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➔ MP's suspension security breach not linked : speaker

In a two page letter to all MPs , Lok Sabha Speaker OM Birla told that “ a high powered committee “ will review all aspects of security in Parliament complex to formulate action plan to prevent any repetition of 13 December incidents . He further clarified in parliament that there was no link between security breach and suspension of MPs. MPs were suspended not for raising issue but “ carrying placard and creating ruckus “

➔ One more arrested in security breach case .

Delhi Police has arrested on Saturday a person named Pankaj Kumawat , an associate of Lalit Jha , the alleged “ mastermind “ of the conspiracy behind the Wednesday's security breach of Parliament .

Mr. Kumawat has been arrested under the charges of conspiracy and destruction of evidence

➔ India and Oman in talks to sign economic partnership agreement

India and Oman are on track to sign a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement , PM Narendra Modi announced on Saturday .

Oman's Sultan Hatim Bin Tarik the sultan the ruler of Oman is on his first trip to India .

PM Modi said that vast number of Indians in Oman is living example of healthy relationships between the two countries .

This is the first visit of Omani ruler in 26 years .

The two sides signed five agreement :

- The agreement between finance intelligence unit of India
- National Center for Financial Information (NCFI) to prevent black Monday laundering ,
- As a gesture to celebrate ancient link between the two took a proposal by Ministry of Culture to recreate maritime voyage of stitched ship which is expected to sail from Mandvi in Gujrat to Muscat in Oman during 2025-26 .

The Joint statement said both leaders condemning terrorism in all forms and manifestation



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➔ **Modi flags off Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in five states , says focus will be on smaller cities**

PM Modi on Sunday flagged off Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) in Rajasthan , Chhattisgarh , Madhya Pradesh ,Telangana and Mizoram . He had launched the nation wide campaign in Jharkhand on November 15 .

The campaign has so far covered thousand of villages and 1500 cities , including smaller cities and towns . VBSY was not launched in these states because of elections .

Under VBSY govt is reaching to the doors of those who has not benefited from govt schemes and trying to link them with govt schemes . The schemes included under this are Ayushman Bharat , Ujjawala Yojna , Jan Dhan Yojna , PM Kissan , Atal Pension Yojna etc

World

➔ **Communication blackout and hunger add to Gaza's**

A prolonged communication blackout on Saturday in Gaza has increased misery of palestinians living in Gaza . UN aid agency said that the hunger has worsened in the region.

Israel said it's troops had killed three Gaza hostages after mistaking them as threats . Armed Forces of Israel has expressed “ deep remorse “ over a tragic incident that sparked protest in Tel Aviv .

The Army official said that the hostages were all “ without shirts “ and has “ a stick with white cloth on it “ but a soldier felt threatened and opened fire

➔ **Taiwan to receive 300 million dollar worth of equipment from US**

The US state department has approved 300 million dollar of sale of equipment to help maintain Israel 's tactical information systems , the Pentagon said on Thursday

➔ **Myanmr's Ethnic Minority fighters seize town from Military**

Ethnic minority fighters battling Myanmar's Junta said on Thursday that they seized a trading hub in Shan state , they said that they also captured military positions after fighting Junta Army . Analyst says that this is the biggest challenge before Junta rulers thus far .

On Thursday , Beijing announced a temporary ceasefire between alliance and Junta Military .

But it proved to be for very small time .

The ethnic group that is fighting is combined strength of Myanmar's three ethnic groups Arakan Army (AA) , Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDA) and Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) .

In October they combined to form brotherhood alliance to fight army

➔ **Pakistan's election body issues poll schedule on EC order**

The schedule for Pakistan's general elections on February 8 has been issued

. The Pakistan National Assembly (NA) has a total of 336 seats ,including 226 general seats. 60 seats reserved for woman , and 10 for Non Muslims

FAQ - 1

➔ Why has Hungary blocked EU aid to Ukraine. ?

At a meeting of European Union (EU) this week , EU agreed to start negotiation with Ukraine EU's membership .

