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### Security issues on table as PM meets Bhutan King

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#### ON SECURITY

- Foreign security Vinay Kwatra told that India and Bhutan remains in “close coordination” over all security matters
- Doklam Trifunction was also discussed during talks. Vinay Kwatra told that Doklam trifunction is trilateral issue, and India, Bhutan and china would resolve it “trilaterally. Earlier Bhutan PM in an interview with Belgian TV had told Bhutan is in talks with China and border issues will be solved quickly. He had also said also said that Doklam is a bilateral issue b/w India and China. This statement had revised concerns from Indian side.

#### ON CREDIT

- India supports Bhutan's development plans. For its 13th Five year plan India has given Bhutan more then 4,000 crores. India has also extended Bhutan a 3rd additional stand by credit facility.
- India will help in institutional capacity building, infrastructure and connectivity supports, energy co-operation including hydro power and solar energy projects.

#### ON HYDROPOWER PURCHASE

- Bhutan is a net exporter of Hydro power. India buys hydropower from Bhutan
- Power tarriffs for chhunka hydro power electric project has been increased.
- India has agreed to buy power from Basochhu Hydel project.

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ON SECURITY

**Over the issue of Bhutanese students Coming to India for studies, foreign Secretary told that treat "national treatment**

### ABOUT BHUTAN



- Bhutan is one of the richest country in hydro power. It exports power of India.
- Bhutan trains its police, military, and officers in India.
- There is a pact b/w India, and Bhutan that India will protect Bhutan from external aggression.
- India Keeps providing help of all kind including credit, technology etc to Bhutan.
- The two sides also talked about building of 2500MW sankosh hydel project, it has struck for decades for environmental clearances.

### **Invented names will not alter reality of Arunachal, says India**

India on tuesday rejected chinese renaming of 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh. It said that invented names will not affect the status of Indian sovereignty the region. Foreign ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said "This is not the first time. China has made such an attempt. We reject this out right. Arunachal Pradesh is, has been, and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India. Attempts to assign invented names will not alter this reality"



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### Beijing Freezes visas of “The Hindu’s Correspondent and other journalist

In a surprising move Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs decided to “freeze” visas of two (MFA) Indian Journalists based in Beijing. The Hindu Beijing correspondent Ananth Krishanan and Prasar Bharti correspondent Anshuman Mishra’s visas have been suspended. MFA has told that it has been “counter measure” against what it claims as India's unfair treatment to Chinese Journalist: China has also demanded more visas for its correspondents to cover India.

India's MEA has declined to comment over this.

Sources have said that there has been no mistreatment to Chinese correspondents.

Currently 4 Chinese Journalists work in India. The number of Indian Journalists working in China is also four, but will come down to two after Chinese action.

### World Bank lowers India's growth forecast to 6.3%.

The World Bank has revised down India's growth projection for FY24 to 6.3% from 6.6% estimated a few months ago. It has cited rising borrowing cost and global economic situation behind this.

### Germany may offer sale of Advanced submarines to India

Germany is expected to present a proposal to India for sale of Advanced conventional submarines through the government-to-government (G-9) route. “A proposal for submarines through the G-to-G route is being prepared and would be presented to GoI soon”

The Navy, which is staring at a dwindling sub surface fleet, is looking to procure 6 advanced diesel submarines under Project -751 estimated to cost over 45,000 Crore.

### Seven killed after being hit by avalanche near Nathu La.

Seven people were killed and 20 have been rescued after five or six vehicles along with 20-30 tourists were hit by an avalanche near Nathu La in eastern Sikkim on Tuesday morning. Search and rescue operations were called off after another avalanche at the same location at 5:35 pm, officials said.

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## Medical body issues guidelines for conduct of student and teachers

The national Medical council (NMC), the Indian, regulatory body for Medical education and Medical education has for the 1st time issued a set of guidelines specifying a professional responsibilities of medical students, teachers and institutions. 'The 25 page document has explained the code of Conduct for teachers and students, relationship, responsibilities etc.

- Sexual orientation, gender and socioeconomic class should not be the base of any discrimination the guidelines says
- For students –
- Be diligent, responsible for their personal growth.
- Should dress modestly, approach appropriate authority for grievance redressal, in case felt overwhelmed.

## Vacancies of Judges remain high, cases pile up: India Justice report The India Justice. Report (IJR), 2022 said:

- As of December 2022, against sanctioned strength of 1,108 Judges for HC, Only 778 Judges are working Subordinate courts functioning with 19,288 Judges against strength of 24,631 Judges.
- Rising Pendency
- Average pendency time at High court level

**Highest → Uttar Pradesh → 11.34 yrs, W. Bengal → 9.9 years**

**Lowest → Tripura (1year), Sikkim (1.9 years)) Meghalaya (2.1 years)**

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- Case Clearance Rate (CCR)  
CCR → The number of cases disposed in a year measured against cases filed in that year.  
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CCR >100% → Pendency decrease

CCR 100% → Pendency in crease

B/w 2018-2022, Tripura was only state with CCR > 100%.

- In 2022,  
Highest CCR → Kerala (156%),  
Odisha (131%)  
Lowest CCR → Rajasthan (65%),  
Bombay (72%)
- In August 2012, there were 21,014 court halls for 24, 631 Judges.  
In Delhi, W. Bengal and

Uttarakhad there were no court halls for 861 82 and 35 serving Judges.

The India Justice Report (IJR) is published by partnership of following. DAKSH common wealth human Rights Initiative, Common Cause, Centre for Social Justice, policy, TISS-Prayas. Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

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## a/c IJR, 2022 Report"

- There are more woman Judges at district court level than a High Court level.

At district court level → 35% of total Judges woman.

At HC level → 13% of total Judges are woman.

