

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Supreme Court, in a significant decision, confirmed that persons with disabilities are also socially backward and entitled to the same benefits of relaxation as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates in public employment and education.
- The National Intelligence Grid has signed an MoU with the National Crime Records Bureau to access the centralised online database on FIRs.
- China, Iran close to reaching trade and military partnership This undercuts U.S. efforts to isolate the Tehran government.
- As Maldives reopens for tourists,India is likely to create special Air bubble.
- Urea Could be the first big ticket item in which the Government reaches atmanibhar or self-reliance, reducing the dependence on China imports.5 new plants coming by 2023.
- BSF(Border Security Force)has said Border Guard Bangladesh(BGB) supports cattle smuggling(Inhuman,merciless and seditious activity).
- The Surge in COVID cases has boosted demand for pulse oximeters but Indian manufacturers complain that zero customs duty on medical devices to tackle the infections has led to the market being flooded with imports.
- Hundreds of Thousands of Hong Kong citizens cast ballots over the weekend is a symbolic protest vote against tough national security laws directly imposed by Beijing.
- Banning of short video sharing platform TikTok as part of the government's move to ban 59 apps with Chinese links has led to surge in numbers for its Indian alternatives,the users depending on the app for their livelihood have seen a jolt as they transition to these alternatives.

INDIA'S SEX RATIO AT BIRTH IMPROVES

Key facts

1. As per Sample Registration System(SRS),in 2016-18 period,**1,112 male kids were born per 1,000 female births** in India.This was 1,116 during 2015-17.
2. SRS is demographic survey for providing annual estimates of various indicators(birth rate etc.).
3. Reason of SRB-Preferences of Sons,declining fertility rates linked to driving up the rate of sex-selective abortions.
4. Steps Taken-Beti Bachao Beti Padhao,PCPNDT Act 1994,Sukanya Samridhi Account.

OVERHAUL OF FACTORY SAFETY NORMS

Key facts

1. **High Powered Committee** which probed the styrene gas leak at the LG Polymers plant in Visakhapatnam gave following recommendations:
2. **Setting up of factory safety boards** at the Central and State levels.
3. A special investigating wing to probe all major industrial accidents.

FOCUSED INTERVENTION FOR "MAKE IN INDIA":POST COVID 19

Key facts

1. **Sector-specific strengths**,market trends, and opportunities in five sectors,critical for economic recovery in post COVID-19 period to make India Atmanirbhar.
2. **Technology clusters in champion** segments across India be established for Job creation.
3. **Import Substitution**,Indigenous Innovation-Evolve technology platforms in Solar Technologies.
4. Affordable Technologies development for rural Areas.
5. Focus on high value medical products/technologies that are majorly imported.

GOING ONLINE AS LEADERS PROJECT(GOAL) PROJECT

Key facts

1. Webinar for sensitization on GOAL Project was organised.
2. GOAL is a **digital skilling and mentorship initiative** that will engage **renowned leaders** and experts in their respective domains to personally mentor **scheduled tribe youths** across India.
3. Core Area-Digital literacy,life skills and leadership & Entrepreneurship.
4. Goal was launched by **Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Facebook**.

BHASHAN CHAR ISLAND, BANGLADESH

Key facts

1. **Uninhabited Island in Bay of Bengal** where the Bangladesh has made shelter houses for one Lakh Rohingya refugees.
2. Ecologically fragile area prone to floods,erosion and cyclones.