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2023 CURRENT AFFAIRS

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SC says critical views on govt policies not anti-establishment

“Court Lifts telecast ban on Malayalam channel ‘Media one’ ,which according to the centre, had links with banned terror groups. The court told “govt’s claim of Malayalam Media One channel link with terror out fit as "fallacions".

“The critical views about govt. policies can not be termed anti-establishment.

The use of such terminology betrays an expectation that the press must support the establishment -- An independent press is vital for robust functioning of democratic rpublic. The press has a duty to speak truth to power and present citizen with hard facts ----- A homogenised views an issues that range from socio- economic polity to political ideologies will present grave dangers to democracy." A bench lead by CJI Chandrachud and Justice Hima Kohli observed".

The court ordered govt to renew telecast orders in 4 weeks. The Court also rapped up govt. over presenting "Confidential matter in a sealed cover more frequently.

The SC then evolved Public Interest Immunity (PII) claims as an “alternative’ to the sealed cover proceedings.

Under PII the court will test relevance of material the state wants to keep Confidential in ‘Public interest’. It will be closed sitting but allowing or dismissing the PII claim of state will be present in open court.

Not declaring deletions in textbook an ‘oversight’, says head of NCERT

The National Council of Educational Research and training (NCERT) the key govt. body that produces books for students b/w class I to 12 has told that some key deletions in rationalised syllabus for 2023-24, were not declared in public domain due to an "oversight".

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NCERT Director D.P. Sakiani told it while in talles with "The Hindur". On comparing with old NCERT textbooks ·some Key deletions in rationalised syllables for 2023-24 are:

From class 12 Political Science Textbook. "His steadfast pursuit of the Hindu-Muslim unity. provoked Hindu extremist so much they made several attempts to assassinate Gandhiji "Gandhiji's death has an almost magical effect on the communal situation of The Country ----- the government of India cracked down on organization that were spreading communal hatred. Organisations such as Rashtriya Swayam sevak Sangh ware banned from some time ----"

Reference of Gujrat riots has been reduced from 2 pages to two lines.

Crucial illustrations and speech bubbles such as "Can we ensure that those who, plan execute and support such manacres are brought to the book? Or at least punished politically ?" have been scrapped.

The process of rationalisation started during COVID-19 and has been "done on different subjects like science, maths commerce and other subjects as well. While many changes were reported on NCERT website last year. These changes were not reported.

Dr. Sakoni said that the issue is being blown "out of proportion" and those doing it is taking "narrow minded approach

- Congress has criticised govt- over the changes.

Information Commission tells CRPF tells CRPF to share inquiry report to T.N. officer's death

In a rare order, central Information Commission (CIC) has overruled the decision of CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) claiming the exemption from disclosure under RTI act, 2005, CIC has directed chief Public Information Officer (CPIO) to share details of the court inquiry constituted to investigate the circumstances that led to the death of assistant commandant M. Aravind on August 23, 2018

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The case Pertaints to M. Aravind (33) from Coimbatore, who served as Assistant Commandant 40th BN, Anantanag, Kashmir He killed himself on August 23, 2019 at his residence.

An inquiry was initiated over this. K.S. Mani Father of deceased. wanted to know about details of enquiry but CPIO told that CRPF are exempted from over providing information except under Corruption charges and violation of human rights.

CIC told that the case fits for allowing disclosure citing violation of Human right.

Under RTI

CIC → It is the highest body

CPIO → Each govt department has CPIO, which provides information under RTI queries

Lumpy skin disease led to stagnation in milk production

Centre

The Centre is foreseeing a "stagnation" in milk production as an impact of lumpy skin disease (LSD) that took the lives of about 1.89 lakh cattle recently.

This has created scarcity of ghee, and butter.

“Normally, Milk production is growing at 6% per year. This year it either become stagnant or grown by 1% to 2% per year. ; The demand has however grown by 8% to 9%.

Though increase in demand is not likely to effect milk supply but it will create scarcity of Ghee and butter.

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Mulayam, Mahalanabi's get Padma Vibhush honour posthumously On Wednesday a total 53 awardees were given Padma awards in Rashtrapati Bhawan

Malayay Singh yadav → Padma Vibhushen (Posthumously)
Dilip Mahalanabics → Padma Vibhushan

Medical Professional
known for inventing
ORS (Oral Rehydration Solution)
Sudha Murthy → Padma Bhushan
Deepak Dhar → Pada Bhushan
S.L. Byrappa → Padma Bhushan

Political leaders can not claim higher immunity:SC

Haring the petition filed by 14 political parties combined together that centre and using CBI and ED against them and political leaders be given some preferences regarding CBI and ED investigation. SC on Wednesday said that the political leaders stand absolutely the sae footing as any ordinary citizen of India and are not entitled "higher immunity" from investigation, arrest or prosecution. The parties withdrew their joint petition after this.

Nitish says. violence on Ram-Navami was a 'conspiracy' by BJP, AIMIM

Congress seeks all party Meeting on border issue with China.

