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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ EC halts Bengal Governor's Cooch Behar trip on poll eve

- The Election Commission on Wednesday after taking a tough stance, advised West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose to halt his plan to tour Cooch Behar district on April 18 and April 19. Saying that it would violate the Model Code of Conduct in the region.
- Cooch Behar is set to vote in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections on April 19.
- The EC said that there was no "imminently known" need for the tour.

### ➔ No deals on Manipur's territorial integrity : CM

- Peace talks between Kuki Zo community and Meitei community of Manipur will not be accepted if that violates Manipur's territorial integrity, the Manipur CM said. He said that any such talk between the two communities must ensure the protection of "indigenous people", he further said. He was speaking at the release of BJP's manifesto in Manipur.
- Meiteis in Manipur claim to be the indigenous people. Kuki Zonare considered outsiders. Their is a long term demand of the Meitei community for tribal status which the Kuki Zo community refutes.

### ➔ Campaigning ends for 102 seats in the first phase of polls scheduled for tomorrow

- campaigning came to an end for the first phase.
- 21 states and UTs across will go for polls.
- In previous Lok Sabha polls UPA had won 44 seats while BJP had won 41 seats among 102 total seats.
- 39 seats from TamilNadu and 1 seat from Pondicherry will also go for polls.
- In Uttar Pradesh – Eight constituencies will go for polls. In Bihar four seats will go for polls.
- 12 constituencies in Rajasthan, 5 in Maharashtra, 6 constituencies in Madhya Pradesh,
- In Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim Assembly elections are also being held simultaneously



### ➔ Center tweaks Green Credit Program norms : to focus on restoration of the ecosystem .

- The Green Credit Schemes Center has to restore the degraded land with trees. The credit had to be given on restoration of each tree. 'green credit' may encourage tree planting for financial gains.
- But the Union Environment ministry has clarified that the primacy must be to restore the ecosystem over merely tree planting.
- The forest department of over 13 states have offered over 387 land parcels over the degraded land - worth 10,983 hectares

### ➔ Musk likely to unveil an investment of 3 billion dollar in India

- Tesla chief Elon Musk is set to announce an investment in India between 2-3 billion dollars, sources have said. He will visit New Delhi next week. He is expected to meet PM Modi.
- Where the Tesla EV plants will be built is still unclear.
- The EV market in India currently is just 2% total car sales. But the government is targeting a sales upto 30% sales by 2030.

## WORLD

### ➔ Israel reserves the right to protect itself, says Netanyahu

- On Wednesday, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu said that his country will decide how to respond to Israel's unprecedented attack.
- The US and EU have pledged to ramp up new sanctions on Iran.
- British Foreign Secretary David Cameron and German Foreign minister Annalena Bateberock were the first two leaders to visit Israel after the attack. Both of them suggested Israel to restraint.
- Mr. Netanyahu told the visiting ministers that Israel "will reserve the right to protect itself".
- Iran has warned Israel of heavy strike if Israel responds

### ➔ Inflicting retaliation without escalation : Netanyahu has a tough call to make on Iran

- On April 14 Iran made its first direct attack on Israel, launching a total of 300 missiles and drones. Israel says it managed to intercept 99% of the Iranjab strike. But the US, UK and Jordan also participated in neutralization.

### ➔ Tough choice with Netanyahu

- Iran has warned that it will strike back if Israel responds. Netanyahu has a tough choice on whether to attack Iran or not.
- Attacking Iran can mean starting a war in the region as Iran has vowed to strike hard.
- If Israel does not attack its own position will weaken in the region.
- The other option is not attacking Israel directly but increasing attacks on Israel's proxies in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq. But this thing Israel has been doing for years.
- Israel, though, has said that it will strike on time and place of its own choosing

### ➔ Inflicting retaliation without escalation : Netanyahu has a tough call to make on Iran

- Israel has carried out more than 400 airstrikes on militants linked to Iran. But Iran had never struck Israel. This showed an upper hand by Israel.
- In a new situation, if Israel does not strike back Iran then Iran will have an upper hand. And its proxies Hezbollah, Hamas will be more powerful.

➔ **Western Involvement**

- US , and Western Countries which are close to Israel such as Germany and UK has called for restraint. None of these partners want regional war with Iran . The US has said that if Israel attacks Iran it will not participate in that . Means Israel will have to go without US support .
- In such a situation Iran can have upper hand

➔ **Road Ahead**

- The ball is in Netanyahu's court who can not afford to look weak . He can not go to war without his allies either



➔ **Pakistan high court orders government to restore X**

- A Pakistan High Court said on Wednesday that the government must restore social media platforms within one week .
- Pakistan's interior ministry blocked X on security grounds on February 17 after a protest by Imran khan supporters

**Taliban suspends two TV stations for ' neglecting Islamic values '**

