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NATIONAL

ð India braces to evacuate national from sudan.

“Operation Kaveri gets under way to bring back our citizens stranded in Sudan. About 500 Indians have reached port sudan more on their way. Our ships and aircrafts are set to bring them back home. Committed to assist all our brethren in Sudan,” foreign minister S. Jaishankar told.

India had earlier stationed two C-1305 heavy lift aircraft in Jeddah and sent INS Samedha to port said for operation.

About 3,000 Indians are struck in various parts of sudan.

After death of two Cheetahs, MP seeks new sites for the Felines

ð The Madhya Pradesh Forest Department has asked the Central government for an "alternative" site for cheetahs currently introduced in Kuno National Park (KNP), KNP has seen death of two felines in less than a month.

Gandhi Sagar and Nauradehi wild life sanctuary is being developed for the home of newer batches of Cheetah to be translocated from African countries.

Project Cheetah → Under Project Cheetah from Namibia and 12 Cheetah from South Africa has been translocated to Kano National Park (KNP)

ð Poonch attacker not traced as terror trail enters 5th day.

Officials says that millitants used armour piercing steel bullets, smalled from china a Afghanistan, stickly bombs and grenades; a dozen everground; workers detained for questioning.

ð SC seeks report from Calcutta HC on Judge giving TV interview

The SC on Monday sought a report from Calcutta HC on whether one of its own Judges, Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay, allegedly gave a TV interview about the pending semational school-Job-for-brike cae.

“A Judge has no business given an interview in a pending court” CJI D.Y. Chandrachud observed rally.

NATIONAL

• Nuclear liability issues not yet resolved for Jaitapur project: French Firm EDG

Two years after the French energy company Electricite - de Franc (EDF) submitted techno-commercial offer for the construction of six nuclear power plants in Maharashtra's Jaitapur talks b/w Indian and French official over several issues, including liability, have not resulted in break through yet.

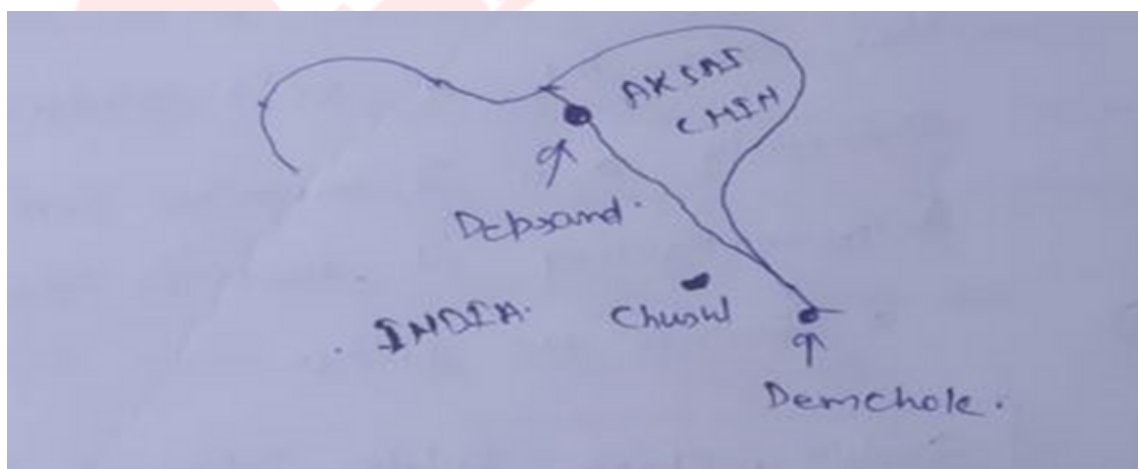
9900 MW Jaitapur power plant is world's biggest nuclear power generation site under consideration now PM Modi is scheduled to visit France in next months. These are chances of issues getting resolved by them.

• Court reschedules plea for independent investigation into Atiq Ahmad's murder.

Petitioner's demand is to investigate the case by a SC's Judge. Currently a 3 member committee is investigating it, that is headed by a former HC Judge.

• India, China hold "Frank and in depth" on talks.

The 18th round of talks between senior military official of India and China held on Chinese side of Chusal-Moldo border. The "frank and in-depth" talks on two remaining friction areas depsang and demchok was the major focus. Both sides also talked about disengagement of forces along LAC however, no breakthrough has been achieved yet.



