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→ Chinese. 'dual use ' cargo heading to Pak , seized

- In a latest discovery a Karachi based consignment was seized by Indian customs officials.
- The consignment contained two advanced Computer Numerical Control (CNC) manufactured by GKD, Italy .
- The consignment was shipped on January 9, on a Mlata flagged vessel from Shekou port in China. The vessel reached Nhava Sheva Port (JNPT) Mumbai on January 22, 2024.
- The consignment has been inspected by a team of officials from the Defense R search Development Organization.
- The equipment in it could be used for Pakistan's nuclear development programme

➡ Cafe and Cooker blasts : Police probing possible links

- The Bangalore City police is Probing, the IED blast in Rameshwaram cafe in Bengaluru's city.
- The police are trying to prove that there was some links between a similar tiffin blast in Mangalore cafe in 2022.
- CCTV footage shows the person who put the bomb in the cafe . Police are trying to identify the person

⇒ BJP first list has 195 names , PM to fight against from Varanasi

- The BJP came out with its first list of seats on Saturday, announcing 195 candidates across 16 states and UTs.
- PM Narendra Modi will contest from Varanasi seat in Uttar Pradesh, his parliamentary seat for the last two Lok Sabha seats from Uttar Pradesh.
- The party has retained 110 incumbent MPs, including 34 Union ministers.
- Rajnath Singh (Lucknow), Amit Shah (Gandhinagar) and Smriti Irani (Amethi) have kept their seats.
- Those who have been dropped include Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur from Bhopal, Ramesh Bidhuri from South Delhi Meenakshi Lekhi has also been dropped. Gautam Gambhir withdrew his candidacy hours before the announcement .Shivraj Singh Chauhan will be fight from Lok Sabha seat in Vidisha .Biplab Deb, former Chief Minister from Tripura will be contesting from Tripura (West).

⇒ Shah launches umbrella body for urban cooperative banks

- Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Sunday launched an umbrella body for Urban Cooperative banks (UCBs) National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation Limited (NBCFDC).
- Mr Shah stated that the organization was necessary of the time, and marked a new beginning for the self regulation of Urban Cooperative banks.
- "It is necessary that we upgrade ourselves and adhere to all the regulations of the RBI .UCBs in India are generally present in Urban areas . It gives loan to Cooperative societies
- UCBs has a collective strength of 11,000 with 1500 banks deposit of rupees five lakh crore and loans totalling rupees 3.5 lakh crore . In fact UCBs had reduced their net performing assets to 2.2 %

➡ Center TIPRA Motha, Tripura govt sign tripartite agreementp

- The Government of India, the Government of Tripura and Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance (TIPRA) signed an agreement on Saturday to address the issues of Indigenous people of Tripura.
- The Agreement contains the formation of a joint working committee to resolve issues related to the "history, land rights, political rights, economic development, identity, culture and language". However, the timeline for forming the Joint working Committee has not been specified yet.
- Tripura has a population of about 36lakh of which 70% of them are Bengalis. About 30% of the population is ethnic indigenous, which includes around 19 tribal groups, major among them is Kokborok.
- TIPRA Motha party by Pradyot Bikram Verma has demanded a separate TIPRALAND state for local people

Over 24,000 birds recorded during Thamirabharani waterbird count

- The recent Tamirbhanmi Waterbird Count 2024 was organized in TamilNadu . It recorded more than 24,000 birds in the irrigation tanks getting water from the perennial river .
- Tamirabharani and its major tributaries include, Chithra, Pachaiyar, Gadna and Ramanathi which serves as a crucial water source for the districts of Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Thoothukudi. These rivers are channelised for irrigation through an intricate network of Canals and Centuries.
- ATREE Agasthmalayi community Conservation Center (ACCC) had initiated the citizen centric bird initiative programme.