Highest % of woman Judges.

Goa (70%), Meghalaya and Nagaland 63 each

- High Court woman Judges.

Highest → Sikkim (33.3%)

Bihar, Tripura, Manipur Meghalaya and Uttrakhand has no women Judge in High Court.

## WORLD

### Finland Joins NATO bloc; Russia says move will escalate Ukraine conflict

Finland formally joined NATO on Tuesday. It has roughly doubled the area which NATO shares with Russia. NATO general - Secretary Jens Stoltenberg welcomed it and told that Russia President had cited exactly opposite to what is happening.

Jens Stoltenberg told "He is getting exactly opposite ----- Finland today, and soon Sweden will become full fledged member of the alliance!! However, kremlin has said that the move will escalate conflict with Ukraine further. Russia said it would strengthen its military capacity on northwestern region. Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it as 'encroachment of our security and on Russia's national interest'" Finland was a neutral country for a long time and had policy of military non-alignment in cold war era. Russian attack on Ukraine prompted it to join NATO.

→ Newly inducted in NATO

→ Nato Member

1. Estonia
2. Latvia
3. Lithuania

NATO HQ → Brussels (Belgium)  
NATO member including Finland → 31

### Trump turns himself in to face criminal charges :

Donald Trump arrived in New York's court for hearing on the 'hush money' case on Tuesday. Trump is expected to plead not guilty in hush money charges.

The charges on Donald Trump is that he paid his advocate Cohen from poll funds. Cohen had paid a porn star on behalf of Donald Trump to not reveal her relation with Donald Trump during 2016 polls



## WORLD

### **Pak Supreme Court orders polls for Punjab province**

Pak Supreme Court orders polls for Punjab province on May 14. Pakistan SC on Tuesday termed as “unconstitutional” the election commission decision to postpone provincial polls in Punjab for five months, citing security situation. The court also fixed May 14 as the date for polls in Punjab Province.

Earlier On March 22, Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) delayed the assembly polls in the politically crucial Punjab Province by more than five months. The court's decision is a major jolt to the current govt. amid economic crisis.

### **AUSTRALIA bans Tik Tok on all govt devices citing security**

Australia has become the last of the “Five eyes” security partners to ban the Chinese owned video-sharing app Tik Tok from the federal Govt’s device.

Five eyes intelligence sharing partners – US, Canada, Britain and New Zealand have already banned Tik Tok on Govt. devices

### **Ex-PM Ardern to combat online threats on new role.**

Former New Zealand PM : Jescinda Ardern will begin an unpaid role this month combating online extremism

### **Swedish court overturns police ban on Koran burning protests**

In January Koran was burned before Turkey embassy in Stockholm

### **Philippine-US deal is a threat to regional peace, warns China**

In a new deal Philippines has decided to give four additional bases for U.S. military purpose.

**U.S. strike in Syria kills planner of IS Europe attacks, says militants**

**Taliban 'order' bans women staff in Afghanistan from working, says UN**

## **Editorial-1**

### **INVENTED NAMES**

**China's 'renaming' of areas in Arunachal Pradesh is a new low in ties with India**

Former new Zealand PM : Jescinda Ardan will begin an unpaid role this month combating online extremism

#### **What the editorial is all about**

Recently china renamed 11 points that falls under Arunachal Pradesh; though this is not the first time china has done so, but the timing of it when one could see that the situation along LAC is getting better is may further deteriorate relations. It further asks clarity on this by Indian government

#### **What China did recently regarding Pradesh ? Arunachal**

On Sunday, Chinese ministry of Civil In 2017 there were six places that china had renamed in Arunachal Pradesh: at that time it was seen as retaliation of Dalai Lama visiting Tawang. Followed by China's new "Land and Border Law"

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#### **Current situation of India-china relation Tension points.**

- In December 2012 Indian Army Thwarted PLA (People's Liberation Army) of china's move to take over a post of Yangtse in Tawang sector LAC (Line of Actual Control).

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### **What similar events have occurred in past?**

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### **Current situation of India-china had relation tension points.**

- In December 2022, Indian Army thwarted PLA (people's Liberation Army) of china's move to take over a post of Yangtse in Tawang sector at LAC (Line of Actual Control).
- An angry response from chinese authorities when G-20 meeting on Innovation Technology was held in Itanagar Chinese boycotted this earing points
- Bilateral meetings b/w Foreign ministers and defence ministers was held on the sidelines of G-20 meet.
- PM Modi had spoken briefly with Chinese president Xi Jinping in Indonesia on the sidelines of G-20.

### **Way ahead.**

India should show more clarity in the talks with chinese authority. Such moves at this time by china will be definitely soar up tensions. Also India should Keep preparing to counter China

## **Editorial-2**

### **SUMMER RESOLUTION**

**Heatwave forecast must be taken as seriously as monsoon warnings**

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

Recently India Meteorological Department released heat wave warning. It released in its warning that Summer will be above normal. The editorial analyzes IMD report, it also tells the condition of such warnings in India, which generally is not taken seriously. It told that it needed to be taken seriously.

#### **What Indian meteorological Department IMD has said?**

IMD has said that summer months will be searingly hot. It said that most part of country will experience above normal maximum temperature during "hot weather season" (March-May) in summer north western part of India sees temp as high as 45°C.

IMD has also told that there is greater chance of El Niño this year. El Niño → Means there will be less rain in monsoon season.

#### **Does IMD forecasts use taken seriously?**

NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority) has been issuing guidelines for the states on preparing heat action plan since 2016. Many states have prepared methods and guidelines to deal with this. But on ground level its plans are underfunded and lack legal backing. Heat wave plan should be taken as seriously as monsoon plans. State and centre should coordinate over this.