

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Patients seeking care at private hospitals tend to be older and a larger share consist of men compared with those seeking medical care at public hospitals, show data released by the National Health Agency (NHA). The agency says they account for over half of the empanelled hospitals, nearly two-thirds of claim volumes, and three-quarters of claim outlays in the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
- *Himgiri*, the first of the three stealth frigates being built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, under Project 17A for the Navy, was launched into water. Off shore Patrol Vessel *Saksham* too launched into water, to join Coast Guard.
- The “unprovoked aggression” on the Himalayan frontiers is a reminder of how the world is changing, how existing agreements are being challenged and how power is being asserted not just in the Himalayas but across the Indo-Pacific, also India is far ahead of China in soft power said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- As several thousand farmers held hunger strikes and *dharnas* at Delhi’s border and across the country on Monday, demanding a repeal of the three recent agricultural marketing laws, the Centre continued to engage with individual elements in the farmers’ movement, in an effort to restart negotiations and broker a settlement.
- India’s retail inflation based on the consumer price index (CPI) moderated marginally in November to 6.93%, from 7.61% recorded in October, with food price inflation cooling off to 9.43% from 11% in the previous month.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday will lay the foundation stone for what is billed as the world’s largest hybrid renewable energy park in Gujarat’s Kutch district.

## LANDLESS WOMEN: ONLY 12.9% INDIAN WOMEN HOLD AGRICULTURAL LAND

1. Findings are part of **index created by Centre for Land Governance, a private consultancy firm**. Index ranks in terms of women holding land rights in percentage points.
2. Key Findings-**Lakshadweep and Meghalaya are best at providing land rights to women, Punjab and West Bengal are the worst.**
3. In southern states, 15.4% of women hold land, and in northeast, 14.1%. Despite such low figures, these states outperform northern states(9.8%), and eastern states(9.2%).
4. Women account for 32% of the agricultural labour force and contributing and estimated 55-66% to farm production.

## CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2020 HELD

1. Summit is **co-hosted by United Nations, UK and France, in partnership with Chile and Italy, to mark the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement.**
2. Paris Agreement is a **legally binding international treaty on climate change** which was adopted at 21st Conference of Parties in Paris(2015).
3. Its goal is to limit **global warming to well below 2, preferably too 1.5 degrees Celsius**, compared to pre-industrial levels.

## FIRST PHASE OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY(NFHS-5) RELEASED

1. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released data on 5th NFHS containing detailed information on population, health and nutrition in 17 States and 5UTs.
2. Key Findings(compared to NFHS-4 2015-16)-Substantial improvement in maternal and child health indicators. **Under-five mortality rate and infant mortality rate(refers to the probability of dying between birth and five years of age expressed per 1,000 live births), decreased in 18 states.**
3. **Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) dropped in 15 states and UTs.**

## SUNRISE INDUSTRIES

1. Recently, NITI Aayog CEO stressed need to focus on sunrise sectors. **Sunrise industry shows hope of a rapid boom for a developing sector or market in its infancy stage.**
2. Typically, the sunrise industries are characterized by high growth rates, numerous start-ups, and a wealth of venture capital funding.
3. Some examples-Food Processing Industry, Telecom sector, Healthcare etc.

## BHARAT BOND EXCHANGE TRADED FUND(ETF)

1. Government is likely to launch third tranche of Bharat Bond ETF.
2. Bharat Bond ETF is that invests in AAA rated bonds of public sector companies and has fixed maturity period.
3. **An ETF is a security that tracks an index, a commodity or a basket of assets like an index fund, but trades like a stock on an exchange.**
4. Funds raised through debt ETF help in smoothening borrowing plans of the participating CPSEs or public sector banks.