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### **THE HINDU National**

### BJP weighs its options in Bihar

Nithis Kumar is likely to resign today and join hands with BJP . BJP party leaders and MLAs held meetings twice on Saturday.

Under the new government with BJP support Nitish is likely to be the CM , BJP is likely to have two deputy Chief ministers Renu Devi and Sushil Modi .

Bihar Legislature (Total seats - 243, Required to form govt - 122, RJD - 80, BJP - 53, JD(U)-71)

### India and France agree to set up 'joint surveillance mission 'in Indian Ocean

India and France agreed to intensify their copliperation in the Southwestern India Ocean, building on " Joint Surveillance Missions' ', Carried out from French Law Reunion in 2020 and 2022.

The joint statement released by Ministry of External Affairs say this

### NeXT put on backburner again as NMC seeks comment from stakeholders

NeXT test has been put on hold again after NMC (National Medical Commission), the body that regulates Medical education asked for feedback from medical professional to comment on preparation before bringing the exam.

NMC has given a date till February 7for the feedback .

NeXT test is to replace (NEET PG ) for admission in PG courses and FMGE (Foreign Medical Graduate Exam ) for foreigners to practicing medicine in India .

India Medical Association (IMA ) has been opposing the test .

#### Hand over Gyanvapi site , VHP asks mosque panel

After ASI made its report on Gyanvapi Mosque public, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP ) has asked the Mosque administration to shift the Mosque to some other place . Alok Kumar, International working President of VHP also urged Muslim community to allow Shivpuja at site.

ASI on its survey report had said that the western wall of the Gyanvapi Mosque is part of a large Hindu temple . The interior of the mosque was built with the help of some of the remainings of the temple .

Earlier SC had allowed " scientific survey " of Mosque using " non invasive technology " . The survey was done using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR).

Places of Worship Act , 1991 – Places of Worship Act 1991 talks of keeping the status of

religious places same as they existed in August 15, 1947

### Jarange Patil ends stir after govt offers OBC benefits to Marathas

Jarange Patil the Maratha activists on Monday ended his indefinite fast after. Maharashtra govt issued a notification that Marathas will get all facilities that a OBC gets until it's Assembly makes law togive Maratha Kunbis the OBC status . Jarange Patil was on fast since 26 January at Azad Maidan in Mumbai

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### World

### Britain , Italy and Finland pause funding for UN agency in Gaza

Britain, Italy and Finland became the latest countries to stop funding to UNRWA. US, Canada and Australia has already paused their funding. This came after an allegation by Israel that 12 UNRWA employees were involved in the October 7 attack by Hamas

### Washington approves sale of F-16 jets to Turkey

After Turkey Parliament ratified Sweden's NATO bid . US has cleared a 23 billion dollar deal to sell 40 F16 to Turkey, the deal also includes upgradation of 79 F16 with Turkey. The US Congress has also cleared a deal of about 8.6 billion dollars to sell 40 F35 to Greece.

F16, F 35 these are considered to be the most advanced Fighter jets currently in function

### SPORTs

Australian Open

Women's Singles : Aryana Sabaleka won AO 2024 by defeating. China's Zheng Quinwen

Doubles : Rohan Bopanna and Ebden won AO doubles men . Bopanna and Ebden are currently world no 1

### FAQ

### ➡ 1.What is Ladakh's demand on Gilgit Baltistan ?

Ladakh's two socio economic bodies Leh Alex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) are in talks with the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding several of their demands. Recently they submitted a memorandum to extend territorial control of Ladakh up to Gilgit Baltistan in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir

### Why this demand ?

Prior to 1947, the Ladakh district also comprised the Gilgit Baltistan area, which is now occupied by Pakistan.

The memorandum highlights this fact in favor of its demand .

### Other demand of Ladakh Civil Society groups

- Restoration of State good for Gaza,
- Special status under sixth schedule and Article 371.
- Establishment of Ladakh Public Sevice Commission that will have exclusive rights to recruit officials .

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Ladakh has a population of 2.74 lakh , with 46 % Muslim , 40% Buddhist and 12% Hindus .



### 2.Why Punjab is in court over BSF's power

In 2021 the government of India increased the Jurisdiction of Border Security Force ( BSF), which chiefly focuses on trans order crimes, - from 15 km to 50 km, inside international borders in the states of Punjab, West Bengal and Assam.

Punjab govt has criticized this move, it has ultimately moved to Supreme Court, which has fixed the third week of April for hearing the lawsuit.

### 3.Can malaria vaccine rollout be scaled up?

On January 22Cameroon in Africa, became the first country in the world to launch the RTS, a malaria vaccine for children in Routine national immunization service.

Twenty-one countries aim to roll out such programmes this year . The vaccine has been made under UNICEF initiative by UK based GSK.

#### About Malaria

Malaria is the biggest killer of children across the world. In 2022, more than half the country's population was at risk of malaria.

Africa amounts to the highest burden with 94% of cases and 95% of deaths.

#### India

According to a recent report by WHO , India accounts for 66% of malaria cases in South East Asia.

India has made progress in reducing its maraia burden . It has a vision to be a malaria free country by 2027, and elimination by 2030

Minimal radioactive discharges from Indian nuclear plant : study

### Western Equine Encephalitis outbreak in Argentina : Western Equine Encephalitis is a mosquito borne disease.

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