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THE HINDU National

➡ Congress promises to remove 50% quota cap

- Congress on Friday released a 45 page manifesto, named 'Nyay Patra' with five pillar of Justice as its central theme and talks about 25 guarantees .The five pillars includes - Yuva(Youth) ,Kisan (Farmer) , Naari (Women) , Shramik (Workers) and Hissedari(Equity)
- The manifesto has following main promises
 - ➤ Right to guarantee (To every diploma holder or graduate below 25 years of age)
 - Making the minimum support price a legal right, filling 30 lakh vacant government posts; Constitutional amendment to remove 50 % cap on reservation on reservation of SCs, STs, and OBCs; Nationwide caste census; 10 % reservation in Jobs for Economic Weaker Section (EWS);
 - scrapping the Agnipath Recruitment Scheme for armed forces Universal healthcare (the "Rajasthan Model" with health insurance upto Rs. 25 lakh.
 - Cash transfer of Rs.1 lakh to every Indian family at the bottom of the income pyramid;
 - > 50 % reservation for women in Union government jobs; and implementing one third reservation to women in the assemblies from 2025,
 - bringing back the old pension scheme.
 - > It also talks of giving legal rights to marriage to LGBTQ+ communities .
- On this occasion Rahul Gandhi alleged center of "capturing the institutions", which started in 2019.

Supreme Court stays high court striking down law regulating UP Madrasas

- The Supreme Court on Friday stayed the operation of Allahabad High Court Judgement which struck down a 20 year old Uttar Pradesh law regulating madrasas and ordered the transfer of their students to regular schools.
- Earlier Allahabad High Court had in its judgment had said that Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act, 2004 was against secularism and was violative of Basic Structure of Constitution.

About Madarsha

UP Board Madarsa Education Act was brought by the then government of Mulayam Singh Yadav. The UP government had to fund many of these Madrasas. Madrasas are center of religious education mainly. Subjects like Maths and Science are not taught here

➡ India abstains from UNHRC vote that called upon Israel for immediate ceasefire in Gaza

- India on Friday abstained on the resolution at the United Nations Human Rights Council, that called upon Israel for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza . The resolution was titled "Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and Justice "
- However India voted in favor of three other resolutions that criticized Israel for human Rights violation against Palestinians, Israel's occupation of Syrian Golan heights and Palestinian right to self determination.

How countries voted:

All four resolutions were introduced to at the HRC by Pakistan on behalf of Organisation for IslamicCouncil (OIC). US, Germany and four other countries voted against the first resolution in which India abstained. Most of the countries including India voted in favor of the other three resolution .

UNHRC has 47 members

RBI keeps repo rate on hold as food prices remain on high

- RBI's monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on Friday decided to keep the policy rates to 6.5% unchanged for the seventh time.
- After the meeting RBI governor Shaktikanta Das expressed concern about rising food prices causing inflation. He however expressed that a normal monsoon will help bring food prices down .
- MPC decides on Policy rates (Repo Rate, LA Fetc). It has six numbers. Governor of RBI being one of the members. It meets at least six times a year

NCERT likely to add Rakhigarhi finding in book

- The NCERT has proposed that findings of DNA analysis of skeletal remains unearthed in Rakhigarhi be introduced in the history textbook of Class 12.
- The Scientific paper on DNA analysis of the Rakhigarhi Skeleton claims that there was no Aryan invasion and no Aryan migration and all the developments right from Hunting Gathering to modern times in South Asia were done by Indigenous People.

What DNA analysis in Rakhigarhi shows:

The DNA Analysis of some Skelton at Rakhigarhi had shown that they were 4500 years old. i.e . 2500 BC .DNA has the lineage in most South Asians . The Aryan Invasion theory says that People in South Asia are mostly Aryans which arrived in this region about 3500 years ago i.e. around 1500 BC E. This proves that there were people residing here whose lineage comes to present day.

