

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Ahead of the crucial Financial Action Task Force (FATF) meetings in October, when Pakistan's performance in acting against terror financing infrastructure will be assessed, Indian agencies plan to highlight its inaction in the Pulwama, 26/ 11 Mumbai attack and Daniel Pearl murder cases.
- Almost 24 million children are at risk of not returning to school next year due to the economic fallout of COVID19, according to the United Nation's policy brief on the pandemic's impact on education.
- The worst seems to be over and the agriculture sector will provide a cushion for the coronavirus hit economy this fiscal as there are prospects of a good monsoon, the finance ministry said in a report.
- India is considering measures to prevent trade partners, mainly in Southeast Asia, from rerouting Chinese goods to India with little added value, government sources said, amid strained ties with Beijing and a push for self-reliance.
- President Donald Trump has signed an executive order preventing federal agencies from contracting or subcontracting foreign workers — mainly those on H1B visas.
- Two Indians freed by Taliban return home They were part of group abducted in 2018, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.
- China called on India to "avoid politicising normal cooperation" following moves to review ongoing cooperation for language training between Indian universities and Chinese government run programmes.
- The informed the Supreme Court that the Indian Institute of Technology (Mumbai) has agreed to oversee the smog tower project in Delhi. The project aims at fighting air pollution.

FOUR MORE STATES/UTs LINKED WITH ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD(ONORC)

1. New states/UTs are **J&K, Manipur, Nagaland and Uttarakhand**. With this, now a total of 24 states/UTs are connected under ONORC.
2. ONORC aims to ensure the delivery of food security entitlements to all beneficiaries **covered under the National Food security Act, 2013**, irrespective of their physical location anywhere in the country.

DHOLE(ASIATIC WILD DOG)

1. **Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh rank high in the conservation** of the endangered dhole, according to a study.
2. Dhole play an important role as **apex predators in forest ecosystem**. Besides the tiger, dhole is the only large carnivore in India that is under the IUCN's endangered category.
3. Dhole is found in a wide variety of habitat types, including **deciduous and evergreen forests and alpine steppe**. India perhaps supports the highest number of dholes in the world.

RAJASTHAN GOVERNOR IN FOCUS

1. Recent controversy in Rajasthan around governor's refusal to summon a session as desired by council of Ministers has brought in light certain issues.
2. Governor's power to summon an assembly session-**SC in 2016 ruled that governor has no discretion** in the matter of summoning the house under Article 174 if CM enjoys majority in the house and, therefore, is **bound to act on the advice of the cabinet**.
3. Governor's power to set an agenda for the session- Rajasthan Governor demanded to know the purpose of calling the session. However, **Cabinet is not bound to state the agenda for the session to governor**.

GLOBAL METHANE BUDGET(GMB) BY GLOBAL CARBON PROJECT(GCP)RELEASED.

1. GCP is an international research programme that aims to develop a **complete picture of the global carbon cycle**.
2. Global annual methane emission: In 2017, **it was around 9% higher than 2000-06 average**; By the end of 2019, concentration of methane in atmosphere reached around 1875 parts per billion(ppb).

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT(WEE)

1. It is **India's first of its kind social, national initiative by IIT Delhi** and supported by Department of Science and Technology.
2. It aims to strengthen **women entrepreneurship in the country** and promote an ecosystem that enables creation and sustenance of such enterprises by women.
3. It helps women ranging from college going students to middle-aged housewives to take up entrepreneurship as a viable, fulfilling career option.

GREEN CORRIDORS TO SPLASH LOGISTICS COST

1. **Green corridor is an EU concept introduced in 2007** that aims at developing integrated, efficient and environmentally friendly transportation of freight between major hubs.