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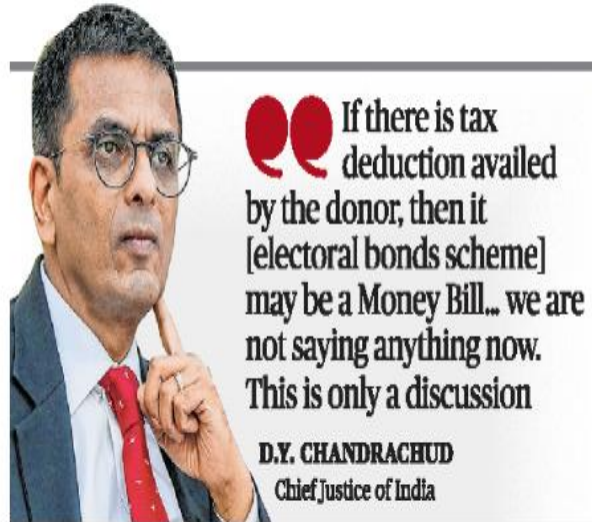
11th October, 2023



HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: Economy / Governance (Page 1)

SC sets Oct. 31 for hearing electoral bonds case



- The Government has notified the scheme of **Electoral Bonds** to cleanse the system of political funding in the country.
- **The broad features**
 - Electoral Bond would be a bearer instrument in the nature of a Promissory Note and an interest free banking instrument.
 - A citizen of India or a body incorporated in India will be eligible to purchase the bond
 - Electoral Bonds would have a life of only 15 days during which it can be used for making donation only to the political parties registered under section 29A of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) and which secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last general election to the House of the People or a Legislative Assembly.

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The Hindu : IR (Page 11)

India, Italy sign defence agreement

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India and Italy on Tuesday signed a defence cooperation agreement to promote cooperation in varied defence domains such as “security and defence policy, R&D, education in military field, maritime domain awareness, sharing of defence information and industrial cooperation, including co-development, co-production and setting up of joint ventures”. This came after talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his counterpart Guido Crosetto in Rome.

Mr. Singh is on a visit to Italy and France from October 9 to 12.



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- **Do you know ?**
Peoples of these two ancient civilizations have known, interacted and traded with each other for over 2000 years.
- Indian troops, serving with the British Indian Army, were active in Italy during the World War II. These included **the Rajputana Rifles and Gurkha Rifles**.
- Political relations between India and Italy were established in 1947.
- Italy is among India's top 5 trading partners in the EU. The balance of trade has been in India's favour since the early eighties.
- The agreement for cultural cooperation was signed in 1976. It was replaced by a new Agreement in July 2004

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The Hindu : Space (Page 12)

First test flight of Gaganyaan mission scheduled on Oct. 21

The exercise is intended to test the 'crew module'; it involves launching the unit to outer space, bringing it back to earth and recovering it after touchdown in the Bay of Bengal



- **Gaganyaan mission**
- It is India's first manned mission to space
- It envisages demonstration of human spaceflight capability by launching crew of 3 members to an orbit of 400 km for a 3 days mission and bring them back safely to earth, by landing in Indian sea waters.

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The Hindu : Health (Page 12)

Tele Manas Seva has counselled 3.5 lakh people: Mandaviya



A staff member attends calls at a Tele Manas Seva centre.

- Tele MANAS initiative which was announced by Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in the Union budget 2022-23 as an acknowledgement to the mental health crisis in the country
- It is a novel initiative to enable people to seek support for their mental health issues while maintaining anonymity of the callers, thereby reducing the stigma generally surrounding mental health issues.

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The Hindu : IR (Page 13)



What is Hamas, the Palestinian militant group?

