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INTERNATIONAL

Imran Khan nominates Pakistan's former-chief justice Gulzar Ahmed

Synopsis:

- ❖ An announcement in this regard was made by minister Fawad Chaudhry who said Khan took the decision following an approval from the core committee of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).
- ❖ Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday nominated former chief justice Gulzar Ahmed as caretaker Prime Minister,



Key Highlights:

- ❖ Prime Minister Imran Khan has proposed the name of former Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice (R) Gulzar Ahmed as caretaker PM. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court adjourned the hearing by a day over rejection of the no-trust motion against Imran Khan and the subsequent dissolution of the National Assembly by President Alvi.
- ❖ Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan proposed the name of former Chief Justice of Pakistan Gulzar Ahmed as the caretaker PM.
- ❖ President Arif Alvi Khan would continue as the Prime Minister of Pakistan until the appointment of a caretaker premier.
- ❖ According to a notification issued by his office, the incumbent Prime Minister shall continue to hold office till appointment of the caretaker premier, the notification.
- ❖ A report in news agency PTI, quoting the Dawn newspaper, Alvi had written to both Khan and leader of the Opposition in the outgoing National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif urging them to propose names of suitable persons for appointment as the caretaker premier, the Dawn newspaper reported.
- ❖ The Pakistan Supreme Court resumed its hearing into a suo moto notice over the ongoing political limbo after National Assembly (NA) deputy speaker Qasim Suri dismissed a no-confidence motion against Khan a day ago, following which parliament was dissolved by the President.



Indo-US talks focus on security concerns

Synopsis:

- ❖ India and the US on Monday held discussions on the situations arising out of the Russian invasion of Ukraine amid their diverging views on the issue.
- ❖ Developments in South Asia, West Asia and the Indo-Pacific were also raised during the consultation foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla had with US under secretary of state for political affairs Victoria Nuland.
- ❖ The two sides also discussed Quad and the need to work together to strengthen the India-US global partnership on supply chains, critical technologies, health security, climate actions and clean energy and terrorism. ET was the first to report about Nuland's India visit.



Key Highlights:

- ❖ A statement issued after the talks held under the framework of India-US Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) said both sides looked forward to the India-US 2+2 ministerial meeting, which is expected to be held in Washington DC soon.
- ❖ Nuland is in New Delhi as part of her three-nation tour of India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ The two sides reviewed progress in various domains under the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, officials said, adding that Shringla and Nuland agreed to maintain regular dialogue and consultations on regional issues.
- ❖ Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to a free, open, inclusive, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific.
- ❖ Following up on the Quad leaders' meetings, they expressed a keen desire to implement the positive and constructive agenda in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ❖ They noted the close cooperation between their two delegations at the UN Security Council, where India is currently a non-permanent member, and reiterated their desire to intensify cooperation at multilateral fora, including the UN.
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All party cabinet in Sri Lanka

Synopsis:

- ❖ Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's attempt to form an all-party Cabinet with the Opposition in place of the one that resigned on Sunday night amidst mounting streets protests, has failed with Opposition parties refusing to join.
- ❖ Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Monday invited all parties in Parliament to work with him to jointly address the country's spiralling crisis, even as citizens' protests calling for his resignation escalated across the country.



Key Highlights:

- ❖ All major opposition parties, however, rejected the offer, reminding the President of the people's chief demand that he and his family members in government quit immediately.
- ❖ Attributing the current crisis to "several economic factors and global developments", Mr. Rajapaksa sought solutions "within a democratic framework", days after imposing an Emergency that critics see as a move to quell dissent.
- ❖ Mr. Rajapaksa's outreach comes a day after en-masse resignations in Sri Lanka's Cabinet, amidst escalating anti-government protests in the wake of a worsening economic downturn, marked by crippling shortages and long power cuts.
- ❖ Scores of citizens have been protesting incessantly across the island nation, even defying curfews during the weekend.
- ❖ massive crowds gathered at different locations in the capital Colombo, signalling a heightening resistance from citizens to the Rajapaksa government that came to power promising 'prosperity and splendour' to the people.
- ❖ Several hundred youth dressed in black, middle-class business people, lawyers, journalists, and other professionals were out waving Sri Lankan flags and chanting anti-government slogans.
- ❖ Popular chants at the spontaneous citizens' protests included "Gota go home", "Gota lunatic", reflecting the public rage against the President and the ruling clan.



