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THE HINDU National

➔ 'Urban apathy ' drive down polling at 60.4

- Fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections on Monday saw a voter turnout of 60.48 % .
- Maharashtra recorded the lowest turnout at 54.33% and West Bengal saw the highest at 76.05% .
- The voting percentage in Bihar was 54.85 , in Jharkhand 63.09% , Odisha 69.34 % , Uttar Pradesh 57.79% and Laddakh 69.62%.
- The election commission said in a statement that “ parliamentary constituency in various cities such as Mumbai , Nashik , Thane and Lucknow continued the trend of Urban apathy . “ EC said in a statement .
- Polling in West Bengal which saw the highest turnout , was marred by incidences of violence between BJP and TMC workers .
- Major clashes were reported from Arambagh , Barrackpore , and Bongaon .
- Voting was also conducted for 35 Assembly seats in Odisha .
- Of the 49 Lok Sabha seats which went for polling , BJP had won 32 seats and Congress one seat before polling .

➔ Baramulla polls at 58.17% breaking it's previous record 46.65%

- An unprecedented number of women , militant and active members and even cadres of the banned Jamaat e Islami (JeI) turned up to cast their votes

➔ Helicopter crash kills Iran President Raisi , Foreign minister Abdollahian

- Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign minister Hossaein Amir - Abdollahian were confirmed dead on Monday after search and rescue team found their crashed helicopter in fog shrouded mountain region , sparking mourning in the Islamic republic .
- Iranian Supreme leader Ayotollah Ali Khomeini declared five day mourning.
- Vice President Mohammad Mokhber will assume interim duties of President ahead of elections within 50 days .
- Iran's one time top nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri was appointed as acting foreign minister

➔ India condoles President Raisi'd death ; state morning today

- India will observe state mourning on Tuesday after of the death of Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi .
- The National flag will be flown half mast throughout India on all buildings where it is flown regularly and Government of India will not hold any official entertainment .
- “Deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden demise of Dr. Syed Ibrahim Raisi , Presdent of Islamic Republic of Iran . His contribution to strengthen the India - Iran bilateral ties will always be remembered . My heartfelt condolences to his family and people of Iran . India stands with Iran in this time of sorrow . “ PM Modi said in his condolences

➔ 4 Sri lankan nationals with 'IS links ' held in Ahmedabad

- Gujrat Anti terrorist squad (ATS) arrested four Srilankan nationals allegedly linked with the Islamic states (IS) at Sardar Vallbh Bhai Patel Airport .
- They were nabbed at the airport when they were waiting for their handler .
- ATS officlans said that they were to carry out terror activites in India at the behest of Islamic State (IS) .
- They earlier were associated with banned Srilankan radical militant outfit National Towheeth Jamath

➔ Questions arise over future of Parliament security unit

- CISF took the responsibility of the security of most parts of Parliament . This has raised questions about the future of Parliament Security Service (PSS) that was till now responsible for Parliament security .
- PSS is more adept at interacting with MPs . CISF is facing difficulties , the MPs are being checked and rechecked by CISF . Under PSS such chances were minimal

➔ Can arrest be declared invalid after court has taken cognisance , asks SC

- A supreme Court bench hearing in an interim bail plea filed by Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren ended on an indecisive note in Supreme Court .
- Hemant Soren wanted interim bail for campaigning in the sixth and seventh phases of elections .
- The Court said that this required “ intense debate “ and has scheduled the next hearing after Supreme Court vacations in July .
- The court

➔ 2 killed as BJP , RJD workers clash day after Bihar polling

- Two people were killed and another one person injured in the clash between the supporters of BJP and RJD in the Saran Lok Sabha constituency of Bihar.
- Police said that the internet has been suspended for 48 hours .
- RJD candidate Rohini Acharya is up against BJP's Rajiv Pratap Rudy in the constituency.

➔ Collision with Jet kills 30 Flamingos in Mumbai

- Over 30 Flamingos died after being hit by an Emirates flight in the Ghatkopar area 15 km from the airport . The flight was preparing to land . This is the first such incident in which such a large number of Flamingos died .

➔ EC censures former judge turned BJP candidate , bars campaign for 24 hours .

