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NATIONAL

⇒ **GST appellate tribunal gets nod; dues of states cleared.**

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) council on Saturday reached a broad consensus on long awaited constitution of GST Appellate Tribunal. The tribunal will resolve cases related to disputes related to old tax regime that are pending in High courts and Supreme Courts.. Finance Ministry also released compensation dues worth ₹ 33,506 cr. A bulk of sum will go to Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Delhi. The GST on Raab, a kind of liquid Jaggery typically in UP, Bihar has been reduced from 18%, to zero. GST on Pencil sharpeners has been reduced from 18% to 12%. The committee also decided to extend exemption on GST on agencies who conduct centre and state's govt's exg

⇒ **AI's Jumbo Order bares Pilot Pinch**

- Recent ' 470 Airline order by Air India may lead to shortage of pilots in coming years.

Recently AI (Air India) ordered 250 Airbus planes and 220 Boeing AI will alone require "700-800 pilots in a year and 7000-8000 pilots in the next decade. "This massive challenge when we don't have enough pilots to manage the present scale of operation". A senior person related with it includes industry told.

Air India recently faced Cancellation and delays its highly remunerative Flights to the US and Canada due to paucity of crew.

Burden of pilots may lead fatigue which is critically bad for passenger's safety.

⇒ **Sanctions - hit Russia proposes manufacture of civil Jet in India.**

Sanction hit Russia has proposed to manufacture its & Sukhoi Superjet civil, aircraft in India. The plane is manufactured by United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) a Russian company. The plan is to manufacture the Superjet in Russia with Russian components and in India, "make an version with foreign components.

UAC is in talk with HAL for this The Superjet 100 is a 100-seater civil aircraft designed and developed by the Sukhoi Corporations, which is now merged with UAC.

⇒ **12 Cheetahs from South Africa enter quarantine in kuno National Park**

Twelve Cheetah arrived from South Africa and is located in KUNO National Park in sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier in 2082, & Cheetah had been brought from **Namibia**.

Among 12 Cheetah 7 are males and 5 are Females.

⇒ **CBI calls Sisodia again in excise policy case :-**

CBI has sammonned Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia again in excise policy case.

What is Delhi excise policy Scam –

- Before New Delhi excise policy 2021-22 launched from November 17, 2021, Both private and govt. vendors were allowed to sell liquor. But New excise policy. gave selling of liquor totally to Private to players
- FIR registered by CBI says about alleged irregularity in formulation, and execution of Delhi Excise policy.
- Also changes of “deliberate and gross procedural lapses” to provide post-tender “undue benefits to liquor licenses”.
- Sisodia has been also charged of making changes in excise policy without approval of LG, such as allowing a waiver of 144.36 crores on tendered licence fee on account of COVID-19 panded

- Sisodia also gave undue benefits by revising the rates of foreign liquor licences and removed levy of import pass fee ₹50 per case of beer. This made foreign liquor and beer cheaper in retail markets, which led to loss of revenue for state exchequer.

Though Sisodia's name is not in the chargesheet filed by CBI, CBI has arrested 9 in this. CBI has earlier quizzed Sisodia. This will be the 2nd time CBI will quizz Sisodia.

⇒ **Uddhav asks supporters to gear up for BMC Polls calls EC 'slave of the PM'**

A day after Election Commission (EC) gave the name "SHIV SENA" and symbol to "Bow and Arrow" to Eknath Shinde faction. Uddhav Thackeray told Shinde faction Uddhav Thackeray told Eknath Shinde a "thief" who stole symbol and name from original Shivsena. He told that his supporter to gear up for BMC polls. with new symbol.

⇒ **Nitish asks Cong. to take the lead in uniting opposition.**

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar on occasion of National Convention of CPI (ML) said that BJP will go below 100 seats if Congress takes quick decision to lead a combined front. He was speaking in the presence of congress leader Salman Khurshid

⇒ **Men pay rising dowries as "bride Prices" surge *in china*.**

Growing gender imbalance especially in rural areas has led to exorbitantly high dowry prices in China. The practice of "bride price" is though not new in china but it used to be a token amount, but with increased gender imbalance it has taken an ugly shape. Currently there are 63 single women per 100 single men in chinese rural areas. The issue has found place in China's Communist party first policy document released on February 13. The document mention launch a campaign to 'curb' exorbitant 'bride. Prices' and exorbitant wedding ceremony spendings.

WORLD

⇒ Russia committed crimes against humanity in Ukraine, says Harris. Speaking at the Munich Security Conference, US Vice President Kamala Harris 'accused Russia of heinous war crimes. She told "Russian forces have pursued a widespread and systematic attack against a civilian population-gruesome acts of torture, rape, and deportation." Ms Harris also cited "execution style killing, beating and electrocution" She also accused Russian authorities to deport thousands of people including mainly children from Ukraine to Russia. She highlighted the "Justice must be served" to perpetrator

⇒ **TTP warns of more attacks against law enforcers.**

Tahreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has warned that there will be more attacks on law enforcement officers. On Friday in a suicide bombing a policeman died and 18 got injured. TTP in a statement said "The policeman should stay away from our war with the slave army otherwise attacks on safe havens of top police officers will continue"

⇒ **N. Korea fires missile** as US, South Korea prepare for drills:-

North Korea on Saturday fired a long range missile from its capital to the sea of Japan. The missile landed in Japanese exclusive economic zone about 200km west of Oshima island.

US, South Korea military drill which is going on in sea of Japan North Korea on 17th February, 2023 had warned south Korea and US against military drill.