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➔ ED questions Soren for 8 hours in tribal land scam case

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren was quizzed by Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials at his official residence in Ranchi for over eight hours in connection with an alleged land scam case .

The ED had earlier issued seven notices to Jharkhand Mukti Morcha chief , but he skipped all of them .

The case relates to purchase and sell of tribal land between 2020 and 2022 .

Hemant Soren called it a conspiracy by BJP after questioning

➔ Wetland ' nature tourism ' gets a fillip

The Union govt has embarked on a mission to promote tourism at ecologically sensitive zones , wetlands . For this the government is focussing on Ramsar sites .

Under the Amrit Dhraohar Initiative , 2023 - 24 Which is a programme under the Ministry of tourism and the Ministry of Environment , Forest and Climate Change . 16 Wetlands has been Identified for this initiative , five wetlands has been chosen for Pilot projects .

These five wetlands are Sultanpur National Park (Haryana) , Bhitarkanika Mangroves , (Odisha) , Chilika Lake (Odisha) , Sirpur (Madhya Pradesh) and Yashwant Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) .

The aim is to enhance livelihood opportunities for local people through harnessing nature tourism potential at these sites .

Tourism ministry is training boatmans , local artisans and shopkeepers who can explain the importance of these wetlands and flora and fauna around it .

A special procedure is being organized in the first week of February in Indore to formulate SoP and Guidelines for the states and other stakeholders .

Ramsar Convention was held in Iran in 1971 , a treaty was signed between countries to save wetlands . India has total 75 Ramsar sites .

Wetland are very significant for maintaining biodiversity and for environmental conservation

➔ Navy helps drone hit Cargo vessel in the Gulf of Aden

The Navy'sdestroyer INS Vishakhapatnam responded to a distress call by Marshall island flagged merchant vessel MV Genco Picardy , following a drone attack in Gulf of Aden on Wednesday night . The vessel was hit by Drones .

Speaking in Hyderabad last week , Admiral Hari Kumar said that there were 36 drone attacks in last 40 to 42 days of shipping , and the target was Israel owned ships or those linked to Israel , and mainly in Red sea ,North Arabian sea , Central Arabian sea .

➔ India Myanmar border to be fenced soon , says Amit Shah

Home minister while addressing 60 th foundation day of Sashtra Sima Bal said that the government will soon fence the 1643 km border between India and Myanmar , and will consider ending the Free Movement Regime (FMR) agreement with the neighboring country .

The FMR , implemented in 2018 as India's act east policy , allowed residents of both sides of the country , living along the border, to travel up to 16 km in each other's territory without need of any VISA . Manipur is in support of ending FMR ,

Much of India's 4096 km of boundary has been double fenced

➔ **World Vision India losses FCRA registration**

The Union Home Ministry has canceled the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) , registration of World Vision India (WVI) .

WVI works in Child related issues .

WVI is one of the world 's largest Christian voluntary groups , with presence in over 100 countries . The ministry has said that WVI registration has been canceled because of violation of FCRA norms

➔ **Jarange Patil sets off foot on foot in Mumbai ; will fight for quota till last breath**

Jarange Patil is a quota activist for the Marathi community. His demand is for Other Backward Class (OBC) kunbi status to Marathas and reservation in Job and education .

Janrange Patil will start fast unto death at Mumbai's Azad Maidan



➔ **Israeli strike on Damascus kills Iran's spy chief for Syria**

An Israeli strike in Damascus killed the Iranian Revolutionary Guard , spy chief for Syria , and four other guard members on Saturday , Iran said . A total of 10 people died in the strike .

“ The Revolutionary guards Syria Intel chief , his deputy and two other guards , member were among those martyred in the attack on Syria by Israel .” Iran's Mehr news agency said .

During more than a decade of civil war in Syria , Iran has launched hundreds of attack on the territory .

➔ **Ethnic killing in a Sudan city left up to 15,000 dead , says UN**

Between 10,000 to 15,000 people were killed in one of Sudan's West Darfur region last year in ethnic violence by the Parliamentary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) , and allied Arab militia . according to UN's report seen by Reuters .

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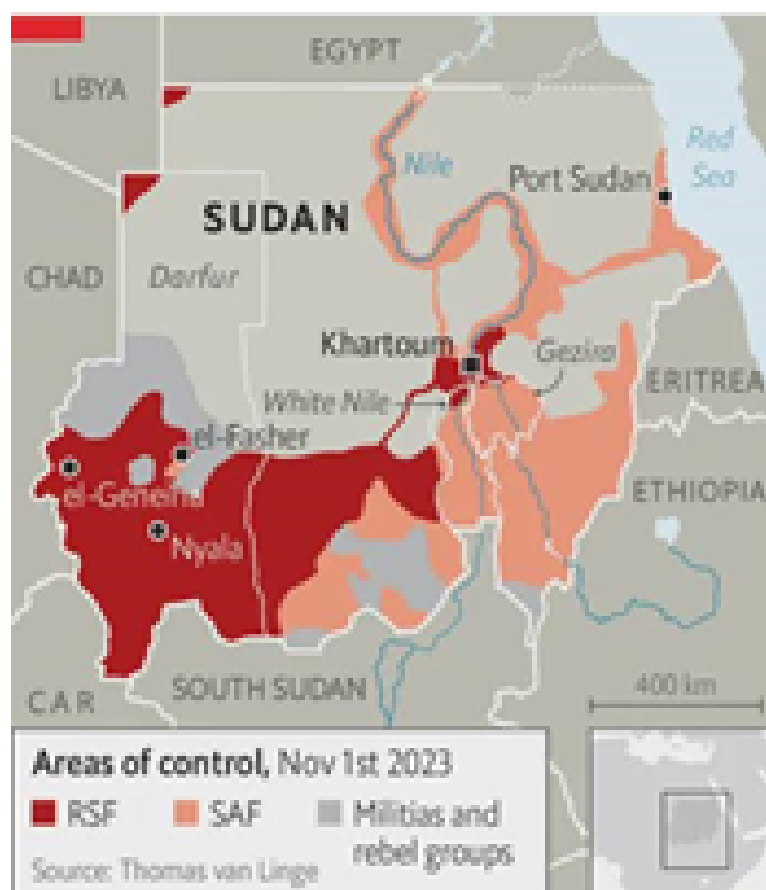
Credible accusations .

An independent study by UNSC earlier had told that 12,000 had died in the attack .

The Arabian country involved with RSF is UAE according to the report .

RSF has denied such allegations and has said that anybody involved in such acts will be brought to justice .

The report also says that since the start of recent civil war in Sudan , about 5 lakh people have left Sudan and taken shelter in Chad



➔ **Netanyahu tells Biden he opposes Palestinian sovereignty in Gaza ,**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told US President Joe Biden that he rejected Palestinian Sovereignty in Gaza , in a call day before . US , Arabian countries and also India wants a Palestinian territory side by side Israel as a permanent solution of the Israel Hamas conflict .

➔ **Nepal requests Russia not to recruit it's nationals into army**

Nepal has requested Russia not to admit Nepali nationals . into the Russian Army , and help repatriate those , who have already joined the country's forces , to fight in the country's war with Ukraine . At least 200 Nepalese Youth has joined the Russian army through illegal channels .

Nepalese Foreign Minister N P Saud during a meeting with Russia’s deputy Foreign minister conveyed these concerns in. Kampala (Uganda) at the sidelines of the NAM summit .