- Election Commission (EC) has censured BJP candidate from Tamluk , Abhijit Gangopadhyay over his remarks on West Bengal CM Mamta Banerjee .
- EC has barred him from campaigning for 24 hours starting on Tuesday 5:00 PM on Tuesday .
- EC has termed the comment made by Mr. Gangopadhyay to be “ beyond dignity in every sense of term “ .

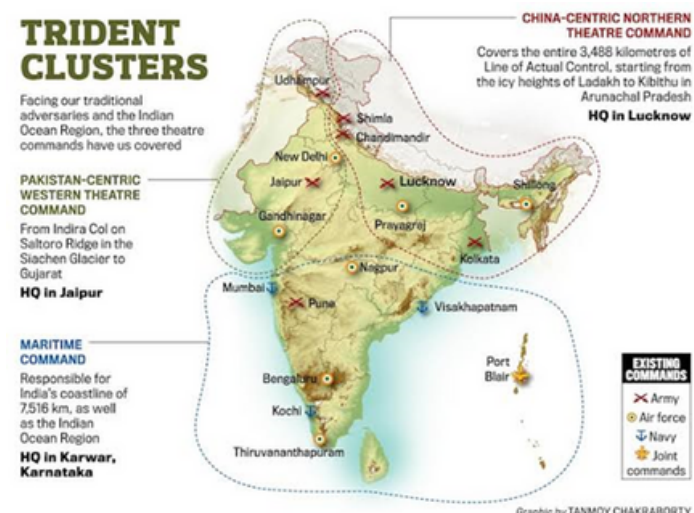
- Mr. Gangopahyay after EC action said that “ EC had defamed me with this order . I take this very seriously “ , “ I will under no circumstances , accept the defamation this EC has caused to me “ ,

➔ **Bhushan misused his position , says court while framing charges**

- A Delhi Court of Tuesday framed charges of sexual harassment , intimidation, and outraging modesty of women against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Singh .
- The court said that Primary facie it appears that Mr. Brij Bhushan misused his position as WFI president to exert control over the victims and employed threats related to their career

➔ **Bhushan misused his position , says court while framing charges**

- India’s Chief Of Defense Staff Manoj Chauhan said that creation of a functional Integrated theatre command (ITC) would lay foundation of next level of military preparedness and war fighting .
- “ The creation of such commands will separate the operational function from the Raise Train Sustain (RTS) and other administrative functions , and will allow greater focus on the operational command as a matter of security .”
- Combining the resources of all three services (the Army , the Navy and the Air Force) , under a single command to secure a particular geographical area is known as integrated theatre command .
- The US , China have ITC .
- India has ITC only in the Andaman and Nicobar islands



➔ **SC stays “ 90 acre project “ in fragile Kumaon Himalayas**

- The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed the construction of a 90 acre hotel and township project in Kumaon hill in Uttarakhand .
- “ single window “ clearance system to hasten infrastructure in these areas served a blow with this order .
- The Kumaon region is ecologically fragile and seismic prone .
- The petitioner had sought that clearance in such projects be given only after a proper Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) .

WORLD

➔ **U.K court allows wikileaks founder Assange to Appeal extradition to US**

- The U.K high court on Monday granted wikileaks founder Jullian Assange permission to appeal against extradition to US .
- Assagne was involved in release of diplomatic cable of US government.
- Later Assgne took Asylum in Ecuadorian embassy in a rape case . In 2019 , after dispute with Ecuador he was taken to prison by UK police .
- US is asking for extradition on charges that lives were put at risk due to documents release .
- In may the court put two conditions before the USA , first that Assange will not be given the death Penalty and second he will be tried according to the first amendment of the US .
- The Court said that the response of the US government is not satisfactory . This became the reason behind the court allowing Aassagne to put a case against US extradition

