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THE HINDU National

➔ India is a bridging power , says S Jaishankar

- External Affairs minister S Jaishankar talking at Raisina dialogues said that Multilateralism will exist side by side with National Interest .
- On India's Global Position he said that whether it was pandemic or regional conflicts India is seen unbiased .
- He participated in a lunch hosted by India - Nordic - Baltic forum . Many foreign ministers and deputy foreign ministers from European countries have participated in Raisina Dialogues. They urged India to join a " peace conference " in Switzerland .



➔ India to open diplomatic mission in Albanian capital

- Albania's Foreign. Minister Igli Hasani is in India to participate in Raisina dialogues .On Wednesday he said that Albania is planning to open an embassy in India .
- India too will soon have a diplomatic mission in Tirana (Albania's capital) .Albania is at the crossroads between the European Union and East Asia . Albania is trying to be part of India's connectivity projects to Europe



➔ Russian skier does as avalanche hit Gulmarg

- A Russian skier was killed and other injured after an Avalanche struck the ski slopes of Gulmarg in Baramulla district .
- With efforts by authorities six skiers has been rescued so far .
- Around 125 foreign Skiers havereached Gulmarg this time for high adrenaline skiing at the height above 4000 m .
- Currently Khelo India Winter Games 2024 is also going on in Gulmarg .

➔ Make Amul world 's no 1 dairy company , PM

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday exhorted dairy farmers to make Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) a member 1 state in the world .
- PM Modi was speaking at the Golden Jubilee Celebration of GCMMF . GCMMF owns Amul .
- Currently it's world ranking is eight

➔ Consider renaming lioness called Sita : HC to Bengal govt

- The Calcutta High court on Thursday asked the West Bengal government to rename a lioness named after Hindu Goddess Sita .
- Recently Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) filed a PIL in Calcutta High Court about a lioness named Sita and a lion named Akbar put in the same compartment .
- The VHP in its PIL had termed it as blasphemy to Hindu community

➔ Govt unveils four web portals for news publishers

- Union Information & Broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur launched four online portals of Central Bureau of Communication , the Registrar of Newspapers of India , the New Media Wing and the Digital Addressable system of the Ministry .
- The four portals include " Press Sewa " for registration of newspapers and periodicals and " Navigate Bharat " for Videos on the entire gamut on govt's development related and citizen welfare oriented measures .
- The other portals are for registration of local cable operators and a transparent impanelment , media planning and e billing system .

➔ Russia used most of its rupees balance in India banks : Indian Officials

- Russia has usedmost of its Rupees balance , that hadpiled up to about 8 billion dollars .
- This accounts to increased imports from India about (4.05 billion dollars in CY 23) , investment in infrastructure projects , investment in equity market purchases .

- India imports from Russia a lot than Russia does from India . India pays Russia in Rupees as payment in dollar to Russia is no longer an option following western sanctions .
- As Russia used to import pretty less India. Rupees were stuck unused . In 2023 Russia increased its import by 39 %

➔ **SKM pledges to mobilize farmers nationwide hold talks for action plan**

- As a stand off between center and farmer , the Samyukt Kisan Morcha announced on Thursday that it would mobilize farmers nationwide .
- The six farmers committee decided that SKM world observe February 23 as a Black day by burning effigies and holding demonstrations . Also a call was made to observe February 26 as ‘ Quit WTO day ‘ SKM has planned to hold a ‘ Kisan Mazdoor Mahapanchayat ‘ on March 14 at Ramlila ground

Science

➔ **The Women of ASHA : Overpaid , Underpaid and on the verge of breakdown**

- The article is about the condition of ASHA workers .
- ASHA - Accredited Social Health Activist
- ASHA workers are responsible for providing basic health care at village level and community service .
- Earlier their duties only included maternal health care , and now the duties include vaccination follow ups , data logging , palliative healthcare , and providing mental healthcare support .
- A recent study shows that ASHA workers are overworked and underpaid , many do not eat well and sleep enough , and are at risk of Anemia , malnutrition and non communicable Diseases .

➔ **World’s race to eradicate Guinea worm disease nears the Finish line**

- The world is on the brink of public health Triumph with eradication of Guinea worm Disease . There were about 3.5 million cases of Guinea worm disease in 1980 .
- According to a WHO (World Health Organisation) report , the cases has dropped from 14 in 2021 , to 13 in 2022 to 6 in 2023 .

WORLD

➔ **Israel strikes Gaza’ s Rafah z as ceasefire talks are underway**

- Israel launched an airstrike on Thursday on Southern Gaza’s Rafah , after threatening to send troops against Hamas militants in the city ,where 1.4 million troops have taken shelter .
- Global Powers are trying to find a way to end the Israel Hamas war .
- The Israel campaign has killed at least 29,410 , mostly women and Children .

➔ **Russia’s war has inflicted ‘ horrific human cost ‘ : U. N.**

- Russia’s war in Ukraine has inflicted a terrible human cost and has inflicted suffering to millions ,UN Human Rights Commission chief Volker Turk said .
- He further said that a thorough and independent investigation is needed in all the war crimes.

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