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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

According to a 2020 Statista survey across 25 States in India, two-third respondents said they had a smartphone. Of these, half said they sent and received money digitally, and about 31% said they had a mobile app for banking. Nearly 14% said they used their mobile phones for banking related purposes. Global cybersecurity firm Kaspersky warns of an increase in cyberattacks on Android and iOS devices in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region. One mobile banking trojan, called Anubis, has been targeting Android users since 2017. Roaming Mantis is another prolific malware targeting mobile banking users. There is push from regulators to make payment platforms interoperable at a time when the demand for technical experts is a serious concern in the banking industry.

To expedite the rollout of 5G, telecom operators in the country will leverage street furniture such as poles, advertisement hoardings and bus shelters for deploying low power base stations called 'small cells' that will help bring the network closer to the consumers. "Small cells are needed for deploying 5G as opposed to earlier generations such as 4G, because of the frequency. The higher the frequency, the lower the wavelength, which means that the distance they travel is less.

There have been instances of block officers mandating the linking of Aadhaar with Voter IDs after the Election Commission's campaign to promote the linkage of Voter ID and Aadhaar which began on August 1. Form 6B provides the format in which Aadhaar information may be submitted to the electoral registration officer. However, the option to submit other listed documents is exercisable only if the voter is "not able to furnish their Aadhaar number because they do not have an Aadhaar number". B Civil society has highlighted that linking of the two databases of electoral rolls and Aadhaar could lead to the linkage of Aadhaar's "demographic" information with voter ID information, and lead to violation of the right to privacy and surveillance measures by the state.

India has for the first time referred to what it called "the militarisation of the Taiwan Strait", marking a rare instance of New Delhi appearing to comment on China's actions towards Taiwan. The reference to Taiwan, in a statement late on Saturday issued

ONE CONSTITUTION BENCH IN THE SUPREME COURT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:CJI-U.U.LALIT

1. Justice U U Lalit (49th Chief Justice of India) assured there will be at least one Constitution Bench functioning throughout the year in the Supreme Court. Key Highlights: Urgent matters: A clear-cut mechanism would be in place to allow lawyers to mention urgent matters, which includes bail petitions, et, before the respective Benches for early listing.

2. The Supreme Court's pendency has crossed over 71,000 from a little over 55,000 in 2017. This is despite the fact that the sanctioned judicial strength of the court was increased to 34 judges in August 2019.

3. Constitution bench: It is the name given to the benches of the Supreme Court of India which consist of at least five judges of the court who sit to decide any case: Involving a substantial question of law as to the interpretation" of the Constitution of India For the purpose of hearing any reference" made by the President of India under Article 143.

4. This provision has been mandated by Article 145 (3) of the Constitution of India. The Chief Justice of India has the power to constitute a Constitution Bench and refer cases to it.

CHINA PLEDGES SUPPORT TO SRI LANKA AT THE UNHRC SESSION

1. In the upcoming UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva, where a resolution on Sri Lanka is expected to be tabled, China has said it would "continue to support" Sri Lanka in international fora on the Human Rights issue.

2. Previously, China had voted against it, backing Sri Lanka, while India abstained. Core group: In the March 2022 session, the 'Core Group' on Sri Lanka, comprising the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Germany, North Macedonia, Malawi and Montenegro, noted in a statement that: surveillance and intimidation of civil society persist, and detentions, threats and intimidation of journalists and human rights defenders continue.

3. UNHRC: It was reconstituted from its predecessor organization, the UN Commission on Human Rights to help overcome the "credibility deficit" of the previous organization. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Composition: The UNHRC has 47 members serving at any time with elections held to fill up seats every year, based on allocations to regions across the world to ensure geographical representation.

4. Each elected member serves for a term of three years. Countries are disallowed from occupying a seat for more than two consecutive terms. The UNHRC passes non-binding resolutions on human rights issues through a periodic review of all 193 UN member states called the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

NATIONAL CANCER GRID(NCG)

1. The National Cancer Grid (NCG) has established the Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO) to promote the use of digital technologies and tools to improve cancer care across India. New technologies being adopted: Telemedicine and remote patient monitoring will help make care more accessible, especially in semi-urban and rural areas.

2. AI-assisted clinical decision support tools will help improve doctors' ability to provide better care Mobile patient engagement apps will help patients with medication management and better compliance with care guidelines. The use of healthcare data analytics across hospitals will enable tracking and benchmarking of clinical outcomes and the effectiveness of different treatment and care pathways.

3. About National Cancer Grid (NCG)-The National Cancer Grid (NCG) is an initiative of the Department of Atomic Energy and Tata Memorial Centre, to create a network of cancer centres, research institutes, patient groups and charitable institutions across India for uniformity in standards, training and facilities.

4. About Koita-Foundation Koita Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that has two focus areas – NGO Transformation and

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by the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka, marked a more pronounced expression over the situation in the Taiwan Strait than its previous response on August 12 to China's military drills.

