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THE HINDU National

➔ Poll results today , India set for a new Lok Sabha

- The fate of over 8,000 candidates in the Lok Sabha elections will be decided on Tuesday .
- Addressing a press conference in Delhi the election commissioners on Monday , CEC Rajiv Kumar said that there was a “ very robust system “ in place for the counting process .
- “ There are about 10.5 lakh booths . Each booth will have 14 tables .There are observers and micro observers .
- Security has been tightened in all states . West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh have been provided security forces for 15 days from the day of counting . UP , Odisha , Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh have been provided with security forces two day after the counting .
- The CEC said that a total 64.2 crore voters , including 31.2 crore women , have exercised their franchise , the highest number in the world . Over ,68,000 monitoring teams and 1.5 crore polling and security personnel were involved in the election exercise .

On allegation by the opposition :

- Opposition parties has alleged that Returning officers and District Magistrate (DMs) were engulfkued to vitiate the poll process , the CEC dared them to show the evidence.
- CEC said that a “ fake narrative “ was being set about the electoral process .
- There was a consistent effort to create a fake and mischievous narrative around the pollprocess , which the EC was unable to counter .
- “ We accept our failure” CEC said .
- CEC said that the poll body had expected such attacks from outside country . “ But this happened from within only “ he said , taking a dig at opposition parties .

➔ SC rejects YSRCP plea against relaxation of postal ballot norms

- The Supreme Court on Monday rejected the petition filed by the YSRCP against may 30 circular issued by the Election commissioner .
- May 30 circular had “ relaxed “ postal ballot norms exclusively in Andhra Pradesh .
- “Considering the facts and circumstances , we find no merit in case “ , a two judge bench of Arvind Kumar and Sandeep Mehta said

➔ SC stays HC order on premature release of Arun Gawali

- The Supreme Court on Monday stayed a Bombay High Court order directing the state of Maharashtra to grant Gangster Politician Arun Gawali , who is serving life imprisonment in a murder case , the benefit of premature release policy .
- A Maharashtra Court has convicted Gawli under Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) for the murder of a Shiv Sena Corporator.

➔ Sensex and Nifty 50 hit all time high after exit polls predictions

- With majority of exit polls predicting a third poll for PM Modi , the key Benchmark indices , the S&P BSAe index and NSE Nifty 50 , surged over 3.3% to their all time high .

➔ LeT ‘commander ‘ among two killed in Pulwama , say Police

- Two Lasjkar e Taiba (LeT) militants , including a self styled “ commander” were killed in an anti militancy operation at Pulwama in South Kashmir on Monday . The police said .

➔ Choksi , Mallaya failed as probe agencies failed to arrest them at right time : court

- A special court in Mumbai said that Mehul Cowksi , Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallaya fled because the agencies
- The court was hearing a case under PMLA . The accused had requested the court to grant him bail to travel abroad . ED against this argued that this could lead to situation similar to Nirav Modi , Mehul Choksey and Vijay Mallya .
- Rejecting the probe agencies contention the judge said “ ... all these people fled due to failure of investigating agencies in not arresting them at proper time . “

➔ SC asks Center to hold Yamuna board meeting to address Delhi’s climate crisis

- The Supreme Court on Monday directed the center to hold an emergency meeting for its upper Yamuna river board with the states of Delhi , Haryana , Himachal Pradesh in the national capital amid soaring temperature .
- The court said that the centre should address the issues raised by the Delhi Government about the water crisis .
- Delhi gets about 40 % water from Yamuna through Haryana , 25% from Ganga , 22% from Bhakra Nangal dam and rest from the surface water .
- Tanker Mafia is a big problem in Delhi, India Delhi . The Court directed the centre to look to curb the “ tanker Mafia “ issue .

➔ Forest fires rages in Himachal ; rain expected to bring relief

- Dry and hot temperature last month caused several incidences of forest fires in Himachal Pradesh . The government data shows 1318 incidences of forest fires , across the state this year .
- Fires have 12, 718 hectares of land , including 2,718 hectares of plantation , causing a preliminary financial loss of ₹4.61 crore .
- Forest circles of Shimla , Chamba , Bilaspur , Dhramshala , Hamirpur , Kullu Mandi , Rampur , Nahan , Solan and the Great Himalayan National Park .
- Western disturbance is expected to bring rain which can ease the situation by June 4.

➔ **Ensure hospital strictly follow fire safety norms : Center to states , UTs**

- Following the recent fires at healthcare establishments in Delhi and other places , the Union Home ministry held a meeting with officials of the states and UTs and health organisations directing them to understand the potential risk associated with fire safety hazards .
- States and UTs has been advised to conduct a regular preventive fire risk assessment to identify potential vulnerable areas .
- A checklist on “ prevention and maintainance of fire safety “ was also shared by the ministry .

➔ **ICMR seeks to provide Oral formulation of hydroxyurea to treat sickle cell Anemia**

- The ICMR has invited organisations for the “ joint development and commercialization “ of a low dose of paediatric oral formulation of hudroxyurea (HU) to treat sickle cell disease (SCD) in India .
- Sicke cell disease is a genetic disease . India’s tribal population is mostly affected by it . India has launched a programme to end SCD by 2047 .
- India has about 20 million people affected by SCD .
- The medicine HU is to be given to children. The HU is available in market but the capsules doses are 500 mg or 200 mg.
- In children the prescribed dose is 10 mg or 15 mg per kg of body weight .

WORLD

➔ **Claudia Sheinbaum makes history as Mexico’s first woman President**

- Claudia Sheinbaum will be the first woman President of Mexico’s 2000 year history.
- Ms Sheilden has nearly 60 % of votes in her favour while the opposition cadidate Xochitl Galvez got only 26.6% of votes it is the first time that



➔ **Seoul to suspend inter Korean military deal over balloon**

- Seoul will fully suspend a 2018 tension military drill with North Korea , its National Security Council said on Monday .
- After Pyongyang sent hundreds of Trash filled balloons to South Korea . North Korea said it's act as a retaliation of anti North Korea propaganda organised in South Korea .
- South Korea had termed it as “ irrational “ and “ low class “ act .
- 2018 military drill was signed up between two countries during warmer ties , aims to reduce the tension in the peninsula and avoid an accidental escalation .

➔ **More than half the structures in Gaza destroyed , says UN**

- Some 55% of all buildings in the Gaza strip has been destroyed , damaged since the war erupted in Palestinian territory .
- According to preliminary satellite analysis by the UN.
- The fact is presented based on images taken by UNOSAT , the United Nations Satellite analysis Agency said on X .

Editorial

➔ **Trust in community**

The Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim elections are for status quo

- The editorial is about the recent poll out comes in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
- In Arunachal Pradesh BJP is in alliance with Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) .
- The BJP led alliance won 46 out of 60 seats . The current CM Prema Khandu is expected to be sworn again. Congress won only five seats .
- One of the reasons for this result can be a massive infrastructural push in Arunachal Pradesh .
- In Sikkim , the SKM led by Pawan Singh Tamang won 31 out of 32 seats .