NEWS ANALYSIS

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"We have decided to put an end to all of the occupation's crimes. The time is over for them [Israel] to [continue to] act without accountability," said Mohammad Deif, the shadowy commander of al-Qasam Brigades, Hamas's military wing, on October 7. His audio statement was telecast on TV after Hamas launched an unprecedented



Bargaining chip: Palestinians transport a captured Israeli civilian, centre, into the Gaza Strip on Saturday. AP

when the second intifada broke out, Hamas was in the driving seat. Israel had taken a policy of targeted assassinations. In March 2004, Israel killed Sheikh Yassin with a helicopter-fired missile in Gaza city. Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi, Yassin's successor, was killed in April 2004. Khaled Meshal, another top leader survived an attempt on his life by Mossad in Jordan. Hamas continued to remain defiant, targeting Israeli troops and settlers. In 2005, faced with Hamas's

nalled changes in its outlook over the years. It still refuses to recognise Israel but offered *hudna* (a lasting ceasefire) if Israel returned to the 1967 border. In 2017, it adopted a new charter from which the anti-Semitic remarks of the original charter were expunged. The new document stated Hamas is not seeking war with the Jewish people – but with Zionism that drives the occupation of Palestine. "Hamas advocates the liberation of all of Palestine but is ready

- HAMAS formed in late 1987 at the beginning of the first Palestinian intifada (uprising).
- Its roots are in the Palestinian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, and it is supported by a robust sociopolitical structure inside the Palestinian territories.
- The group's charter calls for establishing an Islamic Palestinian state in place of Israel and rejects all agreements made between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel.

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The Hindu : Economy (Page 14)

State-owned NBFCs put under PCA norms



- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to extend the 'prompt corrective action (PCA) framework for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)' to government NBFCs (except those in base layer) with effect from October 1, 2024.
- Corrective actions include restriction on dividend distribution/remittance of profit; requiring promoters/shareholders to infuse equity and reduce leverage; restriction on issue of guarantees or taking on other contingent liabilities on behalf of group companies (only for CICs); restriction on branch expansion; special supervisory actions; discretionary actions related to governance, capital, profitability and business.

Do you know?

- The PCA framework for NBFCs came into effect from October 1, 2022, based on the financial position of NBFCs on or after March 31, 2022.
- The objective of the PCA framework is to enable supervisory intervention at appropriate time and require the supervised entity to initiate and implement remedial measures in a timely manner, so as to restore its financial health.

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PIB : Polity and Governance

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India launched the 'A-HELP' programme today at Jharkhand



- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India launched **the 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme** in the State of Jharkhand.
- A-HELP' programe aims to empower women by engaging them as Accredited Agent who contribute significantly to disease control, animal tagging, and livestock insurance.
- It would enhance access to veterinary services at the farmer's doorstep and empower Pashu Sakhis

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PIB : Cyber Security

National Security Council Secretariat organizes the 2nd Edition of the National Cyber Security Exercise 'Bharat NCX 2023' for Government organizations, Public and Private Sector to strengthen India's Cyber posture of India's Critical Sector




- Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, inaugurated the '**Bharat NCX 2023**'
- The 2nd Edition of the **National Cyber Security Exercise 2023 'Bharat NCX 2023'** will be conducted as a hybrid exercise over a period of twelve days from 09 to 20 October 2023 with the aim to train senior management and technical personnel of Government/Critical Sector organizations and Public and Private agencies on contemporary cyber threats and handling cyber incidents and response.
- The program is being conducted by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), Govt. of India in strategic partnership with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).

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Live Mint : Women Empowerment

International Girl Child Day 2023: What is the significance of International Girl Child Day? Its date, theme and history

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Deepak Upadhyay

'Women and girls can lead us to a fairer future...let us amplify girls' voices, and recommit to working together to build a world where every girl can lead and thrive'



- The International Day of the Girl (IDG) – observed annually on 11 October – is a global platform to advocate for the full spectrum of girls' rights.
- On December 19, 2011, United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child, to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.
- The theme of International Day of the Girl 2023 is "Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being"
- The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.

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News on air : Art and Culture



Indian Traditional Kathputli, Puppet and Dances of Rajasthan won hearts of people in Bangladesh

A cultural programme showcasing the rich heritage of Indian Traditional Kathputli, Puppet and Dances.....

- **Kathputli** is a string puppet theatre, native to Rajasthan and is the most popular form of Indian puppetry.
- **Kalbelia dance** movements resemble those of a serpent.
 - This dance form of Rajasthan has been included in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.