➡ Google's app desisting cannot be allowed

- Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), Ashwani Vaishnav told Press Trust of India (PTI), that Google' delisting of certain Indian apps from Play store "cannot be permitted".
- "India is very clear, our policy is very clear, ...out apps will get the protection they need. "IT Minister Ashwini Vaishanav said.
- Earlier After the Supreme Court had refused to extend relief to certain apps on payment to Google .Following the Supreme Court's decision Google had delisted certain apps from its play store .The delisted apps included Bharat Matrimony, Kuku FM,

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Quack Quack .Certain apps like Naukari and 99 Acres were restored after they complied with Google's payment requirements. Google charges 11-30 % of profit that apps make .

WORLD

➡ Many Palestinian shot dead at Gaza aid point : U.N.

- On Friday a UN team visited sites in Gaza where several civilians for aid died .A UN team has reported seeing "a large number "of gunshots and wounds among Gazans after Israeli troops opened fire near an aid convoy .
- On Saturday, the health ministry of Hamas run territory said thousands of people in North Gaza "are at risk from dying from dehydration and malnutrition", and the world health organization said that it had delivered treatment for 50 acutely malnourished children.
- The Israeli military said "stamped" occurred when thousand of Gazams surrounded the aid convoy, leading. Israeli military spokesperson had said that Israeli troops had fired few "warningshots" to try disperse "mob"that had "ambushed" the aid trucks.

▶ Israel agreed to framework for a ceasefire : US

- Israel has essentially indirsed a framework of proposed Gaza and hostage release deal and it is upto Hamas to agree to it. A senior US official said on Saturday.
- Efforts are going on for weeks to get a ceasefire before Ramadan . Ramzan month will start on 10 th March

→ Argentina's Milie vows for a reform irrespective of political support

- Argentina's liberation President Javier Milie, in his first policy speech to parliament on Friday said he would push his package of sweeping reforms whether or not legislators back it.
- Mr Milie has completed 82 days in his office, in which he devalued Peso more than 50 %, slashed state subsidies for fuel and transport, cut tension of thousands of public jobs, and scrapped hundreds of rules in his bid to regulate the economy. I ask for patience and trust. Mr. Milie said

PPP's Sarfaraz Bughti elected unopposed as CM of Balochistan province

FAQ

→ The resolutions against center's border plan

• On February 28 and March 1, Nagaland and Mizoram assemblies adopted a resolution that opposes the center's decision to fence the 1643 km long porous India Myanmar border .and scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR). agreement that allows cross bordermovement upto 16 km without travel documents.

Why the resolution?

Historically the North Eastern states were under Burmese state under British rules ..

The people across the border are ethnically same and have their family ties . This was the reason for allowing FMR earlier .

The resolution is to protect these groups to keep their family ties.

Though resolution is just an "opinion" of the assembly and it does not bind the center to not implement what it wants .

Why did the court penalize Patanjali?

- On February 27, the Supreme Court restrained Patanjali from discrediting Allopathy from its projects and campaigns, and from advertising campaigns that claim to cure chronic conditions. Patanjali's ads present its products as a "permanent relief" which is "misleading," the court observed.
- The bench also passed contempt order against Patanjali Ayurved and Managing director Acharya Balkrishna for failing to adhere its directions passed last November .

What is the whole matter about?

- In 2022, Indian Medical Association (IMA), filed a petition in Supreme Court against advertisements that says " save yourself and the country from misconceptions spread by Pharma and medical industry ". The Patanjali in its advertisement has repeatedly claimed to cure diseases like "glaucoma ", "diabetes "etc.
- The Supreme Court on November 21 warned Patanjali against these ads and threatened to impose a penalty of ₹1 crore for every product with promises of 'permanent 'treatment .Patanjali assured court of any future violation , however such ads appeared inDecember and January both .
- The Supreme Court has placed a temporary ban on all advertisements on medicinal products, refusing to even permit ads "without adjectives".
- Patanjali claimspermanent cure of "diabetes", " heart disease " and " glaucoma ", and 51 other diseases whose cure is not in Allopathy.

What next

The Supreme Court has placed a temporary ban on all advertisements by patanjali. The next hearing will be on March 19

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