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First phase of polls recorded over 62% turnout

- Polling in 10 states in first phase of elections was completed on Friday .
- First phase of polls recorded a 62% of turnout.
- Lakshdweep saw the highest voting at 83.88%, while Bihar had the lowest attendence of 48.88%.
- The voting percentage in other states were TamilNadu (69%); Rajsthan (57.26% /), Uttar Pradesh (67.08 %), Maharshtra (61.87 %) and Assam (75.95 %).
- EC has reported violence and disturbances from the booths in Manipur, West Bengal, and Chhattisgarh.

Manipur sees 72% turnout as violence Mars polling

SC assails poll time prohibitory orders

- The executive magistrates in four states including Rajasthan, Gujrat and Delhi has passed prohibitory orders under article 144, on the grounds of elections. The authorities have not given permission for Dharnas and Yatras under since Article 144 has been imposed.
- The Supreme Court on Friday, questioned the basis of Executive magistrates issuing blanket orders.
- The court directed Magistrates to decide the applications of Yatras and Dharnas within three days

Forests a national assets and major contributor to financial wealth: SC

- In a judgment the Supreme court has asserted that Forest in India is a national wealth and major contributor to the nation's financial wealth .
- The court also observed that Carbon Credit and Green Accounting to evaluate national wealth now was a reality

What was the case all about?

- State Forest department of Telangana had "graciously gifted "forest land to a private person.
- High court given green signal to the transfer of Forest land to private person .
- State of Telanganaappealed in SC against HC's decision . The court ordered state government to open enquiry against its own officials

Center asks FSSAI to take 'appropriate action 'against Nestle

- The Consumer Affairs ministry has asked FSSAI to start to initiate "appropriate action. "against the Nestle group.
- This comes after reports that Nestle products sold in India have 2.7 grams of added sugar per serving compared to Products sold in other European countries.

Cerelac

Center released Curriculum framework for Anganwadis

- For the first time, the Union government has released a curriculum advisable to be taught to children aged three to six years.
- Thus giving an impetus to pre school learning in 14 lakh Anganwadi across the country.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has released, the National curriculum for Early Childhood care and Education 2024, titled 'Adharshila', on the lines of National Education Policy.
- Aadharshila (translated as foindation stone) is a three detailed 48 week curriculum meant for learning in the age group of three to six years in Anganwadis.
- The curriculum includes a weekly play calender with four years of initiation which includes academic activities . The next 36 weeks are spent on exploring , free play , conversation , creation and appreciation and reflection.
- that involves various activities including storey telling, singing rhymes, arts and crafts.
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➡ India delivers first batch of Brahmos Supersonic missiles to Phillipines

- India delivered its first batch of Brahmos Supersonic missile to Phillipines on Friday .
- In January 2022, the two countries had concluded a 375 million dollar deal with India with three batteries of a shite based of a shore-based, anti-ship variant of Brahmos.
- Brahmos is a joint venture of India and Russia

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Fossils of huge prehistoric snake found in Kutch mine

- Researchers have discovered a fossil of one of the largest snakes that lived 47 million years ago in the Middle Eocene Period .
- The fossil was found in Kutch, Gujrat and the snake Vasuki Indicus could be anywhere between 10 to 15 meters.
- "This discovery is significant not only for understanding the ancient ecosystem in India but also the evolutionary history of snakes"

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WORLD

Explosion shake Iran; US media reports Israeli raids

- Iran's state media reported, explosion in central province of Ishfahan on Friday.
- US based media such The Wanshigton Post said that Israel had carried out retaliatory strike on Iran .
- The claimes of any Israeli attack was denied by Iran's media .
- No reaction has come from Israel or Iran .Also there was no clarity about extent of damage .

Raisi makes no intention of explosion heard in Iran

- Iran's president Ibrahim Raisii on Friday held, Tehhran's. unprecedented retaliatory attack on Israel.
- The operation "showed our authority, our people's will of steel and unity".
- Mr.Raisi said in Semnan, in East Theran.
- On Friday's blast in Isfahan, Iran's Military chief said that the attack was due to firing of "anti Aircraft system' on arsr suspicious object. "

▶ Ukraine, Israel aid advances in rate US house vote

- The US house of representative advanced 95 billion dollar, providing aid to Ukraine, Israel and Indo Pacific.
- Friday's procedural vote, which passed 316 94. with more support from Democrats than the republicans.
- The legislation provides more than. 95 billion dollar of security assistance, including 9.1 billion dollar for humanitarian aid ..
- In addition to the aid to the allies the package includes provision to transfer frozen Russian assets to Ukraine, and sanctions targetting Hamas and Iran and to force, China's ByteDance to sell social media platforms Tik Tok or face US ban

➡ Hainan Free Trade Port Constitution has gained momentum, says China

- Amid Ongoing tension in the South China sea, Liu Xiaoming, Governor of Hainan Province, said that construction of Hainan Free Trade Port (FTP) has taken shape and gained momentum.
- Hainan, a lush green port in China, is not very far from the Philippines.
- The FTP blueprint is ambitious, and as per the plan, in the first phase, China aims to establish the island as its most open economic region by 2025.
- The ultimate goals is to build tropical Dubai in middle of South China Sea by 2035











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Test No.	Date	Time	Туре
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
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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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