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THE HINDU National

➔ SC backs EVMs , rules out revival of paper ballots

- The Supreme Court on Friday , upheld the Electronics Voting Machines (EVM) system for polling and refused to revive paper ballots .
- The court said that “ blind distrust “ over the system is not helpful .
- The Court said that “ blind distrust “ , of a system breeds unwarranted scepticism and impedes progress .
- The part of Judgement delivered by Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta had following main points
 - The Court refused the petitioner’s suggestion that paper slips and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units be handed over to electors to take a leisurely look before inserting them , into the ballot boxes .
 - It dismissed the plea by the petitioners Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) , for cross verification of all EVMs and VVPATs across the country .
Currently , only 5% of VVPAT is randomly matched in any constitution .
 - The Court refused to strike down Rule 49 MA of conduct of elections rules .
Voters who claim that the EVMs didn't recorded their votes correctly is allowed to cast a test vote . If the voters fail to prove the mismatch the , the poll official can starr action against the mismatch under section 177 of IPC .

➔ Key Suggestion

- The Court suggested that the Election Commission (EC) devolve the possibility of devising an “ electronic machine “ to count the VVPAT paper slips .
- The court also suggested that political parties could be identified with Unique bar code , along with their symbols .
- In a separate direction to EC , the top court ordered that , from May 1 ,Symbol loading unit should be sealed and secured after the process of loading symbol into VVPAT is over .
- The Court directed that ‘ burnt ‘ or unloaded memory of microcontrollers of 5% EVMs can be checked and verified by a team of engineers from the EVM manufacturers in the case suspicion and tampering .
- Such an exercise can be initiated on the basis of written request from candidates . The application has to be filed within seven days of the declaration of election results . The expenses of the verification will be born by the candidate however if the EVMs are found to be tampered in verification , the amount will be refunded to candidates .



➔ Unlike Paper ballots , EVMs eliminated booth capturing

- The Supreme Court on Friday said that a return to paper ballots will bring back the evils of yesteryear . And it was any way “ impossible to preprogramme EVMs in spurious manner “ .
- Supreme Court also said that the EVMs were more convenient regarding to transportation .
- The Court acknowledged that human error was possible in EVM VVPAT system of polling .
- Thought the court acknowledged that it was not possible “ to rule out human errors “ , it was consoled by the fact that “ the manual om EVM and VVPAT deals with such situation , andnlaus down the protocols which is to be followed. “

➔ SC judgement in EVM case a tight slap to opposition says Modi ; seeks apology

- PM Modi in a rally in Bihar , welcomed SC verdict over EVMs. PM said that poor ,backward classes , Dalits used to be deprived of their votes through booth capture , when Congress , RJD and other from INDIA bloc's were in Power

➔ Campaign for more use of VVPATs to continue , says Congress

- The Congress , On Friday said that their campaign for greater use of VVPATs to increase public trust will continue .

➔ Court should nip in bud efforts by vested groups : Justice Datta

- The Supreme Court Judge Justice Dipankar Datta , in his separate opinion on EVM said constitutional courts should “nip in the bud “ a “ fast developing “ trend “ among certain vested groups “ to undermine the achievement of nation warned through the hard work and dedication of its sincere workforce .
- The Judge was responding to the suggestion by petitioner that nation should revert to paper ballots system for polling .
- “It is only improvement in EVMs or even a better system that people would look forward to in ensuing years ,” Justice Datta said.

➔ Second phase of Lok Sabha elections across 14 states for 88 seats records 61% voter turnout

- Polling for the second phase of Lok Sabha election in 88 constituency was found to be largely peaceful . On Friday .
- The provisional voter turnout recorded were 61% . In previous Lok Sabha election ,the voter turnout recorded was 69.44% .
- The highest voting percentage recorded was in Tripura , which registered 79.66 % of polls .
- Lowest turnout was in Uttar Pradesh at 54.88% , Kerala recorded 70.35% of turnout ..
- And Karnataka , 69.23% .
- All 20 seats of Kerala , 14 of the 28 seats in Karnataka , 13 seats in Rajasthan , eight seats in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh , six seats in Madhya Pradesh , five seats in Assam and Bihar , three seats in Chhatisgarh and West Bengal , one seat each in Manipur , Tripura and Jammu and Kashmir , went to polls in Friday .
- Over 15.88 crore voters were able to exercise their franchises .
- across 1.67 lakh polling stations . A total 1202 lakh candidates were in fray.

