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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ ED arrests Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in Excise policy case

- Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal was arrested by Enforcement Directorate ( ED) on Thursday evening in connection with Delhi Excise Policy Scam case . He will be produced before special court on Friday.
- AAP has moved to the Supreme Court for quash his arrest .
- Earlier in the day , the Delhi High Court didn't give any protection to Kejriwal from ED questioning . The next hearing of this is on 22 April .
- Mr. Kejriwal is the fourth AAP leader to be arrested in the Delhi Excise Policy case .
- Manish Sisodia , Sanjay Singh and Vijay Nair are the other three leaders .
- Congress has criticized the arrest

### ➔ TamilNadu governor 'defying the Supreme Court ' says CJI

- The Supreme Court had recently suspended the conviction of DMK MLA K Pondumny in a disproportionate assets case .
- TamilNadu governor R.N . Ravi after the courts judgment refused to administer Oath to Mr. Pondumny as High Education Minister telling that it was against " constitutional morality " .
- CJI DY Chandrachud on Thursday slammed the governors for " defying the Supreme Court " .
- The court gave the governor overnight " to set the constitutional position right " .

### ➔ SC stays govt notification on establishing. fact check unit

- The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed an intermediary decision on the March 20 notice for establishing the Press Information Bureau's Fact Checking Unit ( PIB FCU ) .
- A case against the center's creating a Fact Checking Unit ( FCU) is already going in Bombay High Court . Bombay High Court 's two Judge Bench had given split verdict over this .
- Bombay High Court is in process of creating. A three Judge Bench that now will hear the case .
- The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the center's fact checking unit until a three Judge bench of the Bombay High Court takes a Final decision over this .
- Under IT Rules 2021 there is provision of creating a Fact Checking Unit ( FCU ) . The FCU will have power to flag any news regarding the " business " of the center Fake if it finds so . The Social Media companies will have to remove the flagged " Fake " post from their platform .
- Press Information Bureau ( PIB ) was made the Fact Checking Unit .

### ➔ Thankful for ₹13,000 crore but need more , Kerala tells SC

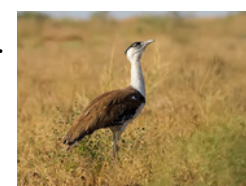
- The state of Kerala on Thursday thanked the center for ₹13,000 crore . But it is said that it needed additional ₹10,000 crore and has kept it's case in Supreme Court for that .
- Kerala had sought an amount of ₹24,000 crore from center to ' tide over a looming financial emergency .
- Center had accused Kerala of " financial mismanagement " .

### ➔ Ministry of environment tightens rule on bioplastics

- The Ministry of Environment has added new rules over what to be called as ' bioplastics ' . The new definition includes that bioplastics should not leave " any microplastics ... " .
- Earlier bioplastics were those capable of " degradation by biological processes in specific environment such as soil and landfills " .
- Biodegradable plastics includes plastics goods being treated before they are sold .
- Compostable plastics , on the other hand , do not degrade but requires large waste management facilities to do so.
- Microplastcs have been reported a major source of pollution affecting rivers and oceans .

### ➔ Panel to study the scope of altering power lines in bustard habitat

- The Supreme Court on Thursday has formed a committee to look into the matter of shaving the Great Indian Bustard from dying after collision with High Powered cables .
- The committee comprises the Director of Wildlife Institute of India and some other conservationists.
- Great Indian Bustard comes under Critically Endangered in IUCN Red list .
- It is found mostly in Kutch in Gujarat and Rajasthan .
- Their habitats contain Solar Parks and high powered wires crossing . Collision with High Powered wires is a major cause of death



Great India bustard

### ➔ MEIL's ₹584 crore donation is top donation to any party

- Hyderabad based Megha Engineering Infrastructure limited ( MEIL ) donated ₹584 crore to BJP – the most by any donor to a single party . The second largest donor to a single party was ₹542 crore to lottery maganate Martin's firm

## WORLD

### ➔ US calls for immediate 'ceasefire' as Gaza war rages

- The United States for the first time has circulated a draft UN resolution calling for an "immediate" ceasefire in the Israel Hamas war .
- Washington had blocked previous UN Security Agreements that talked of "immediate" ceasefire .US top diplomat Antony Blinken confirmed the stand on Wednesday .
- Mr. Blinken is to visit Egypt on Thursday to attend a meeting of Arab League leaders . He stressed that any ceasefire must be linked with the release of Israeli hostages by Hamas .
- Palestine is on the brink of a famine after aid has been slow due to Israeli blockades .
- The death toll in the Israel Gaza war has crossed 32,000.

### ➔ Sri Lanka may secure moratorium from IMF on debt

- Sri Lanka is close to finalizing a debt refreshment plan with India and Paris Club members , sources close to Negotiation has said . The debt retreatment plan will likely be Moratorium for six years and likely debt repayment .
- 17 nations that lended to Sri Lanka has formed a committee named Official Creditors Committee ( OCC ) last year . China is out of this .
- India is the largest creditor to Sri Lanka with around 3 billion dollars . Japan , France are among other Creditors .

### ➔ Global sea level jumped due to El Nino , sea level : NASA

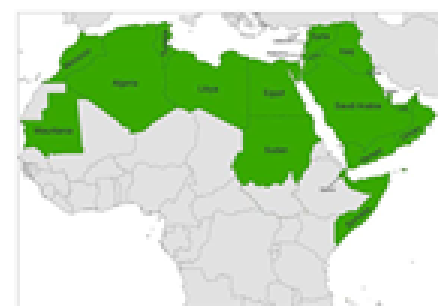
- NASA has released a analysis on Global Sea Level Rise
- Global average sea level rise to .3 inches ( .76 CM ) from 2022 to 2023 , this is four times the increase of the previous year – NASA said on Thursday , attributing a significant jump to "strong" El Nino " and warming climate .
- " Current level of analysis means that we are in the track to add another 20 CM to global sea level by 2050 " Nadya Vinahriva Schiffer , the director for the NASA sea level change said .
- The increased sea level means , creating a situation where flooding is more frequent and catastrophic.
- El Nino years have increased sea level temperature in equatorial regions

### ➔ Pak rejects US policy warning over ' poll irregularities '

- The Pakistan government on Thursday dismissed a warning by the United States that the relationship between the two countries would suffer if it does not probe the irregularities in the elections last month .
- A Senior US diplomat had told lawmakers of " serious concern " regarding conduct of elections on March 8

### ➔ Arab League lauds India's Palestinian policy

- Arab League's Ambassador Yusuf Mohammad Abdullah Jameel in its statement praised India for displaying " steadfast dedication " for extending humanitarian assistance to Palestine and sticking with its position in favor of " two state solution " for the solution of Palestinian issues



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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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