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➔ We saved economy from a crisis ,govt says in a white paper

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has released white paper on the Indian economy. The white paper talks about failure of UPA govt , and achievement of NDA govt. Some key points in this is

- Manmohan Singh Govt went not only for “ quick fixes “ like farm waiver but also failed to implement GST .Buy also moved the economy very slowly .
- The UPA government was marred by corruption but the current govt is cracking down hard on corruption .
- BJP govt invested in superstructures , it said that govt was not staying satspied as miles to go .

➔ Congress releases ‘ black paper ‘ on Modi govt

Congress on other hand brought a “ black paper “ which tells that BJP govt was a period of injustice . The paper highlighted unemployment , inflation and subversion of institutions and the Manipur issue , and adds that India has become a “ electoral autocracy “ .

The paper also talks about the North South divide in distribution of central taxes

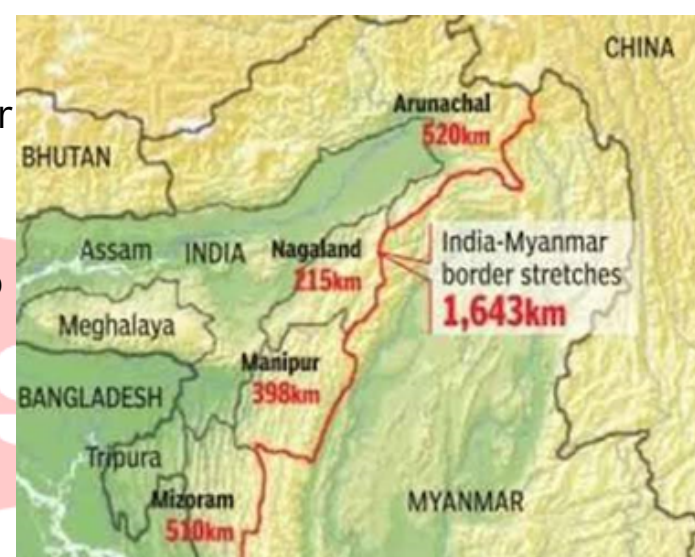
➔ Will scrap Free Movement Regime in Myanmar

Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that goverement has decided to end Free Movement Regime (FMR) with Myanmar The Home Ministry has recommended immediate suspension of FMR .

Under FMR, any memeber of a hill tribe (Kuki , Naga , Mizo), who is a citizen of either India or Myanmar and who resides within 16 km of border on either side can cross border on production of border pass . The border pass is residents can stay upto two weeks per visit .

The purpose of FMR was that the communities living at border area were of same culture and many were of same family , but FMR told to be resulting in smuggling , drug trafficking that has contributed to Manipur violence .

The cancellation of FMR is not supported by Tribal Hill Groups of Naga , Mizo and Kukis



➔ India’s Kaladan Project in Myanmar in Limbo as rebels control key towns

Currently the Arakan Army (AA) is fighting with the Military Junta in Rakhine state . The AA hacaptured key town of Paletwa township near Mizoram border .

A senior opposition leader talking to ‘ The Hindu ‘ said that the current fight has resulted in massive setbacks in the Kaladan Project .

The project passes through Kaldan P

Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project – The project aims to connect Kolkata with Sittwe Port in Myanmar . Through Sittwe Mizoram will be connected through Road and waterways . 500 million dollar project has been in delayed even earlier due to Rohingya problem .



➔ Center rejects accusation by Canada on Indian influence in its elections

MEA spokesperson turned down allegation by Canada that India was interfering in Canada's election , he termed these allegations as completely “baseless “ . He said that it was Canada which was interfering in India’s internal affairs

WORLD

➔ Pakistan votes as militants attack surge and Imran 's party cries foul

Pakistan on Thursday voted to elect a new Prime Minister . The voting was marred by sporadic violence .

Tens of thousands of security forces were deployed at polling stations . Authorities suspended mobile Phone services across the country to prevent disruption and flash protests .

Five people were killed in violence in Dera Ismail Khan

➔ Referendum on Irish Unity this decade , says Sinn Fihn leadership

Nothern Ireland will conduct a Referendum on Uniting with Republic of Ireland in this decade , said , Sien Fein the party that heads Northern Ireland .

Party President Ms McDonald told journalist at in London that referendum would be “ inclusive and “ planned , orderly , peaceful , democratic , constitutional “ .

In recent election Sinn Finn Party which is Pro Ireland has won majority . And Michelle O'Neil has become the new First Minister .

