

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Nepal blacks out Indian news channels, Nepal will not allow foreign TV channels that indulge in the character assassination of its leaders and will seek legal remedies against such news outlets.
- Coronavirus fears, force Maoist cadre to lie low, There was no major Maoist activity, but for a surrender in the Visakhapatnam area. The situation was similar even in the Andhra Odisha Border (AOB) region.
- WHO sets up panel to probe its virus response Its role is under increased scrutiny as infection rises globally, The Independent panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response will be headed by former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark and former Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.
- Centre has extended the deadline for distribution of free foodgrains allocated to State governments under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission, which was aimed at migrant workers who didn't have ration cards, till August 31.
- Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Supreme Court that migrant workers were returning to cities to reclaim their old jobs as "lockdown is over", "economy is opening up" and the situation is turning "very healthy".
- India will take a decision on whether to include Australia in the Malabar exercises with Japan and the U.S. at a Defence Ministry meeting early next week.
- Australia ends Hong Kong extradition treaty It offers visas to residents 'looking to start a new life elsewhere, move businesses'.
- Hundreds of Rohingya refugees on a flood-prone island in the Bay of Bengal will not be allowed to leave unless they agree to return home, Bangladesh authorities said.

## AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND UNDER ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

### Key facts

1. Medium-**Long term debt financing facility** for post-harvest management infrastructure.
2. Rs.one Lakh Crore will be provided by banks and financial institutions as loans to different agricultural groups.
3. Interest subvention of 3% per annum of loans up to Rs.2 Crores.
4. Duration:**2020 to 2029**.

## WORLD BANK REPORT ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE

### Key facts

1. Indian health care is **underfunded**.
2. Low Public health Infrastructure(**1.3% of GDP**).
3. Only **25% is the central share** of total Public expenditure because public health is a state subject.
4. Per capita capital expenditure is less than Rs.200 in 2020.
5. **High out of the pocket expenditure**(Individuals which are not covered under any financial protection scheme).
6. Approximately **70% of total health expenditure** is borne by consumers.

## PRADHAN MANTRI FASAL BIMA YOJANA(PMFBY) UPDATES

### Key facts

1. Centre asked states to invoke **penalty on insurance companies that have defaulted** on settling the claims.
2. Delay in claims settlement leading to **further hardships to farmers**.
3. PMFBY Norms-settlement of claims has to be completed by insurers **within 60 days from Crop cutting** date,failing beyond which states can levy penal interest at 12%.
4. PMFBY provides crop insurance from pre-sowing to post-harvest period as premium rate of 2% for kharif crops,1.5% for rabi crops and 5% for horticulture and commercial crop.

## INDIA AND UAE OPEN SKY POLICY

### Key facts

1. **National Civil Aviation policy,2016**,allows an open sky services agreement with SAARC nations as well as countries **beyond 5,000 Km radius** from New Delhi.
2. open sky air service agreement allows for airlines from the two countries to have an unlimited number of flights as well as seats to each other's jurisdiction.
3. This agreement with many countries like Spain,Sri Lanka,US etc.

## ZYCOV-D

### Key facts

1. COVID-19 Vaccine candidate by Zydus Cadilla,Second potential vaccine after **Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN**.