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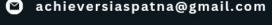
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→ LS erupts as Birla reads resolution on emergency

- Om Birla was chosen as Lok Sabha speaker for the second time by voice vote . *Pro tem* speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab announced his election as speaker . K Suresh of Congress was pitted against him .
- Generally the speaker is chosen by consensus between ruling and opposition parties.
- Soon after being elected as a speaker, Mr Birla reads out a resolution on the 1975 emergency.
- "The emergency is a black spot in history . The aim of these amendments , made by the Congress government was to bring all the power to one person , to control the judiciary , and to destroy basic principles of the constitution .
- · By doing this, the rights of citizens were suppressed and principles of democracy attacked."
- "The then PM Indira Gandhi also talked about committed bureaucracy and committed judiciary, which is an example of her anti democratic attitude, "Mr Birla said while reading the resolution.
- A minute of silence was also observed in the memory of victims of the emergency.

→ As CBI arrests him , Kejriwal withdraws petition from SC

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) formally arrested Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in an excise policy case on Wednesday . CBI was granted three day custody by a Delhi Court .
- Mr. Kejriwal withdrew his petition against Delhi High Court stay on his bail from Supreme Court (SC). He promised a fresh plea.
- AAP has called the arrest of Kejriwal by CBI akin to "dictatorship" and called the condition as "emergency".

➤ US criticise India in report on religious freedom

- The United Nations in a report published on Wednesday criticised India over religious freedom.
- The US secretary of state unveiling the report said about India, "In India we see a concerning increase in anti conversion law, hate speech demolition of homes and places of worship and members of minority faith communities.".
- He said that the United States was facing its own sharp increase in both anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in connection to the Gaza

➤ India looking at ' potential ' institutional reform amid Pannun issue : U.S. official

- India is looking at "potential" institutional reform at the backdrop of the Pannun issue, and alleged assassination attempt.
- US Deputy secretary of state Kurt Campbell said while chairing a virtual meeting on the second US India initiative on critical and emerging technology (iCET) dialogue .
- He further added that US seeks "accountability "from the Indian side on the Pannun issue and has "consistently "asked for updates on the committee probing the matter, says Deputy secretary Kurt Campbell.
- · He said that both countries are looking to develop deeper technology ties

World

➤ Assagne returns home to Australia , a free man

- Julian Assagne returned to his homeland to Airstaliba after pleading guilty to obtain a US court order in a deal with the US Justice department.
- Assagne was sentenced for five years of jail by the court , he has already spent five year in British Jail . So , he is now a free man
 .Mr Assagne was accompanied by Australian ambassador to US Kevin Rudd and UK high commissioner , Stephen smith both of
 whom played a key role in negotiating his freedom .

Kenya President puts off signing a controversial bill

- Kenya's President said on Wednesday, he will not sign into law a finance bill proposing new taxes that led to widespread protest and violence.
- · At least 22 people were killed when police fired on the crowd entering the Assembly house .
- The government wanted to raise funds to pay off debts , but Kenyan said that the bill would have caused more economic pain as millions struggle to get by .

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NATO names Dutch PM Mark Rutte as next Chief

- NATO's 32 nations on Wednesday appointed outgoing Dutch PM Mark Rutte as the alliance's next head.
- Mr Rutte will take over from secretary general Jens Stolenberg on October 1.
- Mr Rutte said that it was "tremendous honour "to take over from Stoltenberg.
- "Leading this organisation is a responsibility, I do not take lightly", he wrote online.

Sri Lanka seals deal with OCC to restructure debt

- Sri Lanka on Wednesday sealed a deal with members of OCC (Official Creditors Committee), to restructure deals owed to its bilateral lenders, including India.
- Sri Lanka has signed a debt restructuring for 5.8 billion dollar debt with OCC.
- India has given about 4 billion dollar debt to Sri Lanka . China is the biggest creditor to Sri Lanka .
- · Sri Lanka has signed a separate debt restructuring agreement with China .
- The OCC is a platform of 17 countries comprising India and members of Paris club such as Japan.

Editorial

Ending defections

- · Engineering defections goes against the spirit of people's mandate
- The editorial is about defection of BRS MLA M Sanjay Kumar to Congress .
- · This has brought down the strength of BRS from 39 to 33.
- the 119 member Telangana assembly has 64 Congress and 39 BRS MLAs.
- After defection BRS cmhas come down to 33.
- According to Anti defection law under 10 th schedule, the MLAs can be disqualified. But the power to disqualify the MLAs is vested
 with Speaker. Also there is no time limit to implement anti defection. This has made anti defection being misused and not effective
 at times.
- Time has come to amend anti defection law, and give the authority to implement it to independent bodies like the Election Commission.

IAS ACADEMY

'Multi Omics is transforming how India is transforming and treating cancers

- Under the Genome India project , In January , the ministry of Biotechnology said it had completed sequencing 10,000 genomes from 99 ethnic groups .
- This will help design disease specific 'genetic chips' for low cost diagnostic and research .
- · This will help in treatment of many diseases including TB, Cancers and Antimicrobial Resistance.
- India has also launched Paediatric Rare Genetic Disorder (PRaGeD), which despite rarity, has become a major public health concern.
- The 'genome India 'data will help in curing these diseases.
- Multi Omics is using big data, Al for treatment in Biology. The treatment given above comes under multi omics.

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