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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ Traders rue underpriced onion export to UAE

- Amid the extended ban on Onion , govt sold tonnes of Onion to the UAE at a very low price compared to international prices. This has given quite less profit to farmers and traders .
- An Indian farmer is being paid ₹12 to ₹15 per kilogram for a kilogram of Onions procured for exports ,which are then sold at ₹120 per kilogram at the UAE stores , exporters alleged .
- The export in India is handled by NCEL ( National Cooperative Export Ltd ) , a government owned body by the Ministry of Cooperation .
- On March 1 ,the center permitted the export of 14,440 tonnes of Onion to the UAE .

### ➔ The election season , MSMEs pursues candidate with GST reform demands

- High GST charges is a bone of contention of functioning MSMEs .
- There is a demand by different sections of MSME for the new govt to decrease GST on MSME

### ➔ Modi , Mamta exchange barbs over attack on NIA in Bhupatinagar

- A team of National Investigation Agency ( NIA ) was attacked in Bhupatinagar area of West Medinipur district of West Bengal . The NIA team was visiting the area to conduct a search operation in a “ December 2022 “blast case .
- On Sunday PM Modi attacked TMC over this .
- “ TMC wants it's corrupt leaders and extortionists to get a free license of terror . That is why they arrive when the central agencies arrive here . “
- Trinamool Congress in a Press Conference said that NIA is conspicuously trying to arrest TMC candidates even on minor charges . TMC asked over the silence of election commission

### ➔ ‘ Unnecessarily complex ‘ GST needs urgent reform : Kelkar

- Chairman of 13th Finance Commission and key architect of GST , Vijay Kelkar has called upon the country's next government to take urgent reform in the “ unnecessarily complex “ Goods and Services Tax ( GST ) regime .
- “The genesis of the current GST structure lies in the very structure of GST rates , as high rates of GST makes it lucrative for fraudsters to evade taxes .” He stressed .
- Other proposals by him was the creation of an independent secretariat for GST .
- He stressed the need for a single GST rate at 12 % , to simplify it and to decrease evasion of taxes .
- Mr Kelkar was given the TIOL Fiscal Award

### ➔ Churches screens The Kerala Story lands in a row

- The Idukki. diocese of the Syro Malabar Church , stepped onto a political minefield , by screening the film for Catechism students .
- The father of the church said that was the screening was to create awareness of the issue among students hailing from Syro Malabar community.
- DD Telecast
- Last week the movie was telecast by Doordarshan National . This has created a political row , with LDF and UDF parties of Kerala accusing BJP to decide the state .
- Earlier Kerala story was banned by Kerala Government after its release
- Kerala has the largest Muslim population in India .
- The percentage of Muslims residing in highest when compared among large Indian states

## Text and Context

### ➔ Why are Vistara flights being canceled ?

- Between March 31 and April 3 ,Vistara canceled over 150 flights and 200 flights was delayed over two hours resulting in massive disruption at the airline ,primarily due to challenges with “ Crew unavailability .
- Vistara is expanding its routes , and recent situation resulted due to roster cruck as there was a mismatch between network expansion and strength of its pilots . The information was shared by the CEO of Vistara .
- The TATA group is in Process to merging its four airline companies to form a Low Cost Carrier ( LCC ) to compete with Indigo .
- The four companies are : Air India , Air India Express , Air Asia , Vistara

### ➔ What would be the impact of Baltimore bridge collapse ?

- The Port of Baltimore is the ninth US port by overall trade volume . It moved around 50 millions tonnes of goods between the US and other countries .
- Trade through the port will largely be suspended for sometime causing financial losses of expected 9 million dollars a day .
- The immediate impact will be felt on workers also



## WORLD

### ➔ No Israel embassy safe , says Iran after attack on its mission

- A top Iranian military advisor General Rahim Safavi , a top military commander to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khomeini signaled that the attack on a diplomatic mission could be met with Similar Response .
- “ None of the embassies of Israel are safe anymore “
- Gen Safavi was quoted as saying by semi semi-official Tasnim agency.

### ➔ Israel to pull back some troops from South Gaza as war crossed sixth months

- The Israeli military on Sunday announced that it was drawing back some forces from Israel's stronghold in Southern Gaza . Military said that forces will recuperate and prepare for future operations .
- The Israel cabinet earlier had cleared its orders for a major offensive in Rafah . Speculation is that Israel can launch a heavy strike in Rafah city .
- Rafah currently holds 1.4 million Gaza residents , that is more than half of entire Gaza population . Any attack by Israel can cause heavy casualties in Gaza

### ➔ ICJ to hear Germany role in Israel's Gaza war

- Nicaragua has moved to International Court of Justice ( ICJ ) against Germany's role in “ facilitating “ acts of Genocide and breaches of international law in Gaza .
- Germany is accused of facilitating military and other aid to Israel .
- Nicaragua has asked ICJ to order immediate suspension of the military aid by Germany to Israel .
- Germany has rejected Nicaragua's accusation and has said that it will clear its position in court

### ➔ Israel strikes Hezbollah sites in East Lebanon

- The Israelimilitary said on Sunday that it's warplanes had struck Hezbollah sites in eastern Lannon .
- The Israeli military said that the attack was in retaliation to the strike in which an Israeli drone was shot down

### ➔ China conducts 'combat patrols' as US allies hold maritime drills

- China held “ combat patrols' ' in South China Sea .The same day the Philippines , the US,Japan and Australia conducted their first joint drill in South China Sea .

### ➔ 'US China ties are on stable footing but more can be done '

- US treasury secretary Jenner Yellen is in China . On Sunday she met Chinese Premier Li Quing highlighting the improvement in relations ,
- “ We have more to do ,I believe that ,over the past years , we have put our bilateral relations on more stable footings, “ Ms Yellen said.
- China has seen a sharp rise in trade with Russia since the start of the Russia -Ukraine conflict . Though China does not sell military equipment , the US has expressed concern over sell of items that can have dual use , both as civilian and military products .
- Ms Yellen had visited China last year in November as well .

### ➔ 'US,Britain , Australia milling expansion of Aukus Security pact '

- An important meeting of defense ministers of AUKUS will be held on Monday .
- A Financial Times report has said that US is pushing for Japan to be included in the grouping .
- The talk will have other issues mainly comprising Artificial Intelligence , Cyber Technology , Quantum Computing etc .
- AUKUS – Australia , UK , US was created to counter China strategically .
- US and UK will be supplying military submarines to Australia in one of its agreements.



### ➔ Rawanda calls out apathy that led to 1994 genocide

- Rawandan President Paul Kagame blamed international community for allowing 1994 genocide to happen .He was speaking to marks anniversary the anniversary of Genocide .
- International community failed ' all of us ' the Rwandan President said .
- France , President Emanuel Macron has said that “ government lacked the will “ to stop the genocide then. France was the closest European ally to Rwanda back in 1994

### ➔ About Rawanda Genocide :

- In 1994 , Hutu community led government launched genocide againstTutsi community .
- An estimated5,00,000 - 8,00,000 people were killed in this .
- Paul Kagamae was one of the rebel fighters who overturned the government to stop genocide





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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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