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THE HINDU National

➔ IRDAI removes age bar for buying health insurance

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has removed the age limit for purchasing health insurance policies with effect from April 1. Earlier , there was an age limit of 64 years to buy new health insurance policies .
- The latest IRDAI directive say :
 1. Health providers must develop specialized policies catering to the senior citizens , and establish dedicated channels for addressing their claims and grievances .
 2. Companies are encouraged to develop tailored products to meet specific age related requirements .
- The directive adds that the move will enhance the accessibility and affordability of healthcare coverage across all age groups

➔ EC orders re polling in 11 Manipur booths tomorrow

- The Election Commission has declared void of polling conducted at 11 booths , across five assembly segments in Manipur on Friday .
- The violence was marred by officer reporting mob violence , gunfire and destroyed EVMs at some booths .
- The ECI has announced that a repoll will be conducted , at these , booths between 7 AM and 5 P.M. on April 22 .

➔ India in favor of regulating , not banning single use plastics

- Next week 192 countries will meet in Toronto , Canada to look into elimination efforts of removing plastics .
- There are 17 topics countries will be deliberating upon , one of the topics is “ problematic and avoidable plastic products including single use plastics “
- The aim of negotiating countries is to implement global and national measures , such as removing these products from the market , reducing production and bringing sustainable alternatives .
- Science and Environment (CSE) a non profit organization said that India had opted for “ regulating “ rather than banning single use plastics .
- In 2022 India brought laws that had banned 19 categories of “ single use plastics ‘ .
- which refers to section of plastics that is largely going
- India is in favor of “ regulating “ and not eliminating single use plastics pollution .
- It was held in a Public Negotiation position .
- In 2022 , India brought a law that banned 19 categories of ‘ single use plastics ‘ .

➔ SC to consider the uniform norms of Advocates body

The Supreme Court has decided to consider framing uniform guidelines for advocates association across the country . This is in a bid to make their admission regulation uniform and democratic

➔ Indian Navy conducts mega exercise along east coast

- The Indian Navy on Saturday said that it carried out an extensive exercise operation ‘ poorvi Leher ‘ on East Coast

FAQ

➔ What are the new Green Credit Programme rules ?

- On April 12 , the Environment ministry released issued new guidelines for its Green Credit Programme (GCP) .
- The new guidelines says that it will prioritize the restoration of ecosystem over mere planting of trees

➔ What is the Green Credit Programme ?

- The Green Credit Programme is a “ innovative , market based mechanism “ to incentivise , “ voluntary action “ for environment conservation . The programmes comes under mission Life

The programme has following features :

- Under this individuals , Organisation and companies – Public and Private would be encouraged to invest in sectors ranging from afforestation , water. conservation , stemmig waste management , mangrove conservation and in return be eligible to get ‘ green credit ‘ .

The green credit will be traded .

- A new Autonomous body under ministry of finance has been created . The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) , is in charge of administering the programme . They will define methodology to calculate ‘ green credit ‘ . They will also manage a trading platform , whereby such credits could be traded .
- In february Ministry had issued guidelines , Ot said that Companies z Organizations will be allowed to pay for afforestation project in degraded forest and wasteland.

Controversy surrounding GCP

- GCP allows companies to “ exchange _ credits for complying with “compensatory afforestation” . This could lead to diversion of forest land to mining and infrastructure companies.
- Planting trees does not necessarily boost ecosystem . Wrong type of tees can act as an invasive species and harm the ecosystem.

➔ Progress under the Scheme

- 13 states have offered 387 land parcels of degraded forest land , worth 10 , 699 hevrates .
- Those who are successful in fulfilling the criteria will be given an estimated of the cost involved in afforestation

Why are sugary processed food harmful ?

The story so far :

- The spotlight has returned on high sugar content in malt based milk powedrs and baby food .
- Govt has warned against branding these items as “ healthy “ .

FSSAI stand on Sugar Content

- FSSAI said that only if total sugar is less than 5 grams per 100 grams in a product it can claim to be a ‘low on sugar ‘ . Such type of food items can potentially be ‘ healthy ‘ .But when the product does not fulfill this criteria and still advertise as “ health drinks “ , then it's problematic.

Controversy over baby food

- Nestle under brand name Cerelac has 24 gram sugar per 100 grams.
- Extra sugar can lead to further problems in babies .It will create unnecessary pressure on babies ' pancreas .
- It can lead to obesity and Diabetes in later stage of their life

WORLD

➔ One killed in blast at Iraqi base housing project Iran group

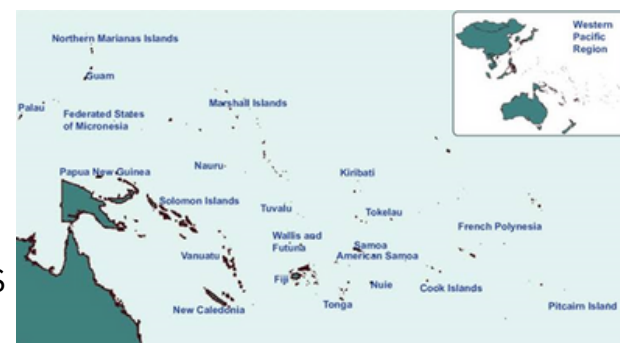
- One person was killed and eight wounded in an overnight explosion in Iraqi military base housing a coalition of pro Iranian armed groups , officials said on Saturday .
- The full details remain unclear hours after the blast hit the Kalsu military base in Babylon province in South Baghdad , where the Iraqi forces are stationed .
- US in a statement said that's forces were not behind the attack . While , Israel refrained to comment .

➔ First major political test for Muizzu is Maldives votes in Parliament polls

- On Sunday , Maldives will hold Parliamentary elections for 93 constituencies across the island nation .
- Over 2 lakh and 84 thousand voters will vote across 602 polling stations .
- This will be the first major political test for Mohammad Muizzue who will determine the control of parliament or Parliament or people's Majlis

➔ AUKUS risks nuclear proliferation in Pacific , says China's Wang Yi in Papua New Guinea

- Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi is on a visit to Papua and New Guinea .
- Here after meeting with his counterpart Mr. Wang accused AUKUS of risking nuclear proliferation in the South Pacific .
- The three way AUKUS runs parallel to a South Pacific treaty banning nuclear weapons in the region .AUKUS also “ raises serious Nuclear proliferation risks “ , the Chinese Foreign Minister told reporters .
- Under the AUKUS agreement , Australia will be provided with nuclear submarines by US and UK .
- South Pacific Islands – Most of these islands are facing poverty , they are rich in minerals resources though .
- China has made the relation with these island better in recent times .
- Papua New Guinea and Solomon's island are the islands where China is investing.



➔ Erdogan calls for Palestinian unity after his meeting with Hamas Chief

- Turkish President Erdogan urged Palestinians to unite amid Israel's war in Gaza after an hour long meeting with Hamas Chief Ismail Haniyeh .
- Erdogan is one of the fierce supporters of Hamas

➔ Ukraine and Russia trade strikes as US fears up for key vote

- Ukrainian sources said that Ukraine launched large scale drone attack on eight Russian regions overnight . This was aimed mostly at “ energy infrastructure that feeds Russia's military Industrial complex “ .
- Russia defense minister said that it intercepted 50 Ukrainian drones .
- This comes amidst the ,
- US lawmakers is prepared to vote on a 61 billion dollar aid package to Ukraine . It has been passed by Ukraine .
- Ukraine and Russia both accused each other of deadly strikes on civilians

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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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