KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX
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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Centre wrote to States suggesting options of borrowing money to make up the ₹ 2.35 lakh crore shortfall in GST revenues expected in the ongoing fiscal. the Finance Ministry wrote to State Governments saying they could borrow either via a special window it would facilitate through the RBI, or raise debt from the market.

- In a departure from the past, the annual migration of butterflies from the hill ranges of the Eastern Ghats towards the Western Ghats is an early phenomenon this year. Change in rainfall pattern and a considerable increase in the number of sunny days could be among the reasons.

- Turkey said it will hold a military exercise off· northwest Cyprus for the next two weeks, amid growing tension with Greece over disputed claims to exploration rights in the east Mediterranean.

- The Union government is all set to come out with an executive order to extend protection to land rights of domiciles in Jammu and Kashmir. The point of debate is currently on protection to be given to agricultural land.

- The Border Security Force (BSF) reported finding a tunnel along the Jammu-Pakistan border. several Pakistani terrorists infiltrated from the sector between the months of March to May in 2018, with high grade RDX explosives that were used to assemble 200 kilogramme bomb deployed in the Pulwama attack.

- A group of 40 scientists, environmentalists and ecologists have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding a halt to the Char Dham road construction work and that the recommendation of environmentalist Ravi Chopra, who heads a Supreme Court appointed committee to advise on the sustainable execution of the project, be heeded.

HUMAN AFRICAN TRYPANOSOMIASIS OR SLEEPING SICKNESS

1. Recently, **Togo has become the first country in Africa to eliminate this disease**.
2. Togo is a western Africa country, **bordering Ghana,Benin and Burkina Faso**. It extends south to the Gulf of Guinea.
3. It is a widespread tropical disease which spread by the bite of an infected **tsetse fly(Glossina Genus)**, a species native to the African continent.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS(EODB) REPORT

1. It is an index **published by the World Bank(WB)**. Recently, **WB reported irregularities in the data** used to prepare EODB ranking.
2. It encourages economies to compete towards more efficient regulation; offers measurable benchmarks for reform; and serves as a resource for academics, journalists, private sector researchers and others interested in the business climate of each economy.
3. **India** has moved 14 places to be **63ʳᵈ among 190 nations** in the World Bank`s EODB ranking 2020.

PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE(PMO) EXPLORES COMMON VOTER LIST FOR LOK SABHA, STATE AND LOCAL POLLS

1. In many states, **voters` list for panchayat and municipality elections is different from one used for Parliament and Assembly elections.**
2. The distinction is because the conduct of elections is entrusted to two different constitutional bodies.
3. Benefit of Common electoral list- **Saves Duplication of effort and expenditure**; Reduces confusion for voters as they may find their names present in one roll,but absent in another.

MAHATMA AYYANKALI

1. He is social **reformer in Travancore, British India(present day Kerala).**
2. He belong to the 'untouchable' Pulaya caste and faced caste discrimination.
3. He founded **Sadhu Jana Paripalana Sangham(association for the protection of the poor)** which raised funds to start their own schools.
4. He also became a member of the assembly of Travancore, known as **Sree Moolam Popular Assembly or Praja Sabha.**

INDIA`S FIRST INTERNATIONAL WOMEN`S TRADE CENTRE

1. It will be setup at **Angamaly, Kerala** in consonance with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
2. It aims **to accelerate women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity while providing women with a safe place to start new businesses,** and get their products marketed globally.

CHUNAUTI-CHALLENGE HUNT UNDER NGIS FOR ADVANCED UNINHIBITED TECHNOLOGY INTERVENTION

1. It is NextGen Startup Challenge Contest under Next Generation Incuation Scheme(NGIS) to find products & solutions to address challenges faced during and post Pandemic situation with special focus on Tier-II towns of India.
2. It **aims to identify around 300 startups**.