NATIONAL

Tamil Nadu's Economic Advisory Council

Synopsis:

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Economic Advisory Council will include former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Raghuram Rajan, Nobel laureate Esther Duflo, former CEA Arvind Subramanian, development economist Jean Dreze and former Union Finance Secretary S Narayan.
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- ❖ "Based on the recommendations of this council, the government will revitalise the state's economy and ensure that the benefits of economic growth reach all segments of society," Purohit
- ❖ The development is expected to help the southern state improve its financial policies besides diversifying the industrial base of the districts and ensuring technological upgradation.
- ❖ Governor Purohit also that an expert committee consisting of industrialists, banking and financial experts and government officials will be formed to come up with schemes to revive MSMEs
- ❖ He added that the economic advisory committee and other groups will study the financial situation of the state and changes will be made accordingly to make the state's economy stronger.

FDI inflow in Tamil Nadu up 41.5%

Synopsis:

- ❖ The foreign direct investment (FDI) in Tamil Nadu grew about 41.5% to ₹17,696 crore (about \$2.4 billion) in April-December 2021 from ₹12,504 crore (about \$1.7 billion) in the same period of 2020 (when the first wave of COVID-19 started).
- ❖ Of this, 53% or ₹9,332 crore came in the October-December 2021, the third quarter of the financial year 2021-22.





- ❖ Foreign direct investment (FDI) in developing countries has a bad reputation. In some discussions, it is presented as tantamount to postcolonial exploitation of raw materials and cheap labour.
- ❖ Recent data shows that FDI in developing countries increasingly flows to medium and high-skilled manufacturing sectors, involving elevated income levels. What's more, many emerging economies have built their growth on FDI flows.

Key Highlights:

- ❖ According to data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tamil Nadu's share in the total FDI in the country increased to 5% from 4%.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has the fifth highest share, after Maharashtra (26%), Karnataka (23%), Gujarat (21%) and Delhi (13%). In April-September 2021, the State attracted ₹8,364 crore.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's growth came despite a fall in the overall FDI flow into India by 16% to ₹3,19,976 crore in April-December 2021, compared with the same period of 2020.
- ❖ According to the data shared recently by Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash in the Lok Sabha, Tamil Nadu attracted about \$3.02 billion in foreign direct investment in the calendar year 2021.
- ❖ FDI is a matter of commercial business decisions and FDI inflow depends on the availability of natural resources, market size, infrastructure, political and general investment climate as well as macro-economic stability and the investment decision of foreign investors.
- ❖ In the calendar year 2021, India's FDI inflow decreased 15%, compared with the calendar year 2020.

Free housing belt for the narcissistic, dark, Adithravidar and tribal people

Synopsis:

- ❖ Fox living in Pooncherry, housing bond for dark people, family cards, voter ID cards. Chief Minister MK Stalin provided welfare assistance including caste certificates.
- ❖ 81 Chengalpattu District, Mamallapuram Next to Pooncherry Government Hospital near Narikkuvvars and Darkness 81 families are living. Daily alms are given at Mamallapuram Sthalasayana Perumal Temple as per the Alms Scheme of the Government of Tamil Nadu



Key Highlights:

- ❖ Chief Minister MK Stalin distributed free pattas online to 57,978 marginalized and marginalized people, 2,35,890 Adivasis and tribals and 41,573 backward classes.



- ❖ In the past, housing leases were issued to thousands of people on lands already acquired from individuals and non-objectionable government alienated lands by the Revenue Department, Adithravidar and Tribal Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Departments.
- ❖ In part, about 11,873 hectares of Adithravidar Welfare Lands and about 2,668 hectares of Backward Classes Welfare Lands have so far been identified by the District Collectors.
- ❖ A total of 2,35,890 beneficiaries are living in Adithravidar Welfare Lands and a total of 2,77,463 beneficiaries are living in 41,573 beneficiaries in Backward Classes Welfare Lands.
- ❖ The work of finding new beneficiaries is ongoing. As of 31.3.2022, a total of 43,911 beneficiaries have been issued e-bonds.
- ❖ In the financial year 2022-23, as per the instructions of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the remaining 2,33,552 families will be issued e-bonds.

