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## India bloc wins 10 seats in Assembly by polls

Byelections were held on 10 July for 13 Assembly seats . 4 seats from West Bengal , 2 from Uttarakhand , 3 from Himachal Pradesh and one each from TamilNadu , Punjab and Bihar are from contention .

TMC won four seats , all from West Bengal , Congress won four seats , two from Uttarkand and two from Himachal Pradesh , BJP won two seats , one from Himachal Pradesh and one from Madhya Pradesh .

DMK won Vikravadhi seat from TamilNadu.  
AAP won Jalandhar Wear seat . While an Independent candidate won Rupauli seat of Bihar .

## Italian police free 33 Indian farm workers from 'slavery' .

Italian police said on Thursday that they had freed 33 Indian farm labourers from slave like working condition in the northern Verona province and seized almost almost ₹4.5 crore from the two abusers .

In the case police said that the alleged gangmaster , also from India , brought fellow nationals to Italy on seasonal work permit .

asking them to pay ₹15 lakh each and promising then a better future .

The migrant were given farm job working 10 -12 hours a day per hour .

## Chance discovery of treasure pot sparks controversy

A 18 th century vessel with gold and silver coins have been found by labourers diggingna rainwater pit in Kannur district .

The site may be handed to Archaeological Survey of India for further excavacation.

## Mumbai will be made major fintech capital , Maharashtra economic powerhouse : PM

PM Modi on Saturday laid the foundation stone for Thane Borivali ( ₹16,600 crore ) and Goregaon Mulund ( ₹6,300 crore ) , twin tunnel to be executed by MMRDA and BMC .

PM Modi laid foundation stone of projects worth ₹29,960 crore .and said he aimed to make Mumbai , the world's capital in financial technology . And Maharashtra the leading center of tourism .

On this occasion PM said that he wanted to make Mumbai , India's Fintech hub .

“ There are so many magnificent forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj . A rich Konkan coastline and a rich Konkan Coastline and an entire Sahyadri mountain range . There is immense potential to explore medical and conference tourism, “ the PM said .

## Villages along China border to get 4 G , tourist circuits , all whether roads , says Home ministry .

At a high level meeting , Union Home Minister reviewed the implemetation of “ vibrant village program “ .

The program aims to develop border villages along Chinese border as tourist hub . This will help in preventing migration from those villages which further will help in border security .

Under the programme 136 border villages are being provided connectivity through 113 all whether road projects at a cost of ₹2,420 crore . A home ministry statement said .

By December all villages will be covered under 4G network , for which work was on for a rapid pace. Steps are being taken to include financial inclusion in all these villages through India post payment Bank Branches .



Work is being developed to bring vibrancy of these villages with the help of tourism ministry . PM Gathshakti is being used for better monitoring of the programme .

## **Bangladesh team explores Kolkata port for transshipment**

A 13 member team from Bangladesh visited the Syama Prasad Mukherjee port here between Thursday and Friday to explore the possibilities of transshipment of Bangladesh's export import cargo through ports located in India's east coast .

The team visited Kolkata dock and Haldia dock complex .

The visit comes under India Bangladesh Protocol (IBP ) route in trade relation between the two countries .

India currently uses Mongla and Chittagong ports of Bangladesh for transshipment of goods to northeastern India .

**World :** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Massive Israeli strike in Gaza leaves 90 dead , 300 injured .**

At least 90 died and 300 injured when Israeli strike landed inside Israeli designated safe zone Al Muwasi.

Israel said that it targeted Hamas Shadowy military commander Mohammad Deif and other commander Haga Samna .

It was not immediately known that whether Deif died in the attack .

Deif is thought to be the chief architect of the October 7 , attack that killed 1200 people in the southern Israel .

## **Iran President elect Pezeshkian ready for ' constructive dialogue ' with Europe .**

Iran's Supreme leader Masoud Pezeshkian in an article published in Tehran Times newspaper said that he looks forward to improved relations with European countries .

He however accuses European countries of reneging on commitments to mitigate the impact of US Sanctions .

He hoped that the US will remove its sanctions.

## **Imran Khan may be free as court acquits him , wife**

Pakistani court on July 13 , overturned the conviction after seven years of prison sentence of former prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife .

The court said that the couple should be released as they are not wanted in any case ..

Mr Khan is embroiled in more than 150 cases , In most of the cases he has got bail however .

