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THE HINDU National

➔ Supreme Court limits power of ED to arrest PMLA accused

- Supreme Court on Thursday gave right to personal liberty as the reason to direct certain changes regarding arrest by Enforcement Directorate (ED) under Prevention of Money Laundering (PMLA) cases .
- The court verdict has following major directions :
 - An accused is presumed to be not in custody if he appears in court on summons – Earlier Under Money Laundering related cases , the person is presumed to be under custody when ED arrests him .
 - The Court can direct the accused to furnish bonds under Section 88 of Code of Criminal Procedure .
 - The ED has to apply to a special court for custody , giving specific reasons .

➔ ₹100 crore paid to Kejriwal in Goa as kickbacks , says ED

- ED said in court on Thursday that complaint against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is in the pipeline and there is direct evidence of Mr Arvind Kejriwal “demanding” ₹100 crore kickbacks in Delhi Excise Policy scam .
- Additional Solicitor General S.Vm Raju said that they have a statement to prove that Mr. Kejriwal had met liquor lobby .
- ED has alleged that the kickbacks received by AAP were used in Goa Assembly polls .
- ED earlier had said that it will file a petition against Arvind Kejriwal .

➔ Jharkhand Minister sent to ED custody for six days

- A special Prevention Of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) , Congress leader Alamgir Alam has been sent to ED custody for six days .

➔ Swiss diplomat to hold talks in India ahead of Ukraine peace Conference

- Switzerland Foreign Secretary Alexandre Fasel is going to visit India for pressing it to participate in upcoming Ukrainian Peace Conference .
- The Ukrainian Peace Conference will be held between June 15-16 in Burgwinstock in Switzerland .
- The organisers of the event is giving focus on BRICS minus Russia and global South to participate .
- Most of the European countries is expected to participate .
- India has not confirmed yet whether it will participate or not . The decision on this is expected only after election results on June 4

➔ State cannot acquire property without proper procedure : SC

- Supreme Court on Thursday gave procedural direction to state before acquisition of private property .
- The two judge bench of Justice P S Narsimha and Justice Arvind Kumar said put down following procedures for this :
 - The right to notice or duty of state to inform a person that it intends to acquire his or her property
 - The right of citizens to be heard of duty of states to hear the objections to the question .
 - The right of citizens to be of reasoned decision , of the duty of the state to inform the person , of its decision to acquire property .
 - The duty of the state to demonstrate that the acquisition is exclusively for public purpose .
 - The right of citizen to fair compensation
 - The duty of state to conduct the process of acquisition efficiently and within the prescribed timeline .
 - The right of conclusion of property
- The right to property is protected as a constitutional right under Article 300 A .
- It also comes under human rights .
- The state has however power to acquire it for public purposes after giving compensation .
- Article 300 A – Individuals can not be deprived of property unless deprived by a law

➔ No issue about people making a critical analysis of judgements :SC

- The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday heard the Ead case on Arvind Kejriwal .
- Enforcement Directorate (ED) made allegations against statements by Arvind Kejriwal during campaigning in the Excise Policy case .
- Arvind Kejriwal during a rally had said that he will not have to go to jail after 20 days if people voted for him .
- ED cited that this was the slap on the system , as the statement was incorrect . And Kejriwal had to go to jail after his bail completes on June 2 .
- SC said that Mr. Kejriwal “ ought not “ had to make such statements , but it will take this as an exception.
- SC in its order had asked Mr Kejriwal not to discuss his role in the Excise policy case

➔ Adolescent girls at risk after receiving Covaxin , says study

- Adolescent girls and those with comorbidities are at higher risk of adverse events after receiving Bharat Biotech’s BBV152 (Covaxin) vaccine against COVID 19 , says a report published on Springer Nature .
- The study which had 1024 individuals enrolled had 635, adolescent and 291 adults could be contacted after follow up .
- Viral upper respiratory tract infection was reported by 304 (47.9%) adolescents , and 124 (42.6%) adults

WORLD

→ Xi , Putin hail relations as ‘ stabilising ‘ force in world

- **Russian** President reached Beijing in his first state visit in six months .
- Putin was welcomed at the Great hall of the People in Beijing.. He said China Russia relations were “conductive to peace “.
- “ China upholds Russia touphold fairness and justice to world “ .
- Mr Putin said that China Russia relations were “ stabilising factors in international arena “ . “ Relation between Russia and China are not opportunistic or directed against anyone “ .
- Putin said that togwther the two countries represent a multipolar world .
- The two leaders signed a joint statement to deepen their “ comprehensive strategic partnership “ .

No further escalation

- Kremlin in a statement said that Russia and China has agreed to oppose “ further escalation “ of conflict .
- China has so far dismissed claims that it is aiding Russia Ukraine war

→ Slovak PM in ‘ very serious ‘ condition after being shot

- Slovak Prime Minister Roberto Fico condition has been stabilising but is still “ very serious “ , his deputy said on Thursday .
- The government has called the shooting as a “ political assault “ .
- Internal political rivalries is said to be one of the reasons behind this

→ Russia makes quick gains in Ukraine ; takes 279 sq km

- Russian forces have advanced to 278 square km in a week -long offensive in Ukraine northeast Kharkiv region in the south .
- This is their biggest gain in recent times .
- Between May 9 and May 15 . The Russian forces have gained 275 square km in Kharkiv alone .
- Since there start of war Russia has captured 65,336 square km of Ukrainian territory which is 12 percent of Ukraine’s surface area

→ Violence rages in New Caledonia as France rushes to security forces in island

- Violence in New Caledonia reached its third day . French authorities have declared emergency .
- More French forces are being pushed in to control the situation .
- Till now five people died , about 60 security forces have been injured in clash with protesters .
- French Caledonia is a French territory in Pacific near Australia . The island is dominated by indigenous Kanak community .
- Kanak community is protesting a possible amendment in the French constitution that would allow people who have lived for 10 years in New Caledonia to vote .



→ US faces strategic setback in Africa as it is set to withdraw troops from Niger

- US delegation is discussing to withdraw from
- The US since 2019 has been operating a military base at Agadez .
- Agadez base acted as one of the major counter terrorism operation base in Sahel Province
- Last year after military coup in Niger’s new ruling military general ordered withdrawal of US troops from Niger



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