Launch the 'Police Assistance' processor

Synopsis:

- ❖ Chief Minister Stalin yesterday launched the 'Mobile Phone' Processor Service, 'Police Assistance', developed on behalf of the Chennai-Tamil Nadu Police Department, at the General Secretariat.
- ❖ A mobile phone processor called 'Police Assistance' has been developed with more than 60 features to facilitate immediate access to police assistance, especially for women in emergencies. It has been reported that the Central-State Police Department will be the foremost among mobile phone processors



Key Highlights:

- ❖ The public, especially women, should press the 'hurry' button, which is red in case of emergency. Through it, user details, current location details and 'video' can be obtained from the control room and provided by the Police Emergency Service.
- ❖ The mobile phone processor 'Dial-100' is integrated with the Police Assistance Mobile Phone Processor for users to make direct complaints through their mobile phone.
- ❖ User details and current location will be known by calling from a registered mobile phone number and prompt service will be provided
- ❖ Users can file a complaint by uploading emergency complaints, pictures and short video.
- ❖ In case of emergency, users will be able to exchange live location details with a friend or relative via 'WhatsApp, Google Map' in case of emergency.
- ❖ This way the location of the user's relative and friend is known and the guard is allowed to rush
- ❖ Police station location and direct call facility; Telephone details of the control room; Complaints related to cyber economic crime; Vehicle details and traffic violation fines can be availed



Offer discount on agricultural products at 53 airports

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- ❖ Krishi Udhan Project 2.0 was announced on October 2021. This program improves existing arrangements,
- ❖ Focuses on transporting endangered food items, mainly from mountainous, northeastern states and tribal areas.
- ❖ Agartala, Agatti, Barabani, Dehradun, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Kakkal, Imphal, Jammu, Jorhat, Kullu (Bunder), Leh, Lengbui, Lilabari, Bhagyong, Bandnagar, Pithoragarh, Port Blair, Raipur, Ranchi, Rupchi At 25 airports in the northeastern region, such as Srinagar and Tesu, the project focused primarily on hilly and tribal areas.
- ❖ In this context, 53 airports have been added under the Krishi Udhan scheme, said VK Singh, Joint Minister, Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- ❖ Airports Authority of India has expanded the scheme to 28 airports.
- ❖ Adampur (Jalandhar), Agra, Amritsar, Bagdogra, Bareilly, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Goa, Gorakhpur, Hindon, Indore, Jaisalmer, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Kanpur (Sageri), Kolkata, Nashik, Pathankot, , Rajkot, Tezpur, Trichy, Thiruvananthapuram, Varanasi and Visakhapatnam airports are included in the scheme.

Indian state has the country's lowest jobless rate

Synopsis:

- ❖ Chhattisgarh, an Indian state located in the east-central region, has the country's lowest unemployment rate.
- ❖ It is estimated to have a population of 32.19 million, according to government data, of which tribals such as Gond, Kanwar, and Uraon constitute 30.6%.



Key Highlights:

- ❖ Over the past few years, the state government has launched several job schemes for its youth. This is in line with the central government's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment



Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), an independent think tank.

- ❖ These schemes seem to have helped bring down Chhattisgarh's unemployment rate to 0.6% by March this year, even as India's overall unemployment rate stood at 7.8%.
- ❖ "Under the overarching objective of uplifting economy, economy, the state government has created new employment opportunities through the implementation of programmes such as Godhan Nyay Yojana, the constitution of Tea-Coffee Board, equal status of fisheries and production of agriculture, Millet Mission and commercial plantation," Sanjeev Prashar, senior faculty at Indian Institute of Management, Raipur, wrote in The Times of India newspaper last month.
- ❖ On the other hand, Haryana topped the chart at 26.7%, followed by Rajasthan (25%), Jammu and Kashmir (25%), and Jharkhand (14.5%).
- ❖ India's overall national unemployment rate had shot up sharply during the first wave of the covid-19 pandemic in 2020, hobbled by lockdowns and curtailed economic activity.
- ❖ It was more acute in urban areas (8.6% in March) than in rural (7.3%). This was likely due to a lack of employment opportunities, employers' hesitation to hire more, and an increased risk aversion among workers in crowded areas, experts say.
- ❖ Besides, there are no MNREGA-like schemes for urban workers in India.