Nothern Ireland is currently under UK , Under Friday Agreement it has been agreed that , Nothern Ireland could be part of Ireland if a referendum says that

➔ Bolsanaro targeted as Brazil police probe ‘ coup attempt ‘

Brazil police has raised several location of former President Jail Bolsanaro . bolsanaro was ordered to surrender hai Passport , called it a case of relentless prosecution .

After election results Mr. Bolsanaro supporters had entered Supreme Court and Parliament and vandalized it .the investigation is going on over Bolsanaro's involvement in this case

➔ Israel target kills 13 in Gaza town that could be the next target for in war

Israeli Air strike killed 13 people over night and into Thursday in Rafah

More than half of 2.3 million population is currently in Rafah . Rafah can be the new focal point of fight now . Jabaliya , Khan Younis , Gaza City has already suffered heavy damage in war .

Till now 27,000 has died in Palestinian



Sports

➔ Sportstar Aces Award

- Sports man of the year (Team sports) – Mohammad Shami , Hardik Singh (hockey)
- Sportseoman of the year (team sports) –Vandana Kataria (hockey)
- Sportsman of the year (Individual Category) – Satwiksairaj and Chirag Shetty
- Sportswoman of the year (individual) – Sift kaur Samra , Rameshbabu Vaishali
- Sportstar of the year (male) – Neeraj Chopra
- Sportstar of the year (Female) – Sheetal Devi
- International Icon – Mutthaih Murlidharan
- Ace of the Aces – Rohan Bopanna .
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Chandu Border , Karnam Malleshwari

Sportstar Award is given by The Hindu group

Text/ Context

➔ The Paytm Payments Bank debacle

The story so far

RBI has disallowed Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) from accepting further deposits , top ups and credit transactions from its operated wallet or accounts from February 29 .

This validates with Fastag and other National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) . Present customers however will be allowed to use PPBL services .

Currently Paytm has 330 million wallet accounts .

Why RBI took this step ?

RBI in its statement has said that the present move was after an audit report had revealed “ persistent non compliance and continued supervisory concerns in the banks “ .

What will Payment do ahead ?

Paytm further has told that to continue its services it will link its platform from some other bank

➔ What are the regulation with respect to rice prices ?

The story so far

The Indian Government made it mandatory for all traders , wholesalers , retailers and wholesalers and Miller's to declare their respective rice stocks . The government has also announced the launch of “ Bharat rice “ , to bring down rice prices in the market .

What is the reason behind govt selling rice ?

The reason behind the government selling the rice is low production estimates in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka among others . Rice prices have increased by 14.7 % in a year from 2022 to 2023 . There are other reasons as well such as higher retail rice prices , MSP for rice going up , and increase in transport and storage cost and increased consumption of rice

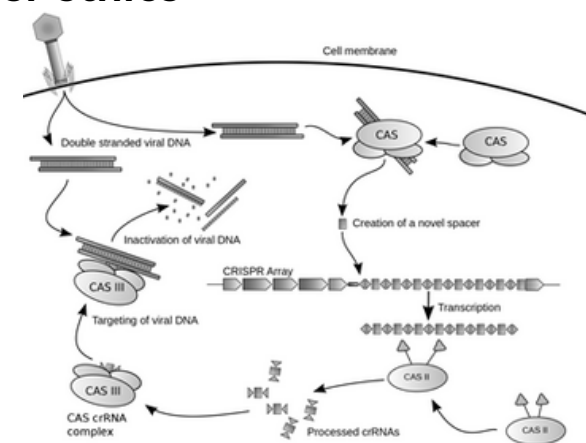
Science

➔ With CRISPER poised to revolutionize therapy , a pause to consider ethics

The CRISPER Cas 9 gene editing technology can be used to treat illnesses like Sickle cell Anemia . Currently CRISPER is costly and Indian researchers are working on making it cheaper . Regulating such technology will be important as it can be misused . Once technology becomes cheaper people can use this to irrelevantly change their genes to change their height , color , and other features . This requires regulation .

CRISPER Cas 9 – CRISPER uses Cas enzyme to cut , delete , add DNA sequences at precise location . This opening gates for treating genetic diseases .

Sickle Cell Anemia – This is a genetic disease , in which Red blood cells has sickle shape. The sickle red blood cells prohibits oxygen carrying to other blood cells and also slows and block blood flow



➔ Kyasanur Forest disease : the assault of the tick

Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) also known as monkey fever has caused 2 deaths in Karnataka . Out of 2567 tests conducted by the health department 68 have been found positive .

KFD spreads through ticks , primates that come into contact with infected ticks or primates .

History of KFD

The disease was first located in the Kaynasur Forest area in Shimoga district in 1956 . Six e then more than 560 persons have died of the Disease .

Symptoms and Treatment

There is no specific treatment of the disease however the government is looking to develop a vaccine for this