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THE HINDU National

▶ India votes from today ;102 LS seats in contention

- In the first phase of elections voting will be held for all 39 Lok Sabha seats on TamilNadu as well as in Rajsthan, MP and UP.
- Overall 16.63 crore voters would exercise their franchise in phase 1

▶ Impossible to tamper with EVMs at , 'any stage ', EC says in SC

- It was second consecutive day for hearing on a petition on concerns on EVMs . The Petitioner are demanding a returning back to EVMs and matching all the VVPAT .
- Election Commission on Thursday said in Supreme Court that it was impossible to tamper with Electronics Voting Machines (EVMs)." at any stage ".

⇒ EC Response :

- The EC said that there have been 41,629 instances of random verification till date .
- Over four crore VVPAT slips were matched till date. There was not a single instance of mismatch.
- On manual use of VVPAT, EC said that it would tell whole hour to manually count the VVPAT slips of single polling station.
- "On an average 1000 VVPAT slips are required to be counted per polling station
- Manual counting of VVPAT was cumbersome at every step and process can not be expedited or hurried ".
- The court has reserved its judgement

Reports of EVM errors false : EC

- The election commission said in Supreme Court that reports that four EVMs erroneously logged into the votes for BJP during the mock poll held in Kerala was false.
- The state electoral commission of Kerala said that additional VVPAT slips released by VVPAT machines during a mock poll led to confusion

■ Sugar content on Nestle baby food sold in India

- Nestle's baby and food products sold in India and well as Africa and Latin American countries have higher sugar content, on comparison with similar products sold in European Union market, according to recently released data of an Swiss NGO public eye and Baby Food Action Network.
- FSSAI who haveensures such standard in India said that it will investigate into it.
- It was found after testing of 150 products of Nestle that 15 cerelac products, for six month old babies, which are sold with without added sugar in UK and Germany, contained 2.7 gram added sugar as per serving in India.
- WHO recommends against added sugar in food products meant for babies below age 3.
- However a Nestle India spokesperson, said that reducing sugar content was companies priority and in last five years it has reduced 30 % of Sugar.
- Nestle is a Swiss company which manufactured product related to food and drink processes

One crew member of ship seized by Iran returns home

- One of 17 Indian sailors aboard the ship, MSC Aries that was detained by Iranian authorities last weekend have returned home in Kerala,
- The MEA has said.
- The ship is at the shore and the crew members on board ship. The 17 Indian crew members has not been detained.
- Afterefforts by EAM S Jaishankar and Indian embassy in Tehran , Iran allowed the release of one female crew and permission for remaining 16 to contact their families .
- The Israel owned ship was seized by Iran on April 13 . Later Iran struck Israel with drones and missiles

▶ India should condemn Israel actions in Gaza: Iran envoy

- Iran's ambassador to India, Iran Elahi in talk with The Hindu said that Iran has kept India fully briefed about air attack on Israel on April 13, and its main objective had been achieved.
- On Israel Gaza issue he said that India could play a big role in stopping the war in Gaza
- On question of Chabhar port, he said that the project was going well and soon a good news is expected to be. Delivered

⇒ Srinagar likely to be tagged as World Craft City from India

• The World Craft Council International (WCCI), a Kuwait based organisation has picked Srinagar for its nomination in the list of World Craft City (WCC). The result will be announced two months later



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WORLD

▶ Iran says US , it does not seek any 'expansion of tension 'in region

- Iran's Foreign Minister Hossaein Amir Abdullahain is in New York to participate in UN Security Council Meeting.
- In a video posted he said that Iran had informed US that it doesnt want tension in the region .
- He said that Iran had informed US about the attack "before and after "launching its attack on Israel.
- Iran's President "Ebrahim Raisi "has warned of "fierce and further response "to further "aggression "by Israel .

▶ Ukraine says it hit Russian air field in annexed Crimea

- Ukraine on Wednesday launched an air attack on Dzhankoi military airfield in Crimea . It added that number of Aircraft being damaged in the attack was being clarified .
- But the attack seriously damagedfour missile launchers, three radar stations and other equipments, Ukrainian military spy agency said on Thursday

Indonesia evacuated thousands after volacano erupts, raises Tsunami threat

- A volcano in Indonesia erupted five times in Indonesia, pushing the authorities to close a nearby air force and issue a warning about falling debris that could lead to cause Tsunami.
- Mount Ruang's lava crater flamed with flaned with lava, pushing ash column more than miles into sky and forcing authorities to raise its alert level.
- More than 11,000 people have been evacuated from the area.

Burkino Faso expels French Diplomats over' submwrsive activities "









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22	01 September 2024 (Sunday)	11:00 am To 02:00 pm	FULL LENGTH

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