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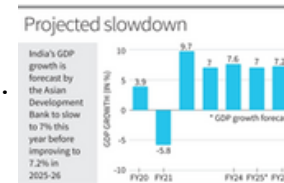
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THE HINDU National

➔ **ADB projects India's GDP growth at 7 % this year**

- Asian Development Bank recently released Asia Development Outlook report 2024 .
- The report has forecasted India's economic growth to be 7 % for 2023-24 , which is expected to increase to 7.2 % for the year 2025-26 .
- The other major points in the report are :
 - Inflation – The report expects inflation to be 4.6% this year , which is expected to be 4.5 % in years to come .
 - Export is likely to be muted this year however it will pick up in 2025-26 with higher industry and infrastructure investment



➔ **Need a simpler tariff policy to boost manufacturing , says ADB**

- India needs to take efforts to simplify its tariff policy to enhance its trade competitiveness and redress its 'limited' integration with global value chain ,the ADB said.

➔ **Apple charges hacking alert wording after India. 'pressure'**

- Apple Inc. has changed the words used for warning iPhone users about any cyber attack.
- The attack now uses words like " state backed attackers " , " mercenary " hackers etc in its email alerts .
- Such alerts will come in 91 countries .
- However no users in any country has reported receiving such alerts

➔ **Sound and stable sino Indian relations in the interest of both sides**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an interview with US based magazine Newsweek commented on China after a very long time .
- He called for the two sides to " urgently address prolonged situation on our borders so that the abnormality in our bilateral interaction can be put behind us " . " I hope and believe that through positive and constructive bilateral engagement at diplomatic and military levels , we will be able to restore and sustain peace and tranquility in our borders . " the PM had added .
- On Thursday Chinese MFA spokesperson Mao Ning said in a media briefing that Mr. Modi's comment has been "noted " and that " sound and stable Serve the common interest of both sides and is conducive to peace and development of the region . " Ms Mao added however that the boundary question did not " represent the entirety of China - India relations " .

➔ **What did the PM's opinion on China mean ?**

- Many has said that the PM's comment on China as " highly significant " . It is being assumed that the PM is doing groundwork for a stable Indo China relation in his third term.
- PM Modi has avoided giving any comment on China for a long time . EAM S. Jaishankar generally comments on issues related to China . The recent one was in which China had called Arunachal Pradesh its own territory

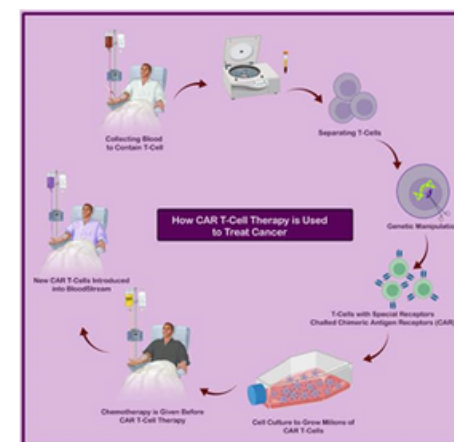
➔ **In a first in 40 years , India film to compete for Cannes award**

- Indian Filmmaker Payal Kapadia's All we imagine as a light- became the first Indian movie in 40 years to compete for Prestigious Palme d'Or award .
- The film is about Prabha , a nurse who received a gift from her estranged husband that throws her life in disarray .
- Cannes Film festivals is organized every year in Cannes ,France . Film and documentaries across the globe is nominated for award .
- Palme d Or is the award given to best Film

Science

➔ **Crafted at home , NexCAR19 takes India to next level of cancer care**

- NexCAR19 is a cancer drug used for the treatment of cancer using CAR T cell therapy .
- The drug is developed by a startup Immune ACT .
- The Indian drug regulator CDSCO gave its approval for the therapy in October 2023. The drug will be produced in India .
- Chimeric A
- Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cell (CAR T) involved genetically modifying patients' T cell , to fight malignant tumor cells .
- T cell are a type of white blood cell developed from the stem cell in the bone marrow and are a vital part of the immune system , defending the body from infections .
- NexCAR19 is intended for the treatment of Lymphomas and Leukemia. One of the main features of it is its cost effectiveness .
- It is expected to be 90 % cheaper than current alternatives



➔ **ISRO's 'zero orbital debris' milestone**

- ISRO has said that its PSLV - C58 / XPoSAT mission has practically left zero debris in earth orbit .
- PSLV used in the mission was transformed into a type of station called the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module 3 (POEM 3) before it was left to enter earth's atmosphere instead of orbit . Thus leaving no debris behind .
- With the rise of number of satellites in the orbit around the earth , space debris has become a pressing issue .



Space Debris

WORLD

➔ Israel on alert after Iranian threat as Gaza war grinds on

- Israel was on alert on Thursday after Iran threatened its reprisal over a strike in Israel , this month that killed two Iranian generals.
- US also warned of the risk of an attack by Iran or its allies group .
- Joe Biden in a statement pledged “ Ironclad “ support for Israel .
- Israel President Netanyahu in a statement said that he was preparing scenarios for military challenges from areas other than Gaza .
- Russia called both sides for restraint . Russia also warned it's citizens to refrain from traveling to Israel

➔ Lindy Cameron, UK cyber security Czar , to be the next high commissioner to India

- Head of UK cyber security center Lindy Cameron has been appointed as British High Commissioner to India , the UK government announced on April 11 .
- Ms Lindy will replace Alex Ellis.

➔ FTA talks

- Her Portfolio will involve India - UK free trade agreement which has been canceled for now because of elections in India . It is expected that FTA negotiations will resume just after elections . The UK is also increasing its presence in the Indo -Pacific

➔ Biden to host Japan , Philippines leaders in bid to counter China

- US President Joe Biden is bringing together the Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Junior and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida in Washington.
- The three leaders for the first time in a trilateral summit will try to counter China’s military assertiveness in the South China Sea .
- The leaders are expected to announce that their coastguard will hold joint patrol in Indo Pacific this year

➔ Japanese astronaut to be the first non American to set foot on moon

- Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida is on a state visit to the USA .
- On Wednesday in a press conference with Mr Kishida , US President Joe Biden announced that two Japanese astronaut will join Artemis mission and one will become first non American ever to land on moon .
- Artemis 3 mission is set to be launched in 2026 . Under the mission astronauts will land on the moon for the first time since the Apollo mission by the US in 1969 .
- China meanwhile has said that it seeks to put first human into space by 2030.

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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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