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THE HINDU National

Congress plan for equality is a 'dangerous game', says Modi

- PM Modi doubled down his attack on its promises on Social Justice, Wealth redistribution.
- PM Modi said that the "dangerous intention" of Congress was coming to the fore. The PM asserted that through wealth redistribution Congress will be snatching personal properties and wealth and giving it away to secure their vote bank.
- At all three rallies, the PM said that Congress has plans to give a 15 % quota on basis of religion, by reducing the existing quota for SCs, STs and OBCs.
- The Congress manifesto does not talk of any religion based reservation of reducing quotas to SCs, STs and OBCs.
- The manifesto doesn't talk about wealth redistribution, it only talks that through suitable policies it will address wealth inequality.

■ EVMs control unitdo not recognise parties of names : SC

- The Supreme Court on Wednesday called that microcontrollers of the EVM (Electronic Voting Machines) were separately programmed by manufacturers.
- "Microcontrollers in the control units are agnostic. They do not recognise the party or candidates name, What they recognise is the button pressed on ballot units "Justice Sanjiv Khanna observed.
- The court emphatically said that the EVm source code should not be disclosed as it would be prone to misuse.
- On the question whether microcontrollers were reprogrammable, the EC officials said that they were "one time programmable "at the time of manufacturing.
- Petitioner howevers said that EC's claim that. microcontrollers were "in doubt".
- The court was hearing multiple petition against use of EVMs .

➡ Bengal moves SC against dismissal of school staff

- The West Bengal government on Wednesday approached the Supreme Court against a Calcutta High court order of termination of appointment of over 24,000 teaching and non teaching staff across the schools.
- The West Bengal govt said that the order will put the entire education system on a standstill.
- It said that even a CBI investigation conducted had found only around 4000. irregular appointments and not all appointments were cancelled

No forests or animal will be left if human - wildlife conflicts continue: SC

- The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that the human-animal conflict poses a danger to the very existence of forest and wildlife. A balance has to be struck which takes care of the rights of both the stakeholders.
- The court's observation came while hearing a case concerning the demarcation of the boundaries of Assam's Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary and settlement of rights of villagersdrawn from marginalised, scheduled caste, scheduled tribe community, who reside within the territory

RBI orders Kotak Bank to stop adding customers online

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday directed, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd (Kotak Bank), to cease and desist, with immediate effect, from onboarding new customers through its online and mobile banking channels and issuing fresh credit cards.
- This comes after the IT examination of the bank in 2022 23. The central bank had found "serious deficiencies and non compliances were observed in the field of IT inventory management, user access management, data security, business continuity and disaster management rigour and drills ".
- "In the absence of a robust IT Infrastructure and IT risk management framework, the bank's core banking system (CBS) and it's online and digital banking system have suffered frequent and significant toutages in the last two years "RBI said in a statement
- Kotak Bank in a statement has said that it has taken measures to strengthen it's IT systems

ditorial

→ Hot buttons

Voters must be incentivised by minimising risk due to heat exposure

- The editorial is about the recent decision by the Election Commission (EC) to form a committee of the Meteorological Department (IMD)., Disaster Management (NDMA) and Health Ministry to curb charges on health ministry. The team is formed to give direction to election commission in the case of heatwave situation five day prior to the poll.
- This comes after EX saw decline in poll percentage in first phase polls .
- The heatwave condition across the country can be a reason behindthis.
- The editorial says that merely forming a panel will not improve the situation. And certain other measures should be taken like forming a task force at every booth which will ensureshaded waiting areas with seating, air flows, oral rehydration option, sanitary facilities, fruits, updated kits; wheelchairs; accessible architecture and medical services.
- The Editorial further said that EC must form a separate cadre to implement it's plans to tackle heatwave

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WORLD

▶ Israel pummels Gaza after US Congress approves aid

- Israel pounded Gaza with airstrikes and artillery fire in its war against Hamas on Wednesday after the US Congress approved 13 billion of military aid .
- Israeli Foreign minister Israel Katz said that the aid package sent a "strong message to all enemies".
- This comes as the US Israel is having a different opinion on the attack on Rafah .
- Israel says Rafah as "last "major stronghold while the aid group warns that it would create an "apocalyptic situation".

Ranil bats for Global South during Iran's president visit

- Iranian PM Ebrahim Raisi reached Colombo on Wednesday. He met his counterpart, Ranil Wickramshighe. The two signed at five agreements in the field of energy, biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Pharmaceutical, water and Energy.
- On this occasion Srilankan President Ranil Wockramshinghe pitched for greater autonomy for global South .
- Expressing "gratitude for Iran for their technical support ".
- Iran currently is supporting a 514 million dollar irrigation project in Sri Lanka that would also generate 120 MW of electricity .
- The two counties are engaged in barter trade under which Iran exports oil to Sri Lanka, while Sri Lanka exports tea to Iran

■ US sent ATACMS missile to Ukraine

• The United States sent ATACMS missiles to Ukraine for use inside its territory .This was confirmed by a state department spokesperson



Argentina seek arrest of Iran minister over 94 blast

- Argentina has asked Interpol to arrest Iranian Foreign minister Ahmad Vahidi over the 1994 bombing over a Jewish Community centre in Buenos Aires.
- At least 85 persons were killed in this attack.
- An attack on a Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires, Argentina had killed 85 and injured 300 ...
- On April 12, the Argentina court blamed Iran for the attack. The attack has not been solved. Both Israel and Argentina suspects that it was Hezbollah that carried out the attack.
- Mr. Vahidi is not part of delegation with PM Imbrahim Raisi that visited Iran

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Powerful antidote to toxins in Cobra, Krait venoms developed

- A group of scientist have developed 95 Mat 5 made using animal and used human human antibodies. It will be used against all types of snake venom . The treatment used earlier for snake bite was more complex and had less efficiency .
- The death due to snake bite alone is staggering in India .
- India alone has caused 58,000 deaths in a year.

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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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