**Russian warship arrives in China for Naval exercises and imprisonment.**

**ibet act .**

## **FAQ :**

### **SC ruling on portrayal of disability in films ?**

On July 8 , while hearing a plea to ban the film. Ankh Micholi for derogatory portrayal of people with disabilities ( PwD ) , the Supreme Court in a landmark ruling laid down comprehensive guidelines to prevent stereotyping and discrimination of PwDs in visual media , Supreme Court ruling a bench of Justice D Y Chandrachud and The court



### Why is militancy on the rise in Jammu?

#### The story so far :

On July 8 , five Army soldiers were killed and five injured as two Army vehicles were ambushed by militants on a hilly tract in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir .

This was not an isolated incident . From June 9 , five terror attacks have occurred in the Jammu division of the UT . Eight security personnel and 10 civilians have been killed in these attacks .

#### New pattern :

In past few years the attack in Jammu region has increased significantly . Jammu otherwise used to be considered as peaceful .

Ramban , Raesi , Udampur , Kishtwar , Doda and South of Piroanjal comprising Rajauri and Poonch district is among the Jammu regions facing terrorist attacks in recent times .

The possible reason behind this can be , thin presence of forces after tension with China increased after 2020 Galawan incident .

The other reason can be , government success in promoting tourism and governance in Kashmir region . This has made Kashmir relatively difficult for Terrorist .

### How is India's hunt for critical minerals going ?

In June center declared the sinking the bidder for mining rights in six blocks of critical minerals , including graphite. Phosphorite and Lithium , for which India relies on import .

These are first private players awarded such rights under the revamped Mines and Mineral

### Science : \_\_\_\_\_

### Aid pollution harms pollinators more than pests , study finds

Bees and other beneficial bugs which help in pollination are harmed more by air pollution compared to the crop pmdestroying pest

### The Supreme Court : \_\_\_\_\_

### Nobel Laureate pursuit for India's pursuit for a neutrino lab

Indian Neutrino Observatory ( INO ) is under construction in a 1200 metre deep cave in Theni , Tamil Nadu .

When completed the main magnetised magnet will be the world's largest .

The neutrino is electrically neutral . It s rest mass is very small compared to other elementary particles .

Currently INO is facing protest from nearby population .

The INO would be located a kilometre Underground and hence will have minimum impact on wildlife and ecosystem .

The experiment will neither produce any radioactivity nor can it function well , where there is radiation .

In fact the main reason for working and zero rest mass . And it can pass through any matter .

### Nipah monoclonal antibody trials may begin in India in 2025

If the Indian drug regulator greenlights it , , a human safety efficacy of a Novel Nipah monoclonal antibody , MBP1F5 , which might provide immediate protection to the people with risk of infection agaisnt deadly disease .

A similar trial will be carried out in Bangladesh .



Nipah virus is a bat born zoonotic virus . It has high mortality rate (;40 -75 % ) .

In the people who are infected.  
India and Bangladesh has been chosen for the trial as Nipah outbreak has been reported in these countries in recent years .

**Profiles :** \_\_\_\_\_

## **New Popular Front**

In recently held polls in France , New Popular Front ( NF P ) has won more number of seats in France than in the second phase poll results .

The seat secured by the three par.

Critical minerals are essential for manufacturing of solar panels , wind turbines , EV batteries and semiconductors.

Copper , Lithium , Nickel , Cobalt and Graphite are among the critical minerals .

Demand of critical minerals has increased a lot. For example , demand of Lithium has increased by 30 % , while of cobalt by 50% in a year .

India currently imports almost all critical minerals . China is the major exporter to India .

India is looking to acquire mines in Australia , Argentina and some African countries.  
India also has found lithium mines in Raesi in Jammu and Kashmir. But mining has not started yet .

ties are NFP 12 , Emanuel Macron's centrist alliance 168 , and far right National Rally (RN ) got 143 seats . 289 seats is needed for absolute majority .

The exit polls had shown RN of getting clear majority. The policies of NFP favours , freezing prices of essential items .Hike the minimum wage and reverse , the Macron's policies

## **Sheikh Abdul Rashid**

Sheikh Abdul Rashid on July 5 , took oath as member of Parliament . He had defeated National Conference's Omar Abdullah and Sajjad Lone from Baramullah seat of Kashmir .

Currently he is in jail under charges of terrorist funding .

## **Rebel with a cause Jeremy Corbyn**

Jeremy Corbyn a former Labour Party leader , known for his left wing activism and strong support for Palestinian cause , has won his Islington North Constituency as an independent .

This is his 11th win for UK 's parliamentary elections.





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