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➡ Goel likely quit over 'differences 'with CEC

- The sudden resignation of Election Commissioner Arun Goel might have arisen during his visit to Bengal to oversee poll preparations. During the Bengal visit he didn't accompany CEC Rajiv Kumar during a press conference.
- The two vacancies of the Election Commission are likely to be filled by March 15, sources indicated on Sunday.
- A high level committee comprising PM Narendra Modi, a Union Minister and Adhir Ranjan. Chaudhary, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha is likely to meet on March 14 to decide over this

➡ India signs free trade pact with 4 European nations, eyes 100 BN dollar in investment

- India signed a Free Trade Agreement with four European countries Iceland, Leischeatein, Norway and Switzerland on Sunday with a goal of reaching 100 billion dollars in investment in India and one Million jobs within 15 years.
- The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA), marks the end of the second such full fledged FTA signed after India's Agreement with UAE.
- The TEPA agreement has following important provisions
 - India will reduce tariffs, increase market access and simplify custom procedures.
 - The four countries will invest 100 billion dollars in 15 years in India . This is likely to create 1 million jobs .
 - The FTA agreement for the first time also includes a chapter on human rights and sustainable development.
- EFTA is one of the three major European trade blocs, the other being the European Union (EU) and UK.

➡ Gig workers suffers from lack of social security, regulation: study

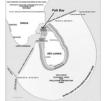
- A study on gig workers who are involved in driving recently was conducted by the People's Association in Grassroots action and Movements, and the Indian Federation for app based transport workers with technical support from the University of Pennsylvania and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung India, a German foundation. The study was conducted over more than 10,000 cab drivers.
- It had following findings:
 - Almost a third of app based cab drivers work for over 14 hours a day, while more than 83% work for more than 10 hours a day.
 - > Over 43% participants in the study earn less than Rs. 500 a day or Rs.15,000 a month .50 questions were asked from the participants in the survey .
 - ➤ 40% of the app based drivers said that they never take a single day off in a week

▶ PM launched various projects in Chhattisgarh and In UP

- PM launched Mahatari Vandan Yojna in Chhattisgarh . He also laid foundation stone of various projects worth Rs. 34000 crore in UP
- Mahtari Vandan Yojna Under this scheme Financial assistance of Rs.1000 to all eligible married women in Chhattisgarh .

Twenty two fishermen were arrested on Charges of trespassing into Srilankan waters

- A total of 22 fishermen were arrested by Srilankan Navy on Sunday.
- They included 13 from Nagapattinam. Seven from Padukottai, and two from Karaikal.
- They were fishing near Neduntheevu when the Srilankan Navy arrested them .
- They, were taken to the Kankesanthurai Naval base, coastal security guard sources said





Trinamool to contest all 42 seats in Bengal

- Putting to end speculations of seat sharing with Congress, Trinamool Congress on Sunday announced its candidates for all 42 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal.
- Congress President Mallikarjuna Kharge however has said that an alliance for Lok Sabha is possible Just before the withdrawal of nominations

➡ Report turns spotlight on India's"zero food children"

- A study published recently in JAMA network open journal has following findings :--
 - The study ranks India as the third highest percentage of zero food children . India (19.3%), ranks only better than Guinea (21.8%) and Mali (20%).
 - > In terms of numbers India has the highest number of Zero food children.
 - Among the states UP (28. 4%)., Bihar (14.2%), Maharashtra (7.1%), and Rajstahan (6.5 %)
 - The percentage here shows the percentage of "zero food children", children who have not eaten any food for 24 hours.

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- > Experts say that rapid urbanization is fuelling malnutrition in the country.
- JAMA network open is a monthly open access medical journal, published by the American Medical Association covering all aspects of biomedical sciences.

→ 7396 Golden Langurs in India , reveals survey

- A recent study on Primates in India by the Primates Research Center North East (PRCNE), Assam Forest Department, Bodoland Territorial Council, and Salim Ali Center for Ornithology a d Medical Sciences and Conservation Himalaya has following findings. There are an estimated 7,396 golden Langurs in India.
- Ripu Reserve Forest was found home to (2867) Golden Langurs . While Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, had 838 individuals.
- Golden Langur is placed in the Endangered list in IUCN Red list . It is found mainly in western Assam and in the foothills of Black Mountain in Bhutan .
- Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar and Dhubri district are where these are widely spread. Manas Wildlife Sanctuary is a major hub for Golden Langurs.

WORLD

▶ Israel Hamas war rages in Gaza on the eve of Ramzan

- Deadly fighting is still going on in Gaza on Sunday between Israeli forces and Hamas militants .
- A Spanish charity ship with aid intended for the besieged enclave is awaiting clearance in Cyprus, Truce talk involving US, Qatar and Egyptian mediators fail to find results ahead of fasting months.

➡ Bill on assisted dying to be tables in French Parliament in May: Macron

- French President Emanual Macron has said that a Bill on assisted dying would go before parliament in May .
- Only adults with full control over judgment, suffering an incurable and life threatening illness in the short to medium term and whose pain can not be relieved "would be eligible " to ask to be helped to die " Mr Macron said.
- Minors and Patients suffering Psychiatric and Neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzhiemerswill not be eligible.

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Text / Context

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