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→ Arvind Kejriwal sent to ED custody till March 28

- The Special Judge (Prevention of Corruption Act) of Rouse Avenue Court sent Arvind Kejriwal under Judicial custody for 6 days till March 28.
- ED had demanded 10 days of Judicial custody.
- ED said in court that Mr. Kejriwal directly demanded Kickbacks from the "South Group" of liquor businessmen, which later secured licenses in Delhi.
- The ED said that the proceeds of crime could go much beyond ₹100 crore and exceeds ₹600 crore.
- Lawyers appearing for Mr. Kejriwal accused govt of missing ED . AAP also questioned timingod arrest , Just before the elections .
- Earlier A.M. Singhvi representing Mr. Kejriwal moved to SC to hear the issue but when SC agreed to form a special bench the petition was withdrawn.

→ AAP leaders detained

- Delhi Cabinet Ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bhardwaj were detained on Friday as AAP leaders hit the streets in Delhi.
- Party supporters hit the streets in Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- Many were arrested

⇒ SC refuses bail to BRS MLA Kavitha

- The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea filed by BRS MLC K Kavitha, arrested by ED in Delhi Excise Policy Scam case. The court directed her to move to trial court instead.
- "Merely because she is a political person", or someone who can afford to approach the SCdirectly does not mean she can violate statutory routes. For bail You have to go through trial courts." Justice Sanjiv Khanna said

⇒ "India to double the assistance to Bhutan to ₹10,000 crore over five years, says Modi

- On Friday PM Modi landed at Paro airport told Bhutan.
- PM Modi was awarded Bhutan's highest civilian award, "the Order of Druk Gyalpo", which was announced in 2021, to ensure India's role in ensuring Bhutan's success in Managing the CoVID 19 Pandemic".
- Among major decisions taken are:
 - ➤ India has decided Bhutan's assistance for the next five years from ₹5,000 crore between 2019-2024 to ₹10,000 crore for the period till 2029, PM Modi announced.
 - ▶ India and Bhutan inked seven agreements on energy , food , safety , space and research as well as space collaboration roadmap .
- The PM was received at Paro airport by Bhutanese PM Tshering Tobgay .Mr Togbay called PM Modi as his "leader brother".
- Bhutan's king Jigme Khesar said Mr Modi was a "true friend", of Bhutanese People and "a supporter of Bhutan's vision to become self-reliant and become a developed nation".
- "Bhutan India relationships are exemplary among nations".

Ongoing projects between India and Bhutan

- Rail Link between Kokrajhar Gelephu and India Banarhat Samtse.
- Bhutan is building "Gelephu Mindfulness city (GMC) at the borders with Assam ."



➡ Governor R.N. Ravi reinducts Ponmudi as minister in T.N.

- TamilNadu governor R.N. Ravi has acted to induct K. Ponmudy in Tamil Nadu cabinet on recommendation of Chief Minister M. K Stalin .
- Earlier R. N. Ravi had refused to do so.
- The Supreme Court has rapped R.N. Ravi saying it was challenging the Supreme Court Judgement.
- The Charges on K Ponmudi is of having disproportionate assets and was jailed by Madras High Court .
- The Supreme Courton March 11, stayed the jail termof K Ponmudy

⇒ BJP and BJD to go solo in Odisha as seat sharing talks fail

- The Bharatiya Janata Party and Biju Janata Dal (BJ D) have decided to go solo in Odisha for Assembly and Lok Sabha Polls.
- Odisha has 21 Lok Sabha and 147 Assembly seats

→ HC says Uttar Pradesh Madarsa act 'unconstitutional'

- Allahabad High Court on Friday termed the Uttar Pradesh Madarsa Education Act, 2004 as "unconstitutional".
- Under the act state government had created Madrasas that were for Muslim community.

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- The court observed that state government had no power to create a board for religion education and that students must be accorded to regular education.
- The court termed this against secularism .
- Mulayam Singh government in 2004 implemented the Madarsa Act

Delhi High Court admits CBI appeal challenging acquittal in 2G case

- The Delhi High Court on Friday said that CBI had successfully put forth a case for "reappreciation" of the entire evidence in the 2G spectrum allocation case. The court has reserved its decision for March 14.
- Earlier a trial court had acquitted the accussed in the 2G spectrum allocation case

Assam pauses land sale between people of different religions

• To prevent communal conflict between two communities in the wake of CAA implementation, Assam govt has paused the sale of land between two different religious communities for three months.

ASI starts the survey of disputed Bhojshala complex in MP

WORLD

Russia, China veto US bid on Gaza 'ceasefire' at UN security council

- Russia and China vetoed a resolution in United Nations Security Council that talked of
- immediate ceasefire in Gaza.
- Among other Security Council members Algeria also vetoed while Guyana abstained . The remaining 11 members voted in favor of the resolution.
- Russia accused the US of it being late when Gaza was completely wiped out. . Russia accused US of giving impunity to Russia, and it's crimes are not even accessed in the draft.
- The Chinese ambassador said that the draft "dodged the most central issues, that of a ceasefire". He further said that there was no answer on a ceasefire in the short term.
- Alternative Resolution French President Emanual Macron said that France will push another resolution on ceasefire soon, expected to be in next week.

Russia admits 'state of war ' amid massive strikes in Kyiv

- Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov speaking to a Russian newspaper interview said "We are in a state of war".
- Russia has thus far termed the strike on Ukriane as "special military operation "and not "war"
- On Friday Russia fired a barrage of 90 missiles and 60 Iranian designed Kamikaze drones damaging dozens of electricity facility.
- The attack has completely cut off the missile strike has "completely "cut off the electricity and heat supply to Ukraine's second largest city Kharkiv.
- The Russian attack comes just after recent attack by Ukraine in its border area cities, especially Belgorod .

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Who controls what in Ukraine?

→ Australia, Britain to build AUKUS

- Australia and Britain said on Friday that the landmark deal to develop AUKIS bulcear submarine would godhead despite any fears related to cost, capabilities and possible return of Trump.
- Under the AUKUS deal Australia would acquire at least three nuclear powered submarine by 2030 . The US and UK have to assist Australia for this .
- AUKUS Australia, UK, US

→ Chinese coast guard tries to block Fillipino vessel in South China sea

- Chinese ships tried to restrict two Phillipinian vessels that were carrying scientists to complete research at barren sandbars called Sandy Cay in South China Sea .
- Chinese ships blew the horn repeatedly and sent radio warnings to the Filipino vessels
- Beijing in its version said that 34 Filipino personnel "ignored China's warnings and dissuasion "



Sports

→ Mary Kom named chef de mission

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has named M C Marykom chef de mission for Paris Olympics.
- Sharath Kamal will be the flag bearer from the Indian contingent for opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics.
- The Paris Olympics will be held between 26 July 11 August 2024

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Test No.	Date	Time	Туре
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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