

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- India and China agreed to push for a “timely” and “complete” disengagement of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and to hold another round of military level talks. Chinese troops have fully moved back from the base of Finger 4 to Finger 5 at Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh.
- Solar energy will play big role in ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’: PM.
- The Supreme Court took cognisance of the death of a pregnant elephant in May from eating pineapples filled with fire crackers by villagers in Kerala as a new low in man-animal conflict episodes across the country.
- Tiger orchids (Grammatophyllum speciosum), so called for their large and resplendent flowers which resemble the tiger skin, flowers in alternate years. The ‘Tigers’ are in full bloom at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Thiruvananthapuram.
- Boeing handed over the last of the five AH64E Apache attack helicopters to the Indian Air Force (IAF), completing the contract for 22 Apaches. They have been deployed at the Leh air base.
- Pakistan based criminal syndicates and terror outfits smuggled drugs, weapons and other illegal goods on camel back across the vast Thar desert in Rajasthan and through well trained foot couriers. Now, they are taking to drones.
- With public transport affected due to the spread of COVID19, the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry invited cities (smart cities) to come up with quick solutions for promoting cycling.
- Deforestation of the Brazilian Amazon increased by a record 25% year on year in the first half of 2020.

INDIA TO ENHANCE TRADE WITH BANGLADESH

Key facts

1. Multi-pronged strategy to enhance trade and business partnership with Bangladesh.
2. Earlier, China has announced tariff exemption for 97% of Bangladeshi Products.
3. India effort's-Trade of essential items with Bangladesh via the Rail route amid COVID-19.
4. Duty free access to several Bangladeshi Products.
5. India provided funds for development of Infrastructure in various sectors.
6. Bangladesh and India have Inland Water Transit and trade protocol.
7. Bangladesh is India's biggest trade partner in South Asia.

DRAFT CODE ON WAGES RULES, 2020

Key facts

1. Normal working hours in a day are reduced to 8 hours from 9 proposed earlier.
2. Code replaces 4 laws-Payment of wages Act, 1936; Minimum wages Act, 1948; Payment of Bonus Act, 1965; Equal Remuneration act, 1976.
3. Seeks to universalize the provisions of minimum wages and timely payment of wages.
4. Minimum wage will aim to ensure a uniform standard of living across the country.

WHAT IS GLYPHOSATE

Key facts

1. Centre released draft notification banning use of glyphosphate except through operators.
2. Widely used agrochemically by the farmers to control weeds.
3. WHO highlighted Glyphosate's adverse impact on human health.

PROF.P.C.MOHALANOBIS NATIONAL AWARD IN OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Key facts

1. First award was given to former RBI Governor Rangrajan.
2. Award is named after Prof.P.C.Mahalanobis, regarded as father of Indian statistics.
3. P.C.Mahalanobis had set up the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata in 1932.
4. He also shaped the Planning Commission.

SERIOUS FRAUD INVESTIGATION OFFICE(SFIO)

Key facts

1. Organisation under corporate ministry for detecting and prosecuting or recommending for prosecution of white collar crimes/frauds.
2. White collar crime is a nonviolent crime committed for financial gain.
3. It was set up on the recommendation of Naresh Chandra Committee.