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National

⇒ **Same - Sex Union : SC to see if Special Marriage Act can be deemed gender neutral.**

On Tuesday 5 Judge bench headed by chief Justice of India Dy Chandrachud heard same sex Marriage case in Supreme Court (SC).

The petitioner has demanded legal status of Marriage for same-sex couple. Centre's position is against same-sex Marriage.

Some Arguments against Same-sex Marriage by Centre are :-

- Social laws such as marriage should not be decided by courts and only legislature should make any law over there.
- Marriage is a sacred relation b/w a man and a woman and should not be diluted it will create problems.
- Same - sex couple has already got validity of having sex.
- SC observation. On Tuesday :-

Dy Chandrachud - "There is no absolute concept of a man or an absolute concept of a woman at all A man or a woman is not a definition what their genitals are ; it is far more complex, even when special Marriage act says 'Man' and 'woman' the very notion of a man and a woman is not absolute on what genitals you have."

The petitioner's demand is to include same sex marriage under special marriage act.

Special Marriage Act, 1955 → It recognises marriages that are not approved by personal laws and religious restrictions. E.g. A Hindu and Muslim marriage will come under special Marriage act.

In India marriage of Hindu, Buddhist, Sikhs, Jains comes under Hindu Marriage act.

While Muslim marriage comes under Muslim Personal Law Board.

⇒ **It's Bilkees today, it can be any body tomorrow : SC.**

The Issue :-

In 2009 Gujarat riots saw 11 men raping Bilkees Bano murdered her family members.

January 2008 → Eleven men were sentenced to life imprisonment for rapes and murders

15 August 2022 → 11 men sentenced to life imprisonment in Bilkees Bano case was released by Gujarat Govt.

Bilkees Bano went to SC over this.

March 27, 2023 → SC directed Centre and Gujarat to "be ready with relevant files regarding the grant of remission"

April 18, 2023 → Centre and Gujrat cited incomplete translation and could not produce the documents, it asked for more time. Centre and Gujrat also asked to the court to review its. "March 27 orders"

SC observed

Justice K.M. Joseph → "Are you saying the state government has immunity from producing the documents in court?"

Documents have been shown to us in even graver matters of national concern"... "If you can not show reasons, we will draw our own conclusions" Next hearing is on June 2.

⇒ **India, Russia. agree to deepen trade and economic relations.**

India - Russia inter-governmental commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation, (IRIGC-TEC) meeting was co-chaired by Denis Manturov (Dy PM and Minister of Trade and Industry Russia) and external Affairs Minister S. Jaishanker.

The issue of "trade deficit" was discussed widely.

"The sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral trade and economic relationship, and agreed to work together to unlock its full potential including addressing the trade deficit and market access issues." the Ben note said.

⇒ **Ajit Pawar scortches talk about him Joining the ruling alliance**

NCP leader AJIT Pawar was recently speculated to Join BJP - Shiv Sena alliance in Maharashtra. He has denied any such intentions and has cleared his association with NCP.

⇒ **Deadline for Aadhaar-based Payment under MGNREGS extended till June 30.**

Centre's claim is that Aadhaar based digital payment will help eradicating corruption in MGNREGS. However, critics say that it may alienate people from enrolling for MGNREGS.

⇒ **Citing Balakot strike, IAF chief says air power opened up more options for leadership.**

⇒ **Congress demands white paper on Pulwama attack.**

The party raised question on "intelligence failure" and "security lapses" asks why travel by aircraft was denied to CRPF Jawans.

Earlier Former J&K governor Satyapal Mallick in an interview had told that govt. didn't use airlifting CRPF Jawans from Jammu to Srinagar.

PULWAMA ATTACK

On 14 February 2019 → A explosive laden SUV rammed into bus which were carrying CRPF personals.

The SUV carried 300 kg of explosive. 40 CRPF personals were martyred. India retaliated with Balakot strike The CRPF personals were going from Jammu to Srinagar by bus.

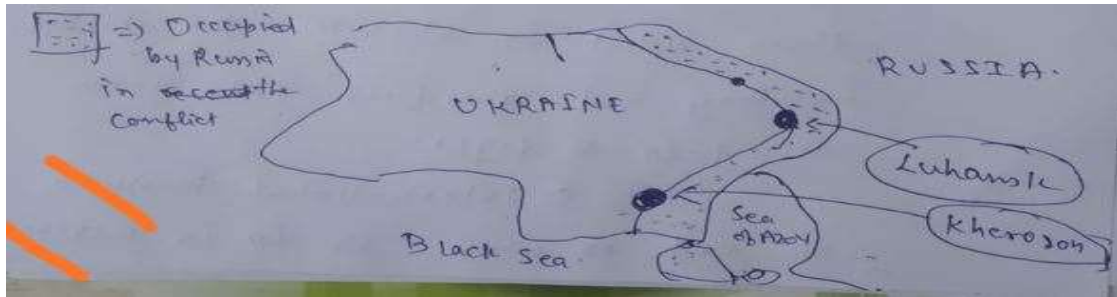
- ⇒ **SC, to hear on April 24 plea seeking probe into killing of Atiq Ahmad.**
- ⇒ **Ganga mission clears project for 638 crore.**
Jal Shakti Ministry's National Mission to clean Ganga (NMCG) cleared eight projects worth 638 crore.
- ⇒ **Delay in Bills: Pirayari, Stalin to fight together**
Kerala CM Pinayan' Vijayan has backed T.N. CM M.K Stalin saying denying assent to bills passed by governor is equivalent to negating peoples democratic rights.
T.N. govt. has passed a bill recently asking President to fix time limit for governor assent on bill.

