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THE HINDU National

→ Use dictionary meaning of ' forest ' supreme court tells central government

- The Supreme Court was hearing a Petition filed against Amendment Forest Conservation Act 2023.
- The court directed center that the expression " forest " will continue to be " broad and all encompassing " for the time being , and it will included 1.97 lakh square km of undeclared land .
- The new amendment had " circumscribed and substantially diluted the meaning of forest to two categories – declared forest lands recorded as " forests " in governmental records after 1980 .
- The court also ordered that establishment of Zoos Safaris must have a final approval by top court .
- Forest Amendment Act , 2023 –
 - It changed definition of " forest " to as mentioned in governmental records after 1980 .By doing so 1.97 lakh hectares of undeclared forest land which earlier came under " forest " were excluded.
 - Land within 100 km of India's border needed for national security projects has been excluded under this .
 - The state govt requires prior approval of central government to assign any forest land to private entity .
 - The act specifies some activities that can be carried out on forest ,such as establishing check post , bridges . The bill also allows running ecotourism and Zoo Safari activities

→ Center - Kerala talks fail ; SC to hear suit

- The talk between Center and Kerala over financial inequality failed . The case is in Supreme Court. Kerala has accused center of pushing it to " financial emergency " by adopting policies and making amendment to laws .
- Center proposed to give Rs. 11,000 crore for cooperative federalism . Center also accused Kerala of being " one of the most financially unhealthy states " .

→ SC deeply concerned about Chandigarh mayor polls

- The Supreme Court on Monday said it is " deeply concerned about the horse trading taking place " post the Chandigarh mayor election, and summoned the entire records and video of the polls held on January 30 .
- The court directive came after court observed that returning officer " has to be prosecuted " , for interfering with electoral democracy for " defacing " eight ballot papers " This matter is very important . We are deeply concerned that this type of horse trading is taking place " , Chief Justice Chandrachud observed .

SC allows SharadPawar faction to continue use of new name

→ Center has agreed to discuss statehood , says Ladakh leaders

- Civil Society groups from Ladakh has agreed to put off an indefinite hunger strike by ThupstanChhewang andSonamWangchuk after meeting officials from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) ,on Monday .
- On February 3 ,Ladakh observed a complete shutdown as thousands gathered for the demand of Leh to protect its cultural identity .
- The demands of Ladakh civil society are statehood for Ladakh , special privileges under sixth schedule , reservation to jobs for locals , state to have its own public service commission etc

➔ **Farmers reject center's offer to resume March**

- Union government presented five years contract plan for MSP to farmers to procure five crops .
- The plan meant that center would procure five crops (maize , cotton , tur , massor , urad) at price system $A2 + FL + 50\%$ (Input Cost + Family Labour + 50 % over that) .
- The farmers organizations have rejected the center's proposal and have decided to resume ' Delhi Chalo ' from 21 february .Farmers demand is of Legal guarantee of MSP on $C2 + 50\%$ (input cost and rent in the land + 50%) formula

➔ **We are making the life of every citizen easier : PM**

- PM Modi launched 14,000 projects in UP worth over ₹10 lakh crore on Monday . He hailed state's infrastructure development , saying it has highest number of expressways and international airports .
- He also hailed state's aim to be 1 trillion dollar economy

➔ **'Class 10 ,12 exams will be held twice a year from 2025-26'**

- Union education minister DharmendraPradhan on Monday said that students will haveoption of appearing for class 10 and 12 twice a year since 2025 - 26 . He was saying this at launch of PM SHRI scheme in Chhatisgarh .
- PM SHRI (PrashanMantri Schools for Rising India) – Under this 211 schools of the state will be upgraded

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➔ **Navalny's widows accuses President Putin of killing him , vows to continue his life's work**

- YuliaNavalnaya widow of AlexieNavalnyaccused Russian President Vladimir Putin to kill her husband .
- She further told that Navalny died after being tormented and tortured for three years .
- " I will do continue the work of AlexieNavalny , she further said.
- Russian government has told that investigation in death of Navalny is still on

➔ **EU launches Red Sea mission as US ship is attacked twice**

- The European Union sets to launch a mission named Asoides , Greek for " shields " – up and running in a few weeks. The mission is aimed at protecting Cargo ships in the Red Sea from Houthiattacks .
- The US is already spearheading its own coalition in the area .

➔ **Sri Lanka will uphold economic and social rights ofTamil : President**

- Srilankan President RanilWockramshinghe said on Monday that his government has initiated a process to uphold the country's minority Tamil community .
- MrWickramshighe virtually launched the fourth stage of the Indian housing project , " Bharat Lanka " aimed at construction of 10,000 houses with Indian grant assistance for plantation workers in Sri Lanka .
- Mr. Wickramshighe expressed gratitude to India for this .Tamil community in Sri Lanka has suffered hugely from



House built from India assistance

➔ **Cambodia to revive tiger population with India's help**

- Cambodia hopes to import four from India this year under an Agreement signed with New Delhi .
- Cambodia's dry forest was home of scores of Indochinese tigers once but I tensive poaching of both tigers and prey has devastated their numbers . Tiger population in India can exceed 3600 this year .



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