33 million, the number of people (out of an estimated total population of 230 million) who were affected by the floods in Pakistan, according to the country's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. The flood's death toll (since June 2022), as of Sunday, has now crossed the 1,000 mark. As many as 116 districts were affected, with 66 of them officially declared as "calamity hit", according to The Dawn newspaper. Pakistan, had on August 25, declared a state of emergency due to the flooding in the country.

33 number of people killed in clashes in Libya, ending the Tripoli-based government's months long stretch of relative calm. The fighting broke out early Saturday and pitted militias loyal to the Tripoli based government against other armed groups allied with a rival administration that wants to be seated in the capital. Libya has plunged into chaos ever since a NATO backed uprising toppled and killed long time dictator Muammar Qadhafi in 2011. The oil rich county has for years been split between rival administrations.

\$ 30 billion, the amount Japan has pledged in aid for development in Africa, saying it wants to work more closely with the continent, as the rules based international order is under threat after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Addressing a Japan Africa summit in Tunisia, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Tokyo would work to ensure grain shipments to Africa amid a global shortage. Tunisia is itself in need of financial support as it faces a crisis in public finances that has worsened by the global squeeze on commodities.

The Supreme Court referred to a three judge Bench a series of petitions seeking a judicial direction that political parties who make "wild" promises of largesse should also reveal in their poll manifestos where they will get the money to pay for them. The 2013 Balaji judgment states that election manifesto promises do not amount to 'corrupt practice' under Section 123 of the Representation of People Act. B This revisit by the Supreme Court on its earlier judgment is unique as the

Digital Health.

MODERN SUING PFIZER OVER COVID VACCINE TECHNOLOGY

- 1.US Pharma company Moderna said it is suing Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech for copying its mRNA technology (and thus patent infringement) in the development of the first Covid-19 vaccines.
- 2.What is an mRNA vaccine? The vaccine uses a molecule of genetic code called messenger RNA to generate an immune response.
- 3.That trains the body to fight off the real virus when it comes into contact with it. A patent is an exclusive right granted for an invention.

DISQUALIFICATION PROCEEDINGS UNDER OFFICE OF PROFIT

- 1.The Election Commission of India (ECI) is understood to have conveyed its decision in the office-of-profit allegation against Jharkhand CM to the Governor. The matter was referred to the ECI after complaint to the Governor about CM Soren allocating a mining lease to himself while holding the portfolio of Mines Minister in 2021.
- 2.What is an 'office of profit'? If an MLA or an MP holds a government office and receives benefits from it, then that office is termed an "office of profit". Disqualification: A person will be disqualified if he holds an office of profit under the central or state government, other than an office declared not to disqualify its holder by a law passed by Parliament or state legislature.
- 3.What are the basic criteria to disqualify an MP or MLA? Article 102 and 191: Basic disqualification criteria for an MP are laid down in Article 102 of the Constitution, and for an MLA in Article 191. Grounds for disqualification under Constitution: They can be disqualified for: Holding an office of profit under the government of India or state government. Being of unsound mind. Being an undischarged insolvent. Not being an Indian citizen or for acquiring citizenship of another country.
- 4.The Supreme Court ruling in 1964: Factors which are considered for determination of whether a person holds an office of profit include: Whether the government is the appointing authority. Whether the government has the power to terminate the appointment. Whether the government determines the remuneration. What is the source of remuneration. Power that comes with the position.

ONE NATION ONE FERTILIZER

- 1.Context: To bring about uniformity in fertiliser brands across the country, the government issued an order directing all companies to sell their products under a single brand name of 'Bharat'. About the order: All fertiliser bags, whether containing urea or di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) or muriate of potash (MOP) or NPK will sport the brand name 'Bharat Urea', 'Bharat DAP', 'Bharat MOP' and 'Bharat NPK' irrespective of the company that manufacturers (private or public). A single brand name and the logo of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojana (PMBJP) will have to be displayed on the bag.
- 2.The central government grants subsidies annually to the fertiliser companies und PMBJP Government's argument for introducing this scheme : The maximum retail price of urea is currently fixed by the government, which compensates companies for the higher cost of manufacturing or imports incurred by them.
- 3.Companies cannot avail subsidy if they sell at MRPs higher than indicated by the government. Through the Fertiliser (Movement) Control Order, 1973 the government also decides where they can sell. Taking Credit: When the government is spending vast sums of money on fertiliser subsidies, deciding where and at what price companies can sell, they would want to take credit and send that message to farmers.
- 4.Drawbacks of the scheme: It will disincentivisefertiliser companies from undertaking marketing and brand promotion activities. Currently, in case of any bag or batch of fertilisers not meeting the required standards, the blame is put on the

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court is exploring whether judicial parameters can be set on a purely political act of promising freebies.

company. But now, that may be passed on fully to the government.

In line with the effort to promote self reliance in defence manufacturing, and minimising imports by the defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs), Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday approved the third Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) of 780 strategically important line replacement units (LRU), subsystems and components, with a timeline beyond which they will only be procured from the domestic industry.