

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- EU, India to meet on resuming FTA(Free Trade Agreement) negotiations, COVID-19, bilateral investment, maritime security and concerns over an 'assertive' China will be high on the summit agenda.
- Nagaland Speaker Sharingain Longkumer has dismissed petitions for the disqualification of seven MLAs of the Opposition Naga People's Front (NPF).
- Iran dropped India from the Chabahar rail project because of "absence of active Indian engagement, :Iran.
- U.S. rejects Beijing's claims in S. China Sea The world will not allow China to treat the waters as its maritime empire.
- Britain's government backtracked on plans to give Chinese telecommunications company Huawei a limited role in the U.K.'s new high speed mobile phone network(5G network) in a decision with broad implications for relations between UK and China.
- China making deep inroads into Iran(Both countries are at odds with the U.S.).Tehran could get an economic lifeline, while China seeks to expand role in region.
- Farmers suffer due to dip in maize prices(Government is not ensuring sale at MSP).
- Former Maldivian President Nashed has urged to his Government to build closer ties with India,which he described as the "closest and dearest of our neighbours",in order to safeguard the country's sovereignty as well as benefits from India's economy.
- United Arab Emirates sets its sights(to launch) on Mars,with a spacecraft named Hope.
- 'Buy Local' Sentiment,shift to e-learning open a new avenues for Indian PC makers.

NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(NABARD) LAUNCHES INITIATIVES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Key facts

1. Steps will boost **offtake of economic activities** in areas grappling with reverse migration.
2. NABARD announced finance to the beneficiaries of its **2,150 watershed development projects**.
3. NABARD watershed development programmes aim to **reduce risk associated with dry land farming systems** and livelihood through development.
4. NABARD also announced **fund for Primary Agricultural Credit Societies(PACS)** into multi service centres(One-stop shops for meeting the varied needs of the farmers).

STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD REPORT 2020

Key facts

1. 8.9% of world population(**690 million people**) are estimated to have been undernourished in 2019.
2. COVID-19 pandemic may add between 83 to 132 million people to total number of undernourished in 2020.
3. Reason-Greater number of conflicts,**climate-related shocks**,economic slowdowns.
4. World is not on track to achieve the **SDG 2.1**: Zero Hunger target by 2030.
5. Suggestions-Reorient agricultural priorities towards **more nutrition-sensitive agricultural production**,Avoid Taxation of Nutritious foods.
6. The joint report is issued annually by Food and Agriculture Organisation,International Fund for Agriculture Development,UNICEF,World Food Programme and WHO.

RIGHT TO SHEBAITSHIP

Key facts

1. Recently,supreme Court upheld **Shebaitship rights** of Travancore royal family in the Padmanabhaswamy temple case.
2. Shebaitship right refers to manage the financial affairs of the deity in the position of a trustee.

YETI TERRITORY

Key facts

1. India has proposed **to build a road in this territory** of Bhutan,which was claimed by China recently.
2. It will enable quick **access to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh** which borders China.

ANTI-SMOG GUN

Key facts

1. It was recently installed in Delhi **to reduce air-pollution** mainly concentration of PM10 and PM2.5.
2. It is designed **to create an ultra-fine fog**,comprising very fine water droplets,which can absorb smallest dust particles in air.