- Rakhigarhi, in Hisar district of Haryana is the largest Indus Valley Site.
- Another proposal is that how the Narmada Dam project adversely affected tribal people and drove them to greater destitution be dropped from Sociology textbook.





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RBI to enable UPI for cash deposits

- RBI's monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on Friday decided to keep the policy rates to 6.5% unchanged for the seventh time.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to enable Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for cash deposits.
- RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said that Operational instructions for enabling UPI for cash deposit facilities will be issued shortly .
- Cash Deposits are currently available at (Cash Deposits Machines), but the facility requires use of Debit Card for this.
- In another decision RBI has decided to permit Foreign Investors in IFSC to invest in Green bonds and to launch a mobile app for its retail direct scheme.

▶ India's foreign exchange reserves

• India's foreign exchange stood at \$645.58 billion at the end of the week ending March 29. This is the highest ever level.

➡ World Economic Forum's 2024 Young Global Leader"

- Under this, 7 categories have been kept -
 - (1) Academia/Think Tank (2)
 - (2) Arts, culture and sports
- (3) Business
- (4) Civil society

(5) Media

(6) Public figure

- (7) Social entrepreneurs
- Out of this, Sharad Vivek Sagar of Bihar is also included under the 7th category.
- Campus Fund founder Richa Vajpayee from India is also included in this category.
- Apart from this, Shaswat Goenka, Priya Aggarwal Hebbar, Bhumi Pednekar, Adait Nair, Arjun Bhartia are also included.
- India recorded 820 mm rainfall in monsoon 2023 compared to the average of 868.5 mm rainfall.

WORLD

⇒ Stop selling or shipping arms to Israel , UNHRC tells nation

- UNHRC passed a resolution that called on countries to stop selling or shipping weapons to Israel in a resolution passed on Friday. The resolution comes under the title of preventing Human Right violation among Palestinians.
- The 47 member UNHRC voted 28 6 in favor of the resolution, with 13 abstentions.
- Western Countries were divided, the US, Germany voted against the resolution, France and Japan abstained while Belgium, Finland and Luxembourg voted in favor.
- The rights body also called UN backed independent investigators to report on shipment of weapons, munitions and "dual use" items to Israel against Palestine. Till. Now more than 33,000 has got killed in Palestine.
- The resolution is non binding, but it can act as an International Pressure on Israel.

⇒ US Chinese military talks resume after 2 years break

- US and Chinese military talks has restarted .
- The meeting was scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday in Hawaii.
- China has suspended all communications with the USA after Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in 2022.
- The call between the President of the two countries has given way for the important visits that are in line like that of treasury Secretary Jenet Yellen

⇒ Strike on Iran's consulate is 'turning point ': Hezbollah

- Iran backed Hezbollah has said on Friday that Israel's attack on the Iranian consulate marks the "turning point "in the event .
- Hezbollah chief Sayyad Hassan Nastallah said in Beirut that Hezbollah supports Iran's right to "punish" Israel.
- Israel Defense Minister Yoah Gallant said on Friday thay Israel was attacking enemies wherever it decided to do so .
- "It could be in Damascus or it could be in Beirut".
- Israel is looking into the possibility that it could face retaliatory strike and has mobilized more troops for air defense units .
- Iran has so far avoided any direct confrontation with Israel

▶ Massive Ukrainian drone attack in Russia

- Ukrainian officials claimed on Friday that they used a barrage of drones to destroy at least six military aircraft and badly damage eight others in an attack on a military airfield in Morozovsk region in Rostov.
- Russia however said that they intercepted 44 drones and only a power substation was damaged .
- The assault appears to be one of the biggest air attacks by Kyiv in the war

▶ Dam bursts in Russia's Urals : evacuation underway

- A dam burst in Russia's Urak mountain city of Orsk on Friday .
- 4000 houses could be inundated.
- The house has a total area of, that has 10,000 residents.
- The rescue operation is on



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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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