BUSINESS

- ⇒ **India, China Snap up Russian oil in April 'price cap'**
- ⇒ **In April, India and China have bought vast majority of oil above the western price cap of 60 per barrel.**
Price Cap → Western Countries has capped Russian oil prices so that Russia can not get higher revenues,
In April India bought 70% of Russian oil supply, while China 20%.
- ⇒ **Tim Cook → Apple's CEO The next Apple store will come in Delhi**
- ⇒ **India must not open floodgates to foreign air carriers : Air India's CEO.**
The comments come at a time when UAE has requested India. that the bilateral air service agreements that caps the number of seats that carrier can fly.

WORLD

- ⇒ **Anger in Kyiv as Putin visits Ukraine frontline regions**
On Tuesday Kremlin said that President Putin visited two frontline regions of Ukraine which is under Russian control. Kherson and Lugansk.
The visit was made public only a day after. The Kremlin spokesperson said "President is now visiting new areas more and more often" and that is very important.
The Kyiv (Ukraine) has called it a tour of scenes of Russian "Crimes".



WORLD

Recently China's defence Minister Li Shangfu was in Moscow to demonstrate what he called Begging's "determination" to stronger ties with china.

⇒ **Sudan's capital hit by blasts as Conflict enters fourth day**

Heavy fighting is going on in Sudanese capital Khartoum. On Tuesday total deaths crossed 200, on 4th day of fighting. More than 1800 are injured. However, U.N. has told that casualties are higher than what is shown. Air strikes, artillery and gun fires have been the tools to fight.

International Pressure to end war is increasing.

In a statement, G-7 Foreign Ministers meeting in Japan called for the warring parties to "end hostilities immediately".

1989-2019 ⇒ Military Dictator by Omar Al-Bashi

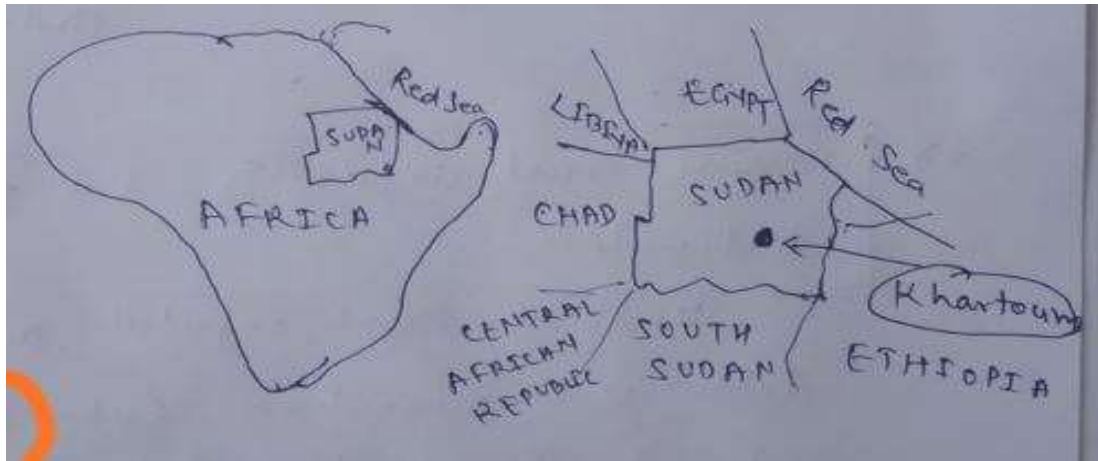
2019-2021 ⇒ Civilian govt. (democracy)

2021 ⇒ Military coup by Al-Bushan and Denglo.

