒ India's history of millets

Millets such as sorghum, bajra and Ragi have been widely used by Indians in past. This is the reason India is largest millet producer today.

⇒ What is global grain production situation. And what place millets can have over it?

Rice, wheat, Maize together makes 90% of global production of grains. In 1960, the reason India shifted to wheat and rice is HYV (high yielding variety) developed by Indian researchers. It gave food security to India by increasing production 2-3 times though HYV of jowar, Bajra is available but to overpower Rice and wheat, there should be still rise in production rate of Millets. Also dietary shift is a slow process marginal for farmers can suffer from sudden shift to millets. India should let all grains grow and make millets accessible to all consumers. This should be the way about

EDITORIAL-2

Reverse The Hostility

Kerala Assembly events could have been avoided with non-Partisan speaker.

⇒ What the editorial is all about?

The editorial is about recent protest by opposition members in Kerala assembly against speaker alleging not allowed to speak. The editorial says that it is speaker who has to be blamed in this regard. And opposition's charges are valid.

⇒ What happened in Kerala assembly?

Kerala speaker assembly has repeatedly denied opposition's demand to have discussion on Rule 50 notices. Rule 50 motion generally is brought to discuss current issues; that is of importance. The other charge of opposition is that they are not shown on assembly TV channel. Their statement expunged

⇒ What recent issues oppositions wanted to raise.

The issue is Brahmapuram fire incident, that has raised environmental concerns.

⇒ What is the way ahead?

It is speaker's responsibility to give time and coverage to opposition members. The speaker need to talk to apposition members listen their news and fried to address that.

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