

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Many of the 'Chinese' accounts that mushroomed on social media this summer and spread false information about the border clash with India have been traced to Pakistan, in what is believed to be a coordinated disinformation campaign aimed at India.
- The Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal has granted an interim stay on felling of coconut trees on Agatti Island in Lakshadweep for the purpose of forming a beach road.
- India and China held the fifth round of Corps Commanders level talks at Moldo on the Chinese side to take forward the stalled process of disengagement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- Close on the heels of its decision to drop Mandarin from its list of suggested languages under the National Education Policy, HRD ministry has decided to put several higher education institutes that offer Chinese language training under the scanner.
- U.S. President Donald Trump will take action shortly on Chinese software companies that are feeding data directly to the Chinese government, posing a risk to U.S. national security.
- Britain is considering minting a coin to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi, amid growing interest in recognising the contributions of people from Asian and other minority ethnic communities.
- The Home Ministry has sought an extension of three months to frame the rules of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, a contentious legislation that was passed by Parliament more than six months ago.
- Pollution levels in Delhi in July set a new record of the cleanest air quality index(AQI) recorded in the same month since 2017.

## AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING COMPLEXES(ARHC)

1. ARHC scheme was recently launched as a **sub scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban(PMAY U)**
2. ARHCs aims to provide **ease of living to urban migrants/poor** to get access to dignified affordable rental housing close to their workplace.
3. Target Beneficiary- Economic Weaker Sections(**EWS**),**Low Income Group(LIG)** who are urban migrants/poor.
4. Implementation-Utilizing existing Government funded vacant houses to convert into **ARHCs through PPP**;Construction,Operation and maintenance of ARHCs by Public/Private entities on their own vacant land.

## RESTRICTED CATEGORY

1. Govt have put **television sets in restriction category** with an aim to cut inbound shipments of non-essential items.
2. This is expected to give boost **to domestic manufacturing** and assembling done with value engineering.
3. Restricted category means-The importer of that commodity would have to **seek license from the Ministry of Commerce.**

## BEIDOU NAVIGATIONAL SATELLITE

1. It is China's Navigation satellite system to provide **global services which became operational** recently.
2. More than 100 countries including Pakistan and **countries Part of Belt and road Initiative(BRI)** are already using the system.
3. Other navigational Satellite Systems- IRNSS(India),GLONASS(Russia),Galileo(EU),GPS(US),QZSS (Japan).

## SREE SREE JOYKALI MATAR TEMPLE,NATORE,BANGLADESH

1. It is among **the oldest temples in Bangladesh** which was built approximately 300 years back by **Dighpatia Royal Family.**
2. Recently, It has been **reconstructed with assistance from India** under High Impact Community Development project.

## NASA MARS 2020 MISSION

1. It is a **part of NASA's Mars Exploration Program.**
2. It will carry a **unique instrument,MOXIE or Mars Oxygen ISRU Experiment**,which for the first time will manufacture molecular oxygen on Mars.
3. Preservance rover will drill and collect rock samples.

## WHAT IS BHAVAI

1. It is a form of **traditional street play performed across villages of Saurashtra and North Gujrat.**
2. It is unique stage art form, performed with 'Bhava' meaning **expression revealing emotions.**
3. It is mainly performed by the Targala community.

## NATIONAL REGISTRY OF COVID PATIENTS

1. It is being implemented by ICMR, in collaboration with AIIMS, Delhi.
2. Benefits-Create a rigorous database of COVID-19 patients to understand how treatment can be improved, Serves as crucial platform to conduct clinical trials.