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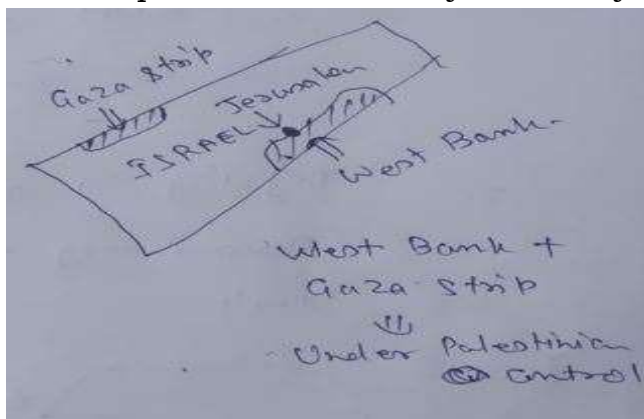
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fighting is going on b/w Army and Paramilitary wing RSF headed by Deng lo.



⇒ **Israeli forces shoot seven people in West Bank raid.**

Meanwhile, China's Foreign Minister told his Israel and Palestinian counterpart that his country was ready to help facilitate peace talks.



⇒ **Russian court confirm U.S. reporters detention.**

Moscow court rejected an appeal from U.S. Journalist even Gershkovich to be freed from pre-trial detention Gershkovich, a reporter from wall Street Journal (WSJ) was arrested by Russian agency on charges of espionage.

⇒ **Pakistan Court Jails Chinese national charges with blasphemy.**

Pakistani court has sent the Chinese for two week jail before trial begins.

In Pakistan death penalty can be given in blasphemy

⇒ **Italy Minister sparks outrage with comment on 'ethnic replacement'** Francesco Lollobrigida is a close ally to PM Giorgia Meloni. In his statement he said "We cannot design ourselves to the idea of ethnic replacement: Italians have fewer children so let's substitute them with someone else. That's not the road to go down"

⇒ **Russia's Parliament increases penalty for treason, terrorism.**

A legislation was approved increasing the penalty for treason to life imprisonment.

⇒ **Saudi Minister meets Assad in first visit to Syria since start of civil war.**

⇒ **Saudi's foreign minister visited Damascus (capital of Syria).**

Since 2011 civil war in Syria Saudi Arabia and Syria had no ties. The effects are on to bring Syria back to Arab league. Syria was thrown out of Arab league after start of Syria was in 2011.

Editorial -1

MISSION RAJASTHAN

The Congress needs to but it's house in order to beat back the BJP.

⇒ **What the editorial is all about**

The editorial is about fight for C.M. Post that is going b/w Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot since 2018. With elections of Rajasthan scheduled this year, Sachin pilot has again revived his effort to be CM candidate. The editorial analyzes these.

⇒ **Timeline of Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot clash for CM post in Rajasthan**

2018 → Sachin Pilot was state Congress chief and hoped to be CM after winning assembly elections. 2018 Assembly elections Dy. Chief Congress won. CM post was given to Ashok Gehlot. Sachin Pilot was made Deputy CM.

July 2020 → Sachin Pilot rebelled openly demanding CM post. He lost both post Congress Chief of Rajasthan, and Dy CM. Ashok Gehlot tightened his grip over state Congress,

2022 → Ashok Gehlot emerged as a Consensus candidate for Congress President. And the plan was to make Sachin Pilot CM of Rajasthan Best Congress MLAs revolted against any move to install Sachin pilot as CM. Ashok Gehlot withdrew his candidature for congress president.

Mallikarjuna Kharge became Congress President.

April 2013 → As assembly for assembly may happen anywhere b/w lest 2023 staged a fast against Ashok Gehlot.

⇒ **About Ashok Gehlot**

Ashok Gehlot has worked towards development of Rajasthan quite efficiently. His handling of Pandemic social and welfare schemes has drawn praise. Recently he had Launched Health Rights scheme.

⇒ **Way Forward :**

Any change in leadership at this stage can be dangerous for Congress in Rajasthan Sachin Pilots need to wait for now for CM post. He should be rather given some other important post in congress.

Editorial-2

TRAGIC FAILURE

Government must prepare people to deal with extreme weather events

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

Recently during an Award Ceremony in Mavi Mambai 13 people died of heat stroke, 18 were hospitalised and more than 120 suffered from heat stress. The editorial talks about India's negligence towards heat related infrastructure.

It talks about measures that should be taken in this regard.

⇒ **What happened in Navi Mumbai?**

On April 16, nearly a million people gathered on an uncovered ground in Navi Mumbai. The event was to facilitate social activist Datatrough Narayuma.

nearly a million Home Minister Amit Shah, CM Eknath Shinde, Dy. CM Devendra Fadnis was present at the event More than 120 people suffered heat stress, 13 died and 18 hospitalised. CM. Shinde called the deaths "very unfortunate".

Experts said that the area lacked Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), station to issue heat vest.

⇒ **What India need to do to tackle heat waves?**

As climate is getting warmer people cannot be left on mercy of heat waves.

- Government should install more IMD station to warn about heat waves. Warn about to tackle relate waves.
- Every individual should be equipped with climate -literacy sufficient to know why higher temp and higher relative humidity, dehydration equals high risk of injury and death.
- A response similar to COVID-19 by govt is needed.