NATIONAL

ø 100 crore people have tuned in Mann ki Baat: Study.

PM Narendra Modi's monthly program will complete 100th edition of April 30. A study by prasar Bharati says that programme has reached 100 crore people

About 23 Crore people have listened it regularly, while 41 crore had scope of getting converted from being occasional address to regular audience.

Vibrant village programme to be merged with PM Gatishakti.

ø The digital Platform of Gati shakti brings 16 Ministries together including Railways, Highways. The Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Application (BISAN-G) will provide satellite images and GIS mapping to the project.

'Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) → It aims to develop infrastructure along border areas with china. It farther, aspire to open border village for tourism.

The project will cover 2,967 villages, in 19 districts along India- china border.

One of the objectives of VVP is to stop migration of border population.

Central team visits Bengal to inspect works under rural housing scheme

A team of 20 officials from Ministry of Rural development toured 10 districts of West Bengal last week to inspect implementation of rural housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Gramin (PMAY-G).

The centre, had withheld ₹ 8,000 Cr. to the state for the scheme last year, Houses of 11 lakh families in the state hinges on finding of this team.

ø Patna HC relief for Rahul Gandhi in Modi Surname case

The court stayed a lower court order till May 15 to in which Mr. Gandhi was asked to be physically present before the court in a defamation care filed by Rajya Sabha MP. Sushil Modi.

SC transfers all FIR against comedian Faruqi to Indore

The SC on Monday trans ferred multiple FIR against Munawer Faruqi for allegedly hunting religious sentiment, to Indore in Madhya Pradesh The FIR said Mr. Faruqi made derogatory remarks against Hindu deities during a stand up comedy show at a café in Indore in Jan 2021. Faruqi's Counsel asked courts to transfer cases to either Mambai or Delhi citing manhandling.

ø Malaria set to be notifiable disease across India even as Cases show a decline

Malaria is all set to be a notifiable disease across India. Currently it is nodifiable disease in 33 State and UTs. Bihar, Andma and Nicobar and Meghalaya too an in process of notifying the diseases. A.c Ministry of health it is a part of vision to be malaria - free by 2027 and to eliminate the disease by 2030.

NATIONAL

• New IT rules do not offer protection to parody or Satire : HC.

Monday HC on Monday observed it while listening Petition against IT Amendment Rules, 2023.

The Bombay HC said that the new rules does not seem to offer protection to fair criticism of government through Parody or satire.

• PM Modi sets the tone for BJP's electoral battle in Kerala.

PM Modi spoke at Yuvam 2023, a youth conclave organised by BJP kochi. He attacked both LDF and UDF govt, telling for LDF party is above state and For UDF family is above state and for UDF family is above state. He told that BJP will make inroads in kerala: like it did in North-eastern states.

Currently kerala has LDF govt. The main opposition party is UDF. BJP has 20 seat is assembly. BJP is trying for Lok Sabha seats for 2024 election.

• Working for country's interest: Nitish after talks with Akhilesh, Mamta forge opposition unity.

JD(U) Nitish Kumar separate making on Monday met Mamta Banerjee of TMC and Akhilesh yadav of samaj wadi party in Kolkata and Lucknow respectively. The move is seen to forgen on alliance before 2024 elected Mamta Banerjee said she ants "BJP to become zero".

WORLD

ð After dispute, Beijing says it honours sovereignty of states.

China insisted that it respects sovereignty of all countries on Monday, after its Ambassador to France Comment to French Broadcaster LCI Lu Shayehad told LCI on Friday that countries that emerged after the fall of Soviet Union "don't have effective status under international law because there is not an international agreement confirming their status as sovereign nations" Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, the EU's Baltic countries summoned China's envoy on Monday over this. On Monday China's foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said "China respects the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all countries and upholds the purposes and principles of UN Charter." She further said "After the collapse of Soviet Union, China was one of the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with relevant countries." She accused "some media" to misrepresent China's position on Ukraine and "sowing discord b/w China and relevant countries".

Soviet Union (USSR) split into 14 new countries in 1991. Baltic Countries (Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia), Central Asian Countries, Ukraine, Belarus and countries b/w Caspian sea and black sea (Georgia, Armenia Azerbaijan) are among the countries that formed.

ð Bangladesh lists out its priorities for Indo-Pacific

Bangladesh will work with all the stakeholders for peacekeeping, peace building and counterterrorism initiative.

