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THE HINDU National

➔ Why has SBI not disclosed codes of bonds : SC

- The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday asked SBI why it had not included alphanumeric numbers of individual electoral bonds to the Election Commission (EC) for publication on its official website .
- The court issued a notice to the bank and listed the case for March 19 .
- On March 14 EC had published the names of Donors of the electoral bonds .
- EC told that it had submitted original copies of documents to SC . SC to return the original copies submitted and to keep only the digital copies

➔ Many top donors were under ED , IT department scanner

- An analysis of the companies which figure among top purchasers of electoral bond shows that a significant number of them were under ED's or IT department scanner at some point of time in last five years

➔ New ECs take charge : Supreme Court refused to stay their appointments

- Former bureaucrats Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu assumed charges of Election Commissioners on Friday .
- Supreme Court refused to intervene urgently on their appointment . The supreme Court refused to intervene urgently on a petition urging to stay their appointments on grounds that it will " favour " ruling party .
- The court is hearing the petition in which petitioner has demanded that CJI be included in appointment committee that appoints CEC and EC

Supreme Court will hear petition seeking stay on CAA and its rules on March 19

➔ Many top electoral bond donors were under scanner of ED, IT department

- Of the bonds worth ₹1368 crore purchased by Future gaming and Hotels Service PR , 50 % were purchased before ED searches and 50% after searches .
- There are many other firms that has been found by operating similar patterns

➔ Railways plan to develop multi Modal transport hubs

- The Indian Railways will create a mega railway terminal with multi modal connectivity in ' aspirational cities ' with a population of more than 10 lakh in the country under ' Viksit Bharat ' initiative

➔ Army raises first unit to operate Apache attack helicopters in Jodhpur

- The Indian Army Aviation Corps raised its first unit at Jodhpur on Friday that will operate the Apache Helicopters .
- Apache Helicopter(AH 64 E) is a attack helicopter that India has bought from US . There are currently 22 AH 64 E with Indian Airforce many has to be inducted .

➔ Court rejects Kejriwal's plea challenging Delhi Excise Policy plea

- A sessions court of Delhi has rejected Arvind Kejriwal's plea to suspend ED hearing . Earlier Mr. Kejriwal skipped eighth summon by ED

➔ ED arrests BRS MLC Kavitha in Delhi Excise Policy case

- In a dramatic development the Enforcement Directorate (ED) officially arrested Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) member and MLC K Kavitha in Delhi Excise Policy Scam case .
- She has been arrested under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) .
- The ED is probing Ms Kavitha's involvement under 'South group' , which played a key role in Delhi Excise Policy scam

Lok Sabha election schedule set to be announced today : EC

➔ India wooes Tesla by slashing import duty on EVs to 15% ,from 70-100 %

- In a bid to woo firms like Tesla government has reduced import duty on Electric Vehicles(EVs) to 15 % ,earlier the duty was 70-100 % .
- The reduced duty will be offered on certain conditions , EV makers investing minimum 500 million dollars , setting up India plant within three years as reaching at least 25% domestic value addition in that time .
- The lower duty will be allowed on Completely Built Unit (CBU) , of CIF value 35000 dollar and above .

WORLD

➔ Netanyahu speaks plan for Army's operation in Gaza's packed Rafah

- Israel PM Benjamin office on Monday approved the military plan for operation in Rafah .
- Rafah is last major population center yet to come under Israel attack .
- US President Joe Biden said that an Israeli Operation without civilian protection plans would be a "red line" . Blinken has also asked for a clear strategy to ensure civilian safety .

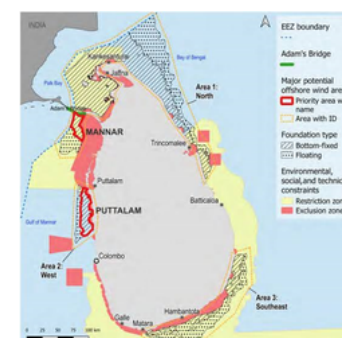
➔ Russian missiles kills at least 16 in latest strike on Odesa

- At least 16 people were killed in Russian strike in Odesa . Russia hit the first missile and when rescuers arrived , a second nd missile was hit at same place.
- In military terms it is known as double tap . This came as Russia went through Presidential polls



➔ Locals , experts raise concern over Adani wind power project in Sri Lanka

- A wind power project by Adani Green Energy in Northern Sri Lanka has become a part of controversy , with locals and environmentalists raising concerns of its impact on local population , coastal region and livelihood .
- The 442 million dollar project was cleared last week .
- " The project expects to add 250 MW in Mannar and 234 MW in Pooneryn to the national grid ."



➔ Russians vote in Presidential election that holds little of suspense

- Russia began three days of voting on Friday in a presidential elections , that is all but certain to extend President Vladimir Putin's rule by six more years .
- At least half a dozen of cases on Vandalism was reported , including a fire bombing .
- Most of the opposition members of Putin are serving a jail term .
- European Union mocked the election as not free and fair

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6	21 April 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	GEOGRAPHY
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