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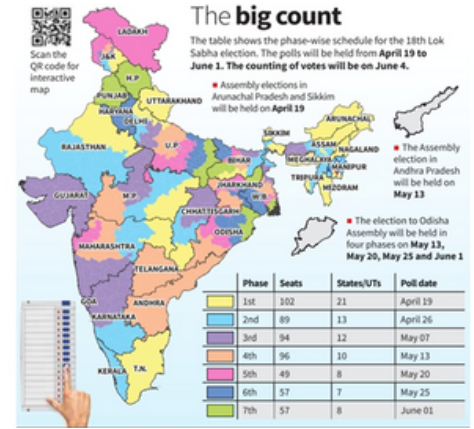
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THE HINDU National

➔ 7 phases poll fest to kick off on April 19

- The Election Commission (EC) on Saturday announced the poll schedule for the General election .
- Elections in India will be held in seven phases from April 19 to June 1 .
- Simultaneous assembly polls will be held in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) , Sikkim , Odisha and Arunachal Pradesh
- Of the 96.8 crore electors eligible to cast votes , 1.82 crores are first timers .
- The dates for polling for the Lok Sabha are on April 19 , April 26 , May 7 , May 13 , May 20 , May 25 and June 1.
- In Bihar , UP and voting will take place in all seven states .
- The counting of votes will take place on June 4
- Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim will go for Assembly polls on April 19 ,while Andhra Pradesh will go for Assembly polls on May 13 .
- Odisha's assembly polls will be held in four phases with voting on May 13 ,May 20, May 25 and June 1 .
- This will be the second longest polling exercise in India's polling history .
- This is the first time in a general election that people above the age 85 years as well as those with more than 40% disability will be able to vote from their own homes
- **Model Code of Conduct (MCC) :** With the announcement of polling dates , Model Code of Conduct has come into force . CEC flagged the challenge of ' four Ms' : Muscle Power , Money Power , Misinformation and MCC violations .
- **Standing on cusp of history** – PM Modi said that he was ready for the polls . He said that the contest was between NDA that ushered a " glorious turnaround " and the opposition that was " rudderless " .
- **Set to take on and ' unseat ' BJP , says INDIA leaders**
The parties in the Opposition bloc welcomed Lok Sabha poll dates and said they were ready to take on the BJP to unseat it from power .
- **On Elections in J&K** - CEC Rajiv Kumar said that Assembly Elections in J&K will not be possible at this point of time due to security requirements .
But he indicated Assembly elections to be performed soon after the



➔ Indian Navy warships rescues 17 crew members of hijacked merchant vessel ;35 pirates surrendered

- Indian Navy on March 14 rescued vessel named Ruen from pirates .
- Maltese based vessel Ruen was was hijacked on December 14 and taken to Somalian waters , was turned into pirate vessel as was being used as a pirate ship .
- The vessel was intercepted by Pirate ship INS Kolkata about 2600 km from Indian Coast .
Pirates were forced to surrender . Vessel has been sanitised and crew members rescued



➔ BRS leader Kavitha sent to ED custody in Electoral bond case

- A Delhi Court remanded K Kavitha for 7 days of custody . K Kavitha , daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has been accessed to be involved in Excise scam case by ED .

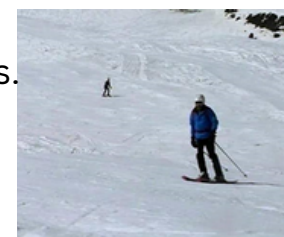
Kerala moves SC for stay on citizenship act and it's rules

➔ Home Ministry bans several outfits in J&K under UAPA

- Union Home Ministry of Jammu and Kashmir banned Jammu and Kashmir Freedom League (JKFL) , and Jammu and Kashmir People's league (JKPL) associated with the sepratist conglomerate Hurriyat Conference under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) .
- The ministry said that these othanisations were involved in incitong terror and abetting secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir

➔ Gulmarg vying to become global winter sports venue

- Gulmarg in Kashmir is vying to become venue of International events such as Asian Games this year . It is hoping to get certified by International ski snowboard Federation (FIS) to be the training ground of ski mountaineering
- Ski Mountaineering will make its debut in Olympics in 2026 Italy .
- Khelo India Winter Games is being organized in Gulamarg for last four times.
- The major sports that can be performed in Gulanrg are Snowboarding , Alpine Skiing , Nordic Skiing and Ski Mountaineering



WORLD

➔ Kyiv strikes rock Russia on second day of Presidential polls

- As Russia is going polls, the attack by Ukraine has increased. Two persons died in Russia's Belgorod.
- Attack has prompted officials to close schools and shopping centers in Belgorod.

➔ UN agency laments plight of children in Northern Gaza

- One in three children under three years of age in the modern Gaza is acutely malnourished and famine is looming, the main UN agency operating in the Palestinian enclave said on Saturday.
- "Children Malnutrition is approaching fast and reaching unprecedented levels in Gaza", UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees) said.
- Western countries have called Israel to do more to allow in aid, with the UN saying it faced "overwhelming obstacles", including cross closures, onerous vetting and restrictions and unrest inside Gaza.

➔ Saudi crown prince affirms full support for crisis hit Pakistan

- Saudi crown prince and de facto leader Mohammad Bin Salman on Saturday, assured newly elected Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif of full support for Pakistan, which has been ongoing a tough economic phase.
- Earlier Saudi Arabia has supported Pakistan in maintaining its Foreign Reserves.
- Saudi Arabia rolled over 3 billion dollar in deposits at the state Bank of Pakistan.

FAQ

➔ With Agni V test, India makes the MIRV capability

- On March 11, PM Narendra Modi announced on social media the successful flight test of Agni V ballistic missiles with Multiple Independent Target Reentry Vehicle (MIRV) technology by DRDO (Defense Research Development Organization), under "Mission Divyastra". It placed India within small group of countries with this technology.
- Currently US, Russia, China, France and UK has this technology.
- With MIRV a missile can deploy multiple warheads and hitting multiple targets independently.



➔ Who will benefit from the new CAA rules

- On March 11, The ministry of Home Affairs in a notified Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) to get implemented.
- According to the rules six existing communities Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain from three countries Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, who are residing in India will be given citizenship.
- The process of application is online, however verification in citizens will be done by Intelligence Bureau (IB). The applicant has to show at least one proof that clarifies that they were citizens of either three countries in the past.

➔ Implication of CAA in different states

- Many Hindus and Sikhs from Afghanistan and Pakistan had their Visas and Passport expired and their application for citizenship pending for long. The population of such Hindus is around 80,000.
- In West Bengal, a section of Matua sect who had migrated from Bangladesh, celebrated the implementation of CAA. There are about 2.8 crore people but first they will have to show their proof of connection with Bangladesh.
- In Assam too there are about 19 lakh Hindus who had come from Bangladesh. Earlier while Preparing NRC of Assam 19 lakh Hindus were left out. These will be potential beneficiaries.

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13	18 May 2024 (Saturday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
14	19 May 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	MODERN HISTORY
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