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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ Trees in Corbett fell prey to nexus of greed , says SC

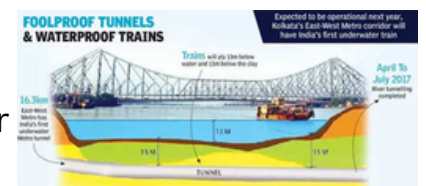
- The Supreme Court on Wednesday condemned the illegal felling of more than 6,000 trees to construct a building for “eco- tourism “ in Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand .
- The court cited it as a classic case of “ nexus “ between politicians and officials working to ransack the environment for short term commercial ends.
- What is the case all about ?
- A petition was filed by an environment activist challenging the Uttarakhand’s govt proposal to have a tiger Safari and a specialized zoo to have caged animals at the national park .
- **What the judgment says :**
  - The court said that it was “ amazed at the audacity “ of former Uttarakhand ministers and officials . The court has ordered a CBI enquiry in the case and has directed the agency to submit its report within three months .
  - The court said that the cost of restoration of the forest will be incurred from errant politicians and officials .
  - The court has. Proposed to form a panel and the panel of the representatives of NTCA , Wildlife Institute of India ( WII) ,central empowered committee and a joint secretary .
  - The committee will recommend whether Wild Safaris should be allowed in specialized wildlife conservation zones .
  - In case the committee allows Safaris in these zones . The committee will have to recommend guidelines for their operation . The guidelines would be applied on a Pan India basis.

### ➔ Ensure Pakistan does not use loans to foot defense bills , India to IMF

- India in a review meeting of IMF on Pakistan loan batted for “ stringent monitoring “ of the funds given . India stressed that such funds must not be used for defense bills or repayment of loans from other countries .
- India in earlier review meetings had abstained to participate and vote . This is the first time India took part in a review meeting on Pakistani Loans.
- **IMF loans to Pakistan :**
- Following Floods and external shocks Pakistan economy was on verge of collapsing , when it requested loans from IMF .The IMF in July last year okayed a 3 billion dollar stand by Arrangement ( SBA ) that is going to expire next month . Pakistan has requested a 1.2 billion dollar additional loan from the IMF

### ➔ PM launches India’s first underwater line Metro line in Kolkata

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated Kolkata Metro’s Esplanade Howrah maidan section .
- The Metro line passes through the country's first underwater tunnel below Hooghly River . The 4.8 km long section was made at a cost of Rs. 4,965 crore



### ➔ Navy commissions INS Jatayu MH 60 R helicopter squadron

- The Indian Navy on Wednesday commissioned INS Jatayu on Minicoy island in Lakshadweep . This is the second base in Lakshadweep after INS Dweeprakshak in Kavaratti .
- Minicoy island is at the nine degree equator line and at a very important strategic position . It separates Maldives and India .
- Looking at increased closeness of Maldives and China this has become even more important .



### ➔ Don't promote betting , govt tells media celebrities

- The Central Consumer Protection Authority in an advisory has warned manufacturers , advertisers ,social media platforms , and broadcasters against promoting illegal acts such as Gambling or betting .
- The advisory noticed that betting platforms were introducing celebrities to advertise their products . This gives a “ false impression that indulging in these activities is acceptable “.
- It warned that stringent action of guidelines is violated .
- Currently there is no law in India that bans betting and Gambling .
- However states like Sikkim , Telangana , Tamil Nadu , Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have banned these betting and gambling by making their own laws .

## States

### ➔ Take Rs.13,608 crore on offer , SC advises Kerala

- The Supreme Court ( SC ) advised Kerala govt to accept Rs.13,608 crore being offered by center and accept the conditions put by center,except withdrawing the suit.
- SC also asked the center if it was fair to put a precondition that the Petition filed by Kerala be withdrawn for release of funds .
- Justice Suryakant Mishra said “ we want to find a structured solution to it . If you both can resolve the immediate emergency . There will be time to hear the suit .” .
- **About the case :**
  - Kerala govt is facing financial emergency .
  - It is unable to pay pension and salaries to its staff .
  - Kerala had filed suit in the Supreme Court alleging the center was violating federal structure and causing economic harm by limiting borrowing powers of states .
  - Center accused Kerala of financial mismanagement .Center agreed to offer Rs.13,608 immediate release to Kerala on preconditioning that Kerala withdraw its case .
  - Kerala Earlier in a meeting with the Central govt rejected the offer .Kerala had sought Rs.26,226 crore to clear its “ unmet arrears and immediate obligations “ .

### ➔ Human wildlife conflict a state specific disaster : Kerala

- The Kerala cabinet on Wednesday declared human wildlife conflict a state specific disaster .
- The government also decided to form a committee to look into the matter .
- The decision comes after increasing death of civilians , damage to crops .
- Wayanad district of Kerala is among the most affected by it .

### ➔ Fresh complaint filed against Delhi CM for skipping ED summons

- The Enforcement Directorate ( ED ) has filed a fresh Petition in Rouse Avenue court in Delhi against Arvind Kejriwal for non compliance with its summons .
- Arvind Kejriwal skipped the eighth summons by ED on March 4

### ➔ Healey Concedes as Trump , Biden win big in primaries

- On “ Super Tuesday “ , the day on which elections of primaries and Caucuses were held for 15 US states , Nikkie Healy went out of the contest .
- Nikkie Healy was able to win only one state. The remaining 14 were won by Donald Trump .
- There were no participants against Joe Biden , so he got all the votes .
- With this it has become very good that the US Presidential Contest in November will be between Trump and Biden

### ➔ ‘US is using Philippines as pawn in South China sea , says Beijing

- China on Wednesday accused the US of using the Philippines as a “ pawn “ in the South China sea .
- Replying to the incident of collision between Chinese and Philippines vessel in South China sea . Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said ,China “ took control measures’ ’ against Philippine ships ‘ “ illegal intrusion “ into water it claims .
- “ China urges the United States not to use the Philippines as a pawn to stir up trouble in the South China Sea . “ . she said .
- The US earlier had condemned China’s action as “ provocative “ .
- The US and Philippines have historically strong relations . The US has many Naval and Airforce bases in the Philippines

### ➔ With 8,565 dead , UN says 2023 was the deadliest year in a decade for migrants

- UN’s International Organization for Migration ( IOM ) on Wednesday released data on Migrants death in 2023 .
- At least 8565 people died on Migration routs in 2023 . This is 20% more than total death in 2022 .
- The Mediterranean route remained the deadliest with 3129 deaths .
- People from South West Asian countries and North African countries try to migrate to Europe .
- Those from South America try to move to North American countries . Many also died illegally migrating from Myanmar



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