Hungary's President Viktor Orban who had moved this , allowed the decision to go through . But he blocked EU's 50 Euro dollar aid package to Ukraine

➔ What is Hungary's stance ? What will its implications ?

Hungary's President is a close ally to Russian President Vladimir Putin . He believes that Ukraine regime is based on corruption and country is not ready to get EU membership .

However one of the reasons behind blocking fund is that EU itself has frozen release of 10 billion euro fund to Hungary , for Hungary violating EU norms on law and order and judicial independence .

It seems like Hungary is using this to blackmail EU over this .

For funding or any law to be passed by EU , all EU members has to agree on this

➔ Does it mean that EU membership of Ukraine a done deal ?

Not yet , it has to cross many obstacles . Currently Just Negotiations has started , it can take years for Ukraine to be finally inducted to EU . Hungary will have more opportunity to block Ukraine further .

There are 27 EU members , For 21 of members which were not the founding members it took 9 years each to be inducted to EU

➔ Importance of Fund for Ukraine

Ukraine is reeling under heavy military spending and USA and West which is supporting it in this war is funding these .

Recently Republicans in US senate blocked about 60 billion dollars of fund to Ukraine , in this backdrop this fund was very important for Ukraine



FAQ - 2

➔ How will Article 370 verdict impact Federalism ?

The story so far :

On December 11 , the SC anonymously upheld the power of President to to abrogate article 370 of constitution .

It reasoned that article 370 was only a ‘ temporary provision ‘ to ease the accession of Princely state to India

➔ What did the judgement say :

In the Judges concurred that J&K had divested itself of “ any element of sovereignty “ after the execution of the element of accession to Union in 1947

➔ What did the petitioners argue ?

Petitioners argued that govt cannot take suchb decision of Abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs , when the assembly is not in session .

And it had to come after consulting J&K assembly

➔ What were court’s views on di

SC reasoned that there was the exercise of Presidential power on the ground of irreversibility would open the way of challenging everyday administrative actions . And this would put the state machinery to a standstill .

Court however underscored that such exercises of power must have reasonable nexus of presidential proclamation

FAQ - 3

➔ Is the world closer to phasing out fossil fuel ?

COP 28 concluded in Dubai . In this 198 signatory countries agreeing that world must “ transition “ away from fossil fuel in a “ just , orderly and equitable manner “ to achieve net zero by 2050 .

➔ Does the wording away from the world suggest that the end of fossil fuel is near :

Fossil fuel use main culprit behind emissions that causes global warming . Among fossil fuelcoal , Oil and Gas are major contributors . Emission from coal is 90 % of global emission s.

During CoP 26 in Glasgow it was added by countries to “ pause out “ fossil fuel . But it was not any written commitment . Phasing out and Phasing down has their own meaning .

India and China are countries which are not in favor of adding Coal in this . India has not much oil and Gas , but it has good coal reserve . It uses Coal to run its power plant . India is expanding Coal power uses .

On other hand China has Coal and Gas which is vital for its current development .

➔ **Can fossil fuels be immediately replaced ?**

India's National Electricity plan talks about expanding power by 87,000 MW from coal powered sources . Moving to solar energy and Wind energy will definitely help in lowering dependence on fossil fuels , but for countries like India which is growing very fastly and is expected to expand has not room to lower dependency on coal .

Dubai Consensus has talked about “ transition “ away from fossil fuels , but has not specified which fossil fuel these are . There is problem with other fossil fuels as well like , Natural gas production leads to methane emission though shifting from Coal to Natural gas reduces emission by 50 % While producing energy .

By 33% while Providing heat

➔ **What does Dubai Consensus say about methane ?**

Methane is a potent green house gas and has more heat trapping capacity than Carbon dioxide .

“ Accelerating and substantially reducing non Carbon dioxide emission globally , including in particular methane emission by 2030 “ is necessary for humanity to limit temperature to 1.5degree rise , the document notes.

During CoP 27 pledge was signed to lower methane emission by 30% by 2030 compared to 2020 level .

India has resisted move to cut methane citing that most of its methane comes from agriculture sector . Though it has its own plans to reduce Methane emission