AWARDS

Two Indians - Grammy Awards

Synopsis:

- ❖ While US-based Falguni Shah won her Grammy for the Best Children's Album, Bengaluru's Ricky Kej won his hallowed gramophone jointly with The Police drummer Stewart Copeland for the Best New Age Album.
- ❖ In the early hours of Monday morning, when the announcement was made for legendary drummer Stewart Copeland and Ricky Kej to receive the Grammy for Divine Tides (Lahiri Music) for the Best New Age Album, life for the Bengaluru musician seemed to have come full circle.



Key Highlights:

- ❖ This is the second Grammy for the Indian musician. His first had come at the 57th Grammy ceremony in 2015 for Winds of Samsara – a collaboration with South African flautist Wouter Kellerman.
- ❖ The 14-song album began with tributes to their respective fathers of the nation – Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela and went on to explore other aspects of Indian and African music.



- ❖ Born in the US, Kej grew up in Bengaluru as his family moved to India when he was eight. He went to the famous Bishop Cotton Boys' school, where he taught himself how to play the keys and guitar.
- ❖ He was studying to be a dentist in college when he decided that music was what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.
- ❖ Though Kej's parents weren't interested in the idea, he decided to formally learn Hindustani classical music and western music — a lot of it by imbibing music from Pakistani musician Ut Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and British vocalist Peter Gabriel.
- ❖ For a brief period of time, he was the keyboardist for Angel Dust, a Bengaluru-based progressive rock band.
- ❖ He began his career with jingles and has composed a plethora of them, for brands such as Google, IBM, McDonald's, Pepsi and Air India, among others.
- ❖ It was while working on advertising jingles that Kej was fascinated by the idea of merging new age music with world music, which touched upon classical, jazz, electronic or a mix of it all.
- ❖ Divine Tides uses the sitar and flute along with varied drum arrangements by Copeland and gentle vocals. The result is a nine-track album that is a tribute to the natural world, the album is presented through a diverse soundscape and ambient textures.

APPOINTMENT

Vinay Mohan Kwatra - India's new Foreign Secretary

Synopsis:

- ❖ New Delhi [India], The Centre appointed senior Indian Foreign Service officer Vinay Mohan Kwatra as the new foreign secretary.
- ❖ India's envoy to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra was on Monday appointed as the new Foreign Secretary, succeeding Harsh Vardhan Shringla who will retire at the end of this month, a personnel ministry order .



Key Highlights:

- ❖ appointment of Kwatra, a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, the ministry he will take charge as the foreign secretary on April 30.
- ❖ Kwatra's appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- ❖ Before his diplomatic posting to Nepal in 2020, he served as the Ambassador of India to France from August 2017 to February 2020.



- ❖ A career diplomat with over 32 years of experience, Kwatra has also held the position of a Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for two years between October 2015 to August 2017.
- ❖ Kwatra headed the policy planning & research division of the Ministry of External Affairs between July 2013 and October 2015 and later served as the head of the Americas Division in the Foreign Ministry where he dealt with India's relations with the United States and Canada.
- ❖ He served as Minister (Commerce) in the Embassy of India, Washington from May 2010 till July 2013.
- ❖ Between 2003 and 2006, he served as a Counsellor and later as the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of India, Beijing, China.

SPORTS

Miami Open 2022

Synopsis:

- ❖ Alcaraz, who turns 19 next month, showed why many believe he is currently the hottest young prospect in men's tennis with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Norway's world number eight Casper Ruud to land a first ATP Masters crown.
- ❖ Carlos Alcaraz believes watching boyhood idol Rafael Nadal helped him become the the youngest ever Miami Open champion



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- ❖ Only two men have won titles at this level at a younger age — Michael Chang, who was 18 years and five months old when he won in Toronto in 1990, and Rafael Nadal, 18 years and 10 months when he was victorious in Monte Carlo in 2005.
- ❖ Alcaraz dropped just one set on the way to his Miami triumph and now will head off to compete on his preferred surface of clay buoyed by the biggest win of his career.