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THE HINDU National

⇒ 29 Maoists shot dead at Kanker in Chhattisgarh

- At least 29 Maoist were killed in an operation by security forces at Kanker district in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region on Tuesday .
- Three senior cadres of banned CPI (M) is expected to be among the deceased.
- It was a joint operation by BSF and District Reserve Guard (DRG)
- Based on the number of casualties, it is "biggest encounter" ever in Chhattisgarh.
- Nationally, a 2018 operaton in Chhatisgarh was the only one which saw more deaths. "

Ramdev tenders unconditional apology in SC ,gets one week to take redeeming steps

• On Tuesday, Baba Ramdev and his associates Acharya Balkrishna appeared in the Supreme Court before the bench of Justice Hima Kohli and Justice Ashanuddin Amanullah in a contempt of court case.

▶ What court asked from Swami Ramdev and their replies :

- The court asked him why he held a press conference just after giving an undertaking in the Supreme Court that they would refrain from advertising its medicines.
- The supreme court asked him whether it was right to point fingers on other fields of medicine, including allopathy and claim his medicines were superior to them.
- Justice Kohli said it was "irresponsible behavior".
- Swami Ramdev folded his hands in apology to the supreme court, saying he would be prudent in future. And that he might have got carried away in his claims.
- Acharya Balkrishna said that he had realized his faults and it was lack of knowledge on his part

About the case

• Earlier the court had said the advertisements of Patanjali Ayurved, which promised to cure everything from diabetes to obesity to liver dysfunction and even CoVID 19 during the months of pandemic, were "deliberate and willful violations "of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act of 1954 and it's rules

SC bench opposes to paper ballots saying that EVMs are inaccurate

- The Supreme Court on Tuesday was hearing a case on use of EVMs and VVPATs.
- The petitioner Association and Democratic Reforms (ADR) and others wanted changes to the EVM system.
- The petitioner said that EVMs didn't give voters physical contact with voting. And there are many voters who are comfortable in cross crossing their votes on ballot paper

▶ What court said :

- A bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta said that the machine gives "absolutely accurate results "unless human bias maligns them.
- The court said that it was open to the testing of "actual performance" of electronic voting machines (EVMs). It said that the review should be wholly based on data provided by the Election Commission.

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▶ X says it took down four post as per EC directive

- Social media platforms X released a letter by the Election Commission (EC) ordering a takedown of four posts by leaders of YSR Congress Party, The Telugu Desam Party, the AAP and the BJP.
- The company says it disagrees with the takedown issued by the ECs, and that "freedom of expression should extend political speech".
- The company has taken down posts in India .
- However , these posts are visible from non India internet connections

▶ US National Security Advisor cancels India's visit

- As tensions between Israel and Iran grow, US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan canceled his plan to travel to New Delhi for talks, officials announced on Tuesday.
- Mr Sullivan was going to lead a delegation to hold an annual review of India US initiative for Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET).
- United States India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) It is a collaborative framework by India to enhance cooperation in developing field of technology .iCET includes cooperation in AI, 5G/6G technologies, biotech, space and semiconductor

▶ IMF forecasts India's economic grow 6.8% this fiscal year

- The IMF on Tuesday released the World Economic Outlook report 2024.
- The IMF on Tuesday raised it's growth projection for India's GDP in the current fiscal year 2024-25 to 6.8% and forecast a expansion of 6.5% expansion for 2025-26.

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WORLD

▶ Israel and Iran trade threats leaving west Asia on Edge

- Israel and Iran hurled threats over each other on Tuesday .
- Israeli military spokesperson Rear admiral Daniel Hagari said Iran would not get off "scot free". Earlier Israel's military chief had vowed there would be "a response" to Iran's offensive.
- Iran said it's attack was an act of self defense and that it would consider the matter "concluded "unless Israel retaliated ..
- Iran's president Ebrahim Raising warned that "the slightest action against Iran's interests will definitely be met with a severe, extensive and painful response."
- US President Joe Biden stressed on Monday that "the United States is committed to Israel's security".
- But US has made it clear that it would not join Israel in any retaliatory action against Iran.
- World leaders has urged restraint.

▶ Putin's remark

• During a Phone call with Iran's Prime Minister Mr. Raisi Russian President Vladimir Putin, called for both sides to "prevent any new round of confrontation fraught with catastrophic consequences for the entire region."

➡ Stop backing settlers attack in West Bank

- United Nations Human Rights office on Tuesday called Israel to halt its support to attack by settlers on Palestinians in West Bank.
- This comes after Israeli settlers killed two Palestinians on Monday .
- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCRC) office spokesperson said "Israel z as the occupying power, must take all measures in its power to restore, and, ensure as far as possible, public order and safety in the occupied west bank".

→ Germany, China can help achieve peace in Ukraine, says Scholaz

- German Chancellor Olaf Scholaz is on visit to China . On Tuesday he met President Xi Jinping in Beijing .
- Mr Scholaz told Mr Xi that he hoped to discuss "how we can contribute more to a just peace in Ukraine. "
- He further added "The Russian war of aggression in Ukraine and Russia's armanmwt have a very significant negative impact on the security of Europe ".
- This is second visit of Mr Scholar to china . The two countries are expected to sign agreements regarding climate change

▶ Ukraine 'ran out 'of missiles to defend power plant : Zelensky

- Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky in an interview with PBS said that Russian missile were able to destroy one of its power plants as Ukraine ran out of defensive missile.
- The Tryliska Thermal power station in Ukraine was destroyed by a Russian missile on April 11.
- "There were 11 missiles flying. We destroyed the first seven. Four destroyed Tripysilka. Why? Because there was zero missiles,".
- Ukraine has been facing aid hold up from its allies . That it says was urgently needed to repel deadly Russian spy

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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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