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THE HINDU National

➔ In SC , center defends appointment of new ECs

- In Supreme Court, the Union government refuted allegations that it had rushed to fill vacancies with 'favored' persons .
- It was regarding filling of Election Commissioners (ECs) vacant posts recently by new Laws .
- Center cited that the General Election was scheduled to take place and manpower in form of EC was required .
- On petitioners demand that CJI be included in the committee that chooses ECs was " fundamentally fallacious " .Center reminded that ECs were chosen entirely by Executive before 2023 .

➔ CCI rejects pleas against Google play store's billing policy

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Wednesday dismissed four petitions by Indian app companies filed against Google's new play store billing policy to levy 11% to 26% charge on app payments .
- Indian origin app firms alleged that Google's play store payment policies are anti competitive .
- Recently Google had banned a few apps from its Play store for not complying with payment rules . However after Government intervention these were restored

➔ Lok Sabha election procedure kicks off as EC notifies first phase nomination window

- The nomination process for the first phase of Lok Sabha elections began on Wednesday , with issuance of notification by Election Commission .
- A total of 102 seats in 21 states and Union territories will go on polls in first phase on April 19

➔ TamilNadu CM released manifesto ; pledges more autonomy for states

- TamilNadu's CM M K Stalin on Wednesday released his party's manifesto for the Lok Sabha Polls .
- Among the key poll promises are : Granting more autonomy to states , Appointment of Governor after consulting chief ministers , Abolition of Article 356 and Article 361 , establishment of a branch of Supreme Court in Chennai ; statehood for puducherry ; Reduction of prices of LPG ,Petrol and Diesel to ₹500 , ₹75 and ₹65 respectively

➔ Modi cancels visit to Bhutan due to inclement weather

- A day ahead of his planned departure , Prime Minister Narendra Modi put off his visit to Bhutan due to " inclement weather " , MEA Announced .
- PM was scheduled to land on Bhutan's Paro Airport on 21 March . But due to heavy rain and possibility of snowfall mutual decision to cancel the visit took place .
- New date is being finalized .
- The information was given by MEA

➔ PM speaks to Putin , Zelensky , calls for dialogue diplomacy

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Valdmir Zelensky and called for early " end to the ongoing conflict " .
- Mr Modi first called to the Russian President and congratulated him for recent election wins .
- Later he called Mr. Zelensky and reiterated India's commitment to " do everything within its means to support a peaceful solution " .
- Mr Zelensky has called upon India to participate in Inaugural Peace Summit in Switzerland .
- Ukrianian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba is also expected to visit later this month .

➔ Don't use counseling to turn LGBTQ persons against their identity , says SC

- The Supreme Court has cautioned judges against using Court ordered counselling for members of LGBTQ+ community to turn them against their own identity .
- " judges must eschew the tendency to substitute their own subjective values for the values which are protected by Constitution " CJI DY Chadrachued observed

➔ Center notifies fact check unit to screen online content

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) has notified the Press Information Bureau's (PIB) as a fact checking unit as a designated body to flag misinformation .
- Now if PIB flags certain content on social media platform as ' misinformation ' , the social media sites will have to remove that content .
- This is in accordance with IT rules ,2021

➔ **Zomato scraps green Uniform for 'veg fleet'**

- Zomato recently launched a "pure veg fleet".
- For "pure veg fleet" delivery the delivery was to be done from a restaurant that served only Vegetarians. The dresses under "pure veg mode" were kept green, away from Usual red by Zomato.
- Zomato however has done away with Green clothing for delivery persons after a huge uproar on social media that it will result into discrimination based on caste, religion

➔ **BEML conducts maiden test firing of indigenous 1500 HP engine for main battle tanks**

- BEML has successfully conducted maiden test firing of indigenously built 1500 HorsePower engine for main battle tanks

WORLD

➔ **IMF to release 1.1 billion dollar from bailout fund to Pakistan**

- Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reached an agreement for the release of 1.1 billion dollars from the 3 Billion dollar bailout following days long talks with Islamabad, the IMF said on Wednesday.
- The agreement was signed last year between Shahbaz Sharif govt and IMF.
- In a statement on Wednesday, the IMF said that "Pakistan's economy and financial position has improved" in recent months.
- Recently Imran Khan had wrote a letter to IMF, saying that the elections were rigged and IMF should look into audit report of elections before making an agreement with Pakistani govt.

➔ **Irish PM Leo Vadakar announces resignation**

- Ireland President Leo Vadakar on Thursday announced his retirement citing "personal and political reasons".
- "After seven years in office, I am not longer the best person for that job", he said.
- "My reasons for stepping down are personal and political, but mainly political".
- Earlier this month, Mr Vadakar was widely blamed for a twin defeat, including the biggest ever referendum loss by government.

➔ **Australia hosts China FM sees 'stability' relations despite evident tensions.**

- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Australia for the first time since 2017. He met his Australian counterpart Penny Wong.
- The two sides shared warm words.
- Mr. Wang saying that the two sides had "broken the ice" and that "mutually trust" and "good momentum" are slowly building.
- Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong praised renewed "stability" in relations and said it was crucial to recognise "how much progress we have made in short period of time".
- Australia being a member of five eyes and close to US is having a tensed relation with China. Still there are lots of issues including South China Sea, Taiwan and Hong Kong over which Australia is not in favour of China.

Text / Context

➔ **Why has Karnataka banned certain colori f agent ?**

- Karnataka became the third South Indian state to ban the use of certain colouring agent in Cotton Candy and Gobi Manchurian that are found to be harmful.
- TamilNadu and Goa has already banned these.
- The harmful chemicals used as added colors were : Sunset Yellow, Tartrazine mainly. These are found to be carcinogenic and harmful for health

Science

➔ **NASA craft that diverted space rock also diverted it .**

- In 2022 NASA sent its DART spacecraft to slam into the asteroid Demorphous.
- NASA recentlu said that the collision not only changed asteroid's path but also it's shape.
- DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) collided on September 26,2022 at a speed of 22, 530 kmph.
- The shape of Dimorphous was about 25 km wide, roughly 11 million km from earth

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Test No.	Date	Time	Type
1	07 April 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
2	14 April 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	POLITY
3	21 April 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
4	28 April 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	GENERAL SCIENCE
5	05 May 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
6	12 May 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	GEOGRAPHY
7	19 May 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
8	26 May 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	ECONOMY
9	02 June 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
10	09 June 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	ANCIENT HISTORY
11	16 June 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
12	23 June 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	MEDIEVAL HISTORY
13	30 June 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
14	07 July 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	MODERN HISTORY
15	14 July 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
16	21 July 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	BIHAR SPECIAL
17	28 July 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
18	04 August 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	CURRENT AFFAIRS
19	11 August 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
20	18 August 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
21	25 August 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH
22	01 September 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH

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