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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 war .

→ **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 .

→ **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 Stoltenberg 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 .

**Science**

→ **'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 .
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- 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 , AI for treatment in Biology . The treatment given above comes under multi omics .