➔ **Loco pilots did not watch cricket during Vizianagaram crash**

- The investigation into the train collision incident of the two passenger trains in Vizianagaran district of Andhra Pradesh has not revealed any evidence to prove that the locomotives pilots of one of the trains were watching cricket at the time of accident .
- In March this year , Union railway minister has claimed that “ both the loco pilot and co pilot were distracted by the cricket match that was going on “ .
- No such evidence has been found in the railway enquiry

➔ **CBI seizes cahce of weapons in Sandeshkhali**

- The CBI on Friday seized a cache of arms , and ammuniton during its searches at the premises of Shahjahan Sheikh in Sandeshkhali .
- In March after High Court order , CBI initiated inquiry in Sandeshkhali case.
- Shahjahan Sheikh and his aides has been accused of land grabbing and molesting women

➔ **Study says Solar radiation available for producing power falling in India**

- The quantity of solar radiation falling available that can be converted by solar panel to electricity is showing an “ alarming decreasing trend “ in several locations of India , says an analysis by scientists at IMD , in a a scientific journals named Mausam .
- Increase Aerosol load particle – fine particle from Carbon emission , fossil fuel burning and dust , clouding are said to be the causative factors .
- Aerosols absorbs the sunlight and absorbs from sunlight and deflect it away .
- The reduction in Solar radiation can be compensated with increased number of Solar Panels .
- India has plans to generate 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 . This will mean at least 280 GW through solar panels

➔ **Delicene Go First fleet : HC to DGCA**

- The Delhi High Court on Friday ordered , the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to delicene Go First fleet .
- The Court also instructed DGCA to facilitate export of all 54 aircraft from India and provide export certicificates .
- Go First had filed for insolvency to National Company Law Trubunal (NCLT) in May 2023 .
- NCLT had prohibited lessors to take any adverse action against Go First .
- Following this 14 lessors moved to Delhi High Court against NCLT orders .
- NCLT is trying to find bids for Go First

WORLD

➔ **China and US should be partners rather than rivals , Xi tells Blinken**

- Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken , in Beijing . je said that US and China should be partners rather than rivals and should help each other succeed rather than to irr each other .
- A statement released by Chinese Foreign Ministry says that President Xi said that he was happy seeing US progress and US should be happy to see China’s progress .
- He said that China was committed to non alliance , and the US should not create the small blocs . While each side can have its friends and partners , it should not target , oppose or harm the other .

➔ **Pro Palestinian protests rock universities across , the US**

- Pro Palestinian students rocked at many Universities at US . University of Columbia , California were among the major universities where protest continued . Protest in Indiana , Ohio Universities were also reported .
- Protestersat Universities across the country are demanding the schools to cut finacial ties to Israel and divest from companies they say are enabling the conflict .

➔ **37 million tonnes of debris in Gaza can take a year to clear : UN**

- There are some 37 million tonnes of debris to clear away from Gaza , once the Israeli offensive is over , a senior offical from UN Mine action service (UNMAS) said on Friday .
- If 100 trucks are to be used it would take 14:years to clear away the debris , said UNMAS ..

➔ **Srilanka leases it's white elephant airport**

- Srilanak said on Friday that it had leased , Mattala Rajpalsha International Airport , a white elephant international airport , built with Chinese loans , to a foreign joint venture .
- The airport has been given to the Joint venture of India’s Surya Aeronautics and Russia's airport region management company at lease for 30 years . This has been done to government seeks to offload loss making assets

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➔ **Aid for wars .**

- Ukraine , Israel win as Biden gets bipartisan , support for aid package
- The editorial is about recent bill passed by US senate related to aid to Ukraine and Israel .
- The bill is pending to be signed by President Joe Biden .
- US senate passed 95 billion dollar aid package to Ukriane , Israel and Taiwan .
- The aid fro Ukraine is 61 billion dollar. 26 billion dollars for Israel , 8 billion dollar for Taiwan and Indo Pacific and one bill relating to Tik Tok .
- The passing of bill could be tough has Republican United against it .
- Republicans are not that much in favour of such aid packages . This can be the last such aid package because if Trump comes to power there is good chances that he will not bring similar aid packages

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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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