

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Observing that adequate steps against dumping of unregulated solid waste on the banks of river Yamuna were not being taken by authorities, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has warned of imposing environmental compensation on the Uttar Pradesh government.
- Environment Ministry dithered on decision to close LG plant Documents accessed via RTI show Section 5 of the Environment Protection Act was cited for closure of the factory.
- India told China “not to comment on the internal affairs” of other countries, in response to Beijing describing the dilution of Article 370, on the one year anniversary of the move, as being “illegal and invalid”.
- The Supreme Court referred to a five judge Bench the “substantial question of law” whether grant of 10% reservation to economically weaker sections of the society is unconstitutional and violates the 50% ceiling cap on quota declared by the court itself.
- Three organisations representing the Bru community displaced from Mizoram have rejected the sites proposed by the Joint Movement Committee ( JMC), an umbrella group of non-Brus in Tripura, for their resettlement.
- An Amnesty International India report urged the National Human Rights Commission and the National Commission for Women to set up offices in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the people there had not had any redressal of their rights violations after the closure of the State Commissions a year ago.
- Delhi’s virus slump is no magic pill: experts They attribute dip in cases to micro planning and sustained emphasis on testing, tracking and treating.

## UNITED NATION’S POLICY BRIEF ON THE PANDEMIC’S IMPACT ON EDUCATION

1. Almost **24 million children** are at risk of not returning to school next year due to the economic fallout of COVID-19.
2. Educational financing gap is also likely to increase by one third.
3. More than **1.6 billion learners across the world have been affected.**

## CONVERTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT(PPE) INTO BIOFUELS

1. According to new study, **Plastic from used PPE can be converted from its polypropylene(Plastic)** state into bio fuels which is at par with standard fossil fuels using pyrolysis.
2. pyrolysis is a chemical process for breaking down plastic at high temperature-between **300-400 degree centigrade** for an hour-without oxygen.
3. Presently there is a need to **mitigate the problem Of dumped PPE.**

## SUPREME COURT(SC) DIRECTS STATES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SENIOR CITIZENS

1. **SC** directed states to provide care,support and **priority medical treatment for senior citizens**,especially those living alone or quarantined,amid COVID-19 pandemic.
2. SC directions include-All eligible old age persons should **be regularly paid pension.**
3. Provide them necessary medicines,masks,sanitizers and other essential goods.

## SAHKAR COOPTUBE NCDC CHANNEL

1. It is a new initiative by National Cooperative Development Corporation(NCDC) **to encourage farmers and the youth to take benefit of cooperatives.**
2. **NCDC is a statutory** body.
3. It strengthens and promotes programmes across sectors relating to agriculture and allied fields like dairy.

## PANEL SUGGESTS TWEAKS IN RICE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY OF FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA(FCI)

1. Panel constituted by 15<sup>th</sup> Finance commission suggested that a **higher pool of surplus rice should be made available to exporters** by suitably modifying FCI’s procurement strategies.
2. FCI is the largest buyer of rice in the domestic market.
3. **Rice is among the biggest agriculture exports from India** along with cotton.

## NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL(NGT) SETS STRINGENT CONDITIONS FOR COMMERCIAL USE OF GROUNDWATER

1. In a ruling NGT has issued **directions for groundwater usage** to Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and Central Ground Water Board(CGWB).
2. There must be **no general permission** for withdrawal of groundwater, particularly to any commercial entity,without environmental impact assessment(EIA) of such activity.
3. Permission to extract groundwater must be for specified times and quantity of water,not for perpetuity.