

# **SUMMARY OF THE HINDU**

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### **THE HINDU National**

#### **⇒** Center slash LPG prices by ₹200 ahead of poll season

The Union cabinet on Tuesday gave its nod for reduction of the price of domestic LPG cylinders by ₹200.

PM termed the move as "Raksha Bandhan Gift" to the sisters of the country. The decision will come into effect on Wednesday.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna (PMUY) beneficiaries will continue to get extra ₹200 subsidy per cylinder in their bank accounts.

The cabinet also approved 75 lakh additional Ujjawala connections .

For example : the 14.2 kg cylinder in Delhi costs ₹1103 currently . It will cost ₹903 from Wednesday .

There are more than 31 crore domestic LPG consumers in the country , including 9.6 crore Ujjawala beneficiaries

#### **➡** When will you restore J&K statehood , CJI asks Center

Chief Justice of India asked center to give a time frame in which Jammu and Kashmir will be reverted to a full statehood.

The center said that Union Territory status of Jammu and Kashmir was not a permanent feature. "We will make a positive statement the day after tomorrow (August 31), Laddakh wil, I however remain a union territory, solicitor general Tushar Mehta informed the court.

" We do not bind you ...We understand there are matters of national security involved....We know that preservation of the nation is overriding concern "CJI told while emphassisng on having a time frame from center to make Jammu and Kashmir a state again.

#### → Manipur house ends session in 48 minutes

Special session of Manipur ended for just 48 minutes with no Kuki MLAs participating . 2 minutes silence was observed the victims of ethnic violence .

Opposition leader Bikram Ibobi was demanding 5 days session, as the sounds went louder, the speaker adjourned the assembly sine die

#### **➡** Gujrat hikes OBC loc quota in local bodies from 10 % to 27%

BJP govt in Gujrat has hiked reservation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from the existing 10 % to 27% for elections to Panchayat and urban local bodies. The increase was based on recommendation of Jhaveri Commission report.

However in Panchayat Extended to Scheduled Areas (PESA) areas the reservation for OBC still stands 10% .

PESA areas are tribal dominated. According to PESA act gives more power to local bodies of Tribal areas. It also gives huge reservation of tribal candidates in local polls

**▶** CWMA directs Karnataka to ensure , 5000 cusecs for T.N.

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# India lodges 'strong protest 'with China over the new map; absurd claims, 'says minister

"We reject these claims as they have no basis. Such step by the Chinese side only complicate the resolution of boundary question", said Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson in a statement. responding to media queries.

Speaking to NDTV EAM Sm Jaishankar told "just by putting our maps with parts of India .... This doesn't change anything . Our government is very clear about what our territory is . Making absurd claims doesn't make other people's territories yours "

Few days earlier PM Modi and Xi Jinping had held bilateral talk where they had talked to resolve border issues speedily

#### Pragyan confirms sulphur near South pole of moon; search on for hydrogen

Pragyaan the rover of Chandrayaan 3 mission, has confirmed the presence of sulfur on moon's surface .near its South pole, and is still searching for hydrogen, the ISRO said on Tuesday.

"These in situ measurements confirm the presence of Sulphur (S) in the region in ambiguously, something that was not feasible by the instruments aboard the orbiter," "Search for Hydrogen (H) is underway," it posted on X.

Preliminary analysis has unveiled the presence of Aluminium (Al), Sulfur(S), Calcium (Ca), Iron (Fe), Chromium (Cr), Magnese (Mn), Silicon(Si) and Oxygen (O) on lunar surface.

# Cyclone frequency may rise from India. Coast from the warming of Pacific: study

A study published in journal Nature has said that tropical cyclones originating near equator may increase its frequency in coming years .

It has cited global warming and a cylindrical event called the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) that repeats every 20 to 30 years .

Tropical cyclones originating near equator.



## World

#### **▶** Pakistan court suspends Imran Khan's sentence in Toshakhana case

A high court in Pakistan on Tuesday suspended Imran Khan's three year sentence in Toshakhana corruption case and ordered his release .from jail but the former primeminister will continue to be in jail in a separate case related to disclosure if state secrets .

It still remains a question whether Imran Khan will be able to fight elections or not .

Earlier Election commission of Pakistan had disqualified him from fighting elections for five years after being convicted in Toshakhana case .A senior lawyer told that disqualification by election commission will not be affected by mere suspension of sentence.

General elections are scheduled to be sentenced within 90 days after dissolution of national assembly. But election can be late as Pakistan is looking to complete census and boundary demarcation before elections.

#### **➡** Shahbaz slams Imran sentence suspension , calls it 'dark chapter '

Pakistan's former prime minister on Tuesday slammed slammed Supreme Court Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial for "favoring " Imran Khan , says his message to the lower courts led to suspension of sentence of the former PM and called the verdict as a " dark chapter " in country's history .

He cited Justice Umar Ata messages like " Good to see you " and " Wishing you good luck " reached Insalmabad high court much before much before the court decision came .

#### → Israeli PM thanked Saudi Arabia after emergency landing.

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu thanked authorities in Saudi Arabia for " warm attitude " following emergency landing of an Israeli aircraft in Jeddah .

Saudi Arabia does not have official diplomatic relation with Israel . As it is against Israel for Palestinian cause .

The Air Seychelles flight laden with 128 passengers was heading from seychelles to Tel Aviv . It made an emergency landing on Monday in Jeddah .

" I greatly appreciate the warm attitude of Saudi Authorities to the Israeli passenges whose flight was in distress and was compelled to make an emergency landing in Jeddah".

Gulf countries are making their ties normal with Israel . In 2020 after signing Abraham Accord UAE established diplomatic relations .

Iran , Iraq , Saudi Arabia , Bangladesh, Pakistan are among those countries which still does not recognise Israel .

### → More than 1000 schools destroyed in Ukraine since war began , says UNICEF

More than 1300 schools have been completely destroyed in govt held areas of Ukraine Russia 2022 invasion and others have been badly damaged. UN Children's Fund has said. Some schools have suffered direct hit and others are closed as precautionary measures.

The war followed by COVID-19 means that there are those who have suffered 4 years of disruption continuously

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#### **▶** US to send 250 million dollar military aid to Ukraine.

US on Tuesday announced a 250 million dollar military package to Ukraine that includes equipment for clearing mines and obstacles. Kyiv's forces are struggling to gain substantial gains in a counteroffensive launched.

The aid also include in Packages such as air defence missiles, artillery rounds, anti armor missiles and more than 3 million small arms ammunition.

#### **→** California Assembly passes anti caste discrimination bill

The bill seeks to end caste discrimination and strengthened protection for marginalized communities across . The bill was passed by assembly on Monday .

#### Russian Mercenary Chief buried in Private

A private burial was held for Russian Mercenary Chief Yevegnky Progozhin buried in private.

### **EDITORIAL**

### All for small

India's push for small businesses at the G20 trade summit must be pursued

#### **➡** About the editorial

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Editorial talks about recent G20 trade Ministers meet where some major decisions were taken .

Some major decions were take here.

- Map global value chain :-- To mitigate the effect of shocks that global value chain have suffered like during Pandemic . This action was taken . Even during Russia Ukraine war supply chain is feeling distress . Mapping Global value chain will diminish any weakness to global value chain .
- Digitalisation of trade documents It will ease flow of goods and services
- Call for action to enhance Micro small medium enterprises (MSME) to action is another UNCTAD and WTO will operate a global trade helpdesk that will provide, trade information to MSMEs.
- This can prove to be very big boost for MSMEs and will help in their decision making and profitability .