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina is going to embark on a three-nation visit on Tuesday. She will visit Japan, US and the UK. Ahead of this foreign Ministry of Bangladesh released a document titled "Bangladesh Indo-Pacific. Ruprekha". It highlights Bangladesh policy with some major highlights

•	Dhaka supports "rule based international order" and "free and uninterrupted movement of trade"
•	Bangladesh will aim for "inclusive development by strengthening free trade and agreed to transparent and rules based international order"
•	Bangladesh supports "existing structure of maritime security and wants to strengthen it". It supports "unobstructed ocean movement"
•	"To ensure free flow of trade despite future crisis and emergencies Bangladesh will strengthen regional and global value chain and will direct its agriculture, industry and service sector to that direction"
•	The document mentions "responsible behaviour in cyber and outer space"

WORLD

More countries move for Sudan evacuation

Europe, China and Japan raced to extract their citizens from Khartoum, on Monday. Thousands took advantage of a lull in fighting b/w the two Countries.

France and Germany evacuated 700 people without giving a breakdown of their nationalities. Exodus to Sudan's neighbours has increased. On Monday about, 10000 people fled to south Sudan despite instability there".

Till now 427 people have died in fighting b/w sudanese Army and Paramilitary RSF.

ð Fox News and Tucker Carlson part ways after channel settles Dominion lawsuit.

Tucker Carlson is host of Fox News Prime Time show "Tucker Carlson Tonight he had been highest rated cable news anchor. He was a prime news case. Tucker on Monday have agreed to part ways with fox news

Mohammad Shahabuddin takes oath as Bangladesh's 22nd President

UAE's Hope-space probe offers never before view of Mars moon.

The probe, is Arab world's first interplanetary mission. On Monday it revealed Mars smaller moon deimos in unprecedented detail.

Giga Chat from Russia plans to Compete with US's chat GPT.

Russian Technology company sber launched Giga chat on Monday.

ð Wagner to kill rival soldiers, will not take prisoners.

The chief of Russia's Wagner mercenary group, Yevgeny Prigozhin told that his team fighting in Bakhmut will kill and will take no one in prison

Editorial-1

Warless Punjab

The centre and the state must guard against the revival of separatism

What the editorial is all about?

The editorial is regarding Amritpal Singh episode. His sudden arrival in Punjab taking over “waris Punjab De” and flaunting guns, swords. It later talks about Punjab Police embarrassing chase to Amritpal which took about 37 days to catch him. It concludes with need of centre and state work together against separatism.

About Amritpal's arrest and his khalistani movement

On April 23, Amritpal Singh was arrested from Moga district of Punjab. He was booked under NS and has been sent to Dibrugarh Jail.

Amritpal Singh came in limelight when he and his supporters stormed a police station in Punjab to rescue one of his aide. The police had to embarrassingly leave the Amritpal's aide his supporters used to flaunt guns, swords in public it reminded many of Bhindrawala a 1980s era khalistani secessionist

• Episode of Amritpal's arrest

Punjab Police launched crackdown to nab him and his supporters on March 18 it took more than a month to nab him. It doesn't show Punjab police in any good light. Punjab Police should have nabbed him pretty earlier.

Editorial-2

Battling For Borrowers.

Penal levy not on loan defaulter should not be usurious

What the editorial is all about?

RBI has released a Draft circular on Penal charges on default loan accounts the rules will help to curb excesses by lenders in case of default. The editorial talks about this.

What guideline RBI has issued?

- Through its guidelines RBI has emphasised that the lenders do not seek unduly profit from borrowers defaults in servicing their loan
- It calls of the practice where lender levied a penal interest over and above the contract interest when borrowers delay payment or default.
- Increasing the principal amount that the borrower have to pay in case of default has been practised by few lenders. Such practices will be abolished
- RBI has told that while it gives independence to bank regarding penal charges, the charges should not be discriminatory. i.e two persons having condition of default should be charged similar.
- Penal charges on individual borrowers should not be higher charges so levied on corporate borrowers.
- Penal charges must be communicated while finalising a loan and should be reiterated in every subsequent reminder of loan payment
- Observing that Regulatory intent is of Penal heavy is completely to discipline borrowers and lenders should not look it as revenue enhancement tool.
- Small borrowers for sure will heave a sigh of relief with RBI guidelines.