At Delhi rally, workers and farmers Jain hands against centres policies

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About one lakh workers, farmers, and agricultural workers under the banner of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU),

All India Agriculture Workers union (AIAWU), All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS), held protest march in Ramlila maidan in Delhi
Major demands

- Minimum wages of 26,000 a month, pension 10,000 to all workers.
- Legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP)
- Centre to wave all farm loans of poor and middle class peasants and agriculture workers.

Dhankar rejects kharge's move against Goyal

Goyal was charged by opposition of

WORLD

Defendant Trump Slam's criminal charges

Defendant Trump Slam's criminal charges as "insult to our country's former u.s. President not pleads guilty to gy felony Counts in dramatic hearing in New York. Court:

In his first public remark since he was charged of paying hwh mainly from poll accounts . he told prosecution as "an insult to our country'

He later said "The only crime that I've committed is to fearlessly defend our nation from those who seeks to destroy it ----- it's an insult to our country? Trump has been charged of pay in 1,3900. from is poll accounts 0 to a porn staro to a born star from is polls accounts of republican party.

Clashes erupts as Israel police storm mosque in Jerusalem

The Loraeli police clashed with Palestinian in Al- Aqsa Mosque on Wednesday

Around 350 people were arrested in this raid by Israeli police The police officer were met with barrage of stones, and Fireworks.

Palestinian militant group Hamas has called on West Bank Palestinians "to go en mane to the Al- Aqsa mosqui mosque to defend it". On Guza streets too Protesters protected against this.

disputed city b/w Israel and Palestine

SARS COV-2 virus not found in animal samples from Haanan seafood markes, says study

a/c to a study published in Nature on Wednesday an analysis of environmental and animal samples for SARS COV-2 in the Huanan sea food market in Wuhan in early 2020 shows that virus were not present in Animal swabs

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Few scientist from china's CDCP (Centre for disease control and Prevention) had earlier published report in Nature earlier and had told that samples of COVID virus were present in market. But not any sample was tested positive, and it does not establish virus transmitting from animal to human. There is also possibility that virus might have transmitted from hum to animal.

Husband of former Scottish leader held over alleged financial irregularities

Husband of former Scottish National Party Chief Nicola Sturgeon, Peter Murrell has been arrested by Glasgow police over charges of irregularity in funding and finances of Scottish National Party (SNP)

U.S; South Korea. hold air drills involving B-52H strategic bomber

B-52H nuclear capable strategic bomber. North Korea views these drills as preparation for invasion, and has increased weapon test in recent times

Johnson & Johnson offers 8.9 bn settlement on tale cancer claims

Petitioner had cited that it's Talcum Polder products caused cancer.

Editorial-I

Title → The Growth Math

Resurging oil prices, tight money may dent consumption, investment hopes

What the editorial is all about

World Bank and Asian Development Bank recently in its report has reduced India's 2023-24 growth rate projection. The editorial is about this. It has analyzed reason for this decrease it has also brought different figures and numbers regarding this

What is the recent projection of World Bank and Asian Development Bank

Recently World Bank has declined its GDP growth forecast for 2023-24 from 6.6% to 6.3%. Asian Development Bank has declined it from 7.2% to 6.4% its projection was 6.6% GDP growth for 2023-24. The key domestic factors it flagged for downgrade are !

(1) Rising borrowing cost would hurt otherwise resilient consumption demand.

(2) Govt. consumption will likely contract

(3) Service sector growth will slip to a 3-year low to 6.7% from an estimated 9.5% in 2022-23.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) noted that China's and India's domestic demand would dim growth prospects of Asia. However, it slashed GDP forecast for India from 7.2% GDP growth for 2023-24 to 6.4%. The reasons it has given are:

(1) Tight monetary condition and fading optimism on business conditions.

→ lower private investment

→ Lower GDP growth.

(2) Effect of challenging global economy, Ukraine war, Bank failures in developed countries. Increase in oil prices as oil production in oil prices as oil producers have cut oil production

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What does Economic Survey and RBI say?

Economic Survey forecasted 2023-24 GDP growth rate → 6.5%.
RBI GDP growth estimates for 2023-24 6.4%.

Way ahead for Indian policy makers

Way ahead for Indian policy makers. A better picture of these will only emerge by the year end when first estimates for the last quarters 2022-23 will be released. Policy makers should stay out of these noise of numbers, but must pay need to the stren signs being flagged so as to minimise the impending damage.

Editorial-2

Imagined Slur

Rahul's appeal needs urgent hearing, lest it becomes dangerous precedent

What the editorial is all about?

Congress President Rahul Gandhi's bail has been extended by trial court. However, there has been no stay on the verdict of the court. The editorial talks about the issue and calls for urgency on this issue so that the effect of the judgement can not be much devastating.

What are the legal angles of Rahul Gandhi's convictions case?

Rahul Gandhi has filed appeal in Surat's session court to set aside Surat court's Order that put him in Jail for 2 years. The appeal of Rahul Gandhi is deserted to be heard and disposed off at the earliest otherwise it may lead legislators to be arbitrarily convicted for some loaded remarks, and awarded precisely the quantum punishment to get them disqualified.