➔ **Plea for warrant against Netanyahu , Hamas leader at ICC**

- The International Criminal Court ,(ICC) on Monday applied for arrest warrant against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and top Hamas leader over suspicion of war crimes and crime against humanity .
- Prosecutor. karim Khan said that he was seeking warrats against Mr Netanyahu and Israeli defense minister Yoav Gallant for crimes including “ starvation “ , “ willful killing “ and “ extermination and murder “ .
- Netanahu and Gallant were charged of crimes agaisnt humanity as systematic attack on Palestinian civil population .
- The Charges led against Hamas leaders including Yahya Sinwar , the head of Gaza movement , and Ismail Haniyeh , the movements political chief include “ extermination “ , “ rape and other acts of sexual violence “ , and ,” taking hostages as war crime “ . The two Hamas leaders along with Mohammad Deif who heads Hamas armed forces were criminally responsible for killing of hundreds of Israeli civilians .
- The landmark judgement was criticised in Israel . Israeli foreign minister Katz called it “ a historical disgrace that will be remembered forever “ .
- Hamas criticised the warrant against its leaders but supported ICC’s move against Israeli leaders

Symbolic in nature

- ICC. has no means to enforce it's decision .
- Warrant technically means that any of the 124 ICC memeber states would be obliged to arrest Mr Netanyahu if he travelled there.
- It all depends on memeber states whether it takes any action .
- ICC generally looks into case that pertains to war genocide , war crimes , crime against humanity .

➔ **New Taiwan leader urges China to draw down intimidation**

- Taiwan's new President Lai Ching Te in his inauguration speech on Monday that he wants peace with China and urged it to stop its military threats and intimidation .
- "I hope that China will face the reality of (Taiwan's) existence , respect its choices of the people of Taiwan , and in good faith , choose dialogue over confrontation , " Mr Lai said after being sworn in office .
- Mr. Lai pleaded to " neither yeild not provoke " Beijing and said he sought peace with Beijing .
- The Chinese office in charge of Taiwan affairs criticised the inaugural speech of new President of Taiwan . It called the speech as promoting the " fallacy of separatism " inciting confrontation and relying on foreign forces to see kindependence .
- The Chiense ministry of commerce also announced sanctions against Boeing and two other defense companies to sell arms to Taiwan .
- Mr Lai was congratulated by 12 nations that maintains diplomatic relationship with Taiwan as well as US , Japan and various other European states .

Diplomatic ties with Taiwan

Just 15 nations now have official relations with Taipei



➔ **Iranian mourns Raisi , others who died in helicopter crash**

- The Iranian President and seven others who died in the helicopter crash were buried on Tuesday . The body of President Raisi was taken to Tabriz , where he was headed when the helicopter crashed .
- Tabriz Raisi's body was taken to the Shia centre of Qom where he was later moved to Tehran .
- The helicopter crashed when Mr Raisi was returning from inaugurating a dam at the border of Azerbaijan . He was headed towards Tabriz during the crash .
- Iran has announced its presidential elections on June 28 . The Vice President has been promoted to be President for the interim measures

➔ **One dead as Singapore Airlines flight hit by severe turbulence**

- A Singaporean Airline flight hit severe turbulence over the Indian Ocean and descended 6,000 feet in the span of 3 minutes . Leaving a British man dead and two dozen passengers injured .
- The flight was then diverted and landed in stormy weather in Bangkok .
- The Boeing 777 flight was headed from London to Singapore

➔ **Israel shut down Associated Press live video feed in Gaza**

- Israel said it had to shut down Associated Press (AP) live video feed of Gaza . Israeli officials seized Camera , confiscated the equipment in the city of Sedorat , which controls the northern Gaza strip .
- " The Associated Press decries in the strongest terms the action of Israel govt ." the AP said .
- AP is an American Non Profit news Agency based in New York City

➔ **Israel tried to contain the fallout after some allies support ICC warrant plea**

- The International Criminal Court (ICC) on Monday issued an arrest warrant against Israeli President Netanyahu , defence minister Yoah Gallant and three Hamas leaders .
- Prosecutor had cited " crime against humanity " as the reason behind these .
- Slovenia , Belgium and France have backed the warrant against Israeli Hamas .
- While no one faces imminent threat arrest . The announcement deepens Israel's global isolation.
- France , Belgium used to be Israel allies , but because of the death of civilians in Gaza it was facing criticism .
- The US and most of the western countries spoke against the warrant .
- Israeli operation in Gaza has killed more than 35, 000. people .
- On Tuesday , seven Palestinians were killed in an Israeli raid in Jenin , West Bank

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