

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India has declined to 113 in 2016-18 from 122 in 2015-17 and 130 in 2014-2016, according to Sample Registration System (SRS).
- Twitter is investigating a massive hack in which high profile users from Elon Musk to Joe Biden had their accounts hijacked by scammers(For bitcoins).
- India accused Pakistan of not allowing free and unimpeded consular access to death row prisoner Kulbushan Jadhav. India had demanded that access should be without interference from Pakistani security officials.
- The Supreme Court agreed to examine the constitutional validity of the Kerala Animals and Bird Sacrifices Prohibition Act of 1968 that prohibits sacrifice of animals and birds in temples to 'please' the deity.
- The disengagement process on the border to resolve the tensions is "intricate and requires constant verification", the Army said.
- No postal ballot facility for voters above 65 in Bihar election: EC Poll body cites logistical challenges amid pandemic.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a global audience on the subject of U.S. and India as key partners and leaders in a post COVID19 world at the India Ideas Summit on July 22.
- The Government of India says it had not received any response from Iran since December 2019 on the future of the Chabahar-Zahedan railway project that IRCON was to have constructed and financed.
- Constitutional courts cannot judicially review disqualification proceedings under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution until the Speaker or Chairman makes a final decision on merit(Sachin Pilot case).

PRADHAN MANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA(PMKVY) STATUS

Key facts

1. PMKVY trained **92 lakhs candidates so far across 37 sectors** in more than 250 job roles.
2. More than **720 PMKVY centres** were opened in 704 districts.
3. PMKVY is a **skill certification scheme** for Industry-relevant skill training.

MADE IN INDIA 5G NETWORK

Key facts

1. Reliance Jio has said that it designed and developed a **complete 5G solution** from scratch.
2. World class 5G service in India,using 100% home grown technology.
3. First time an Indian company is venturing into mobile technology.
4. **Currently,India is a net importer** of telecom equipment.
5. Self-Reliance in 5G is also **important strategically**.as,recently USA,UK banned Chinese Huawei.
6. 5G meant to deliver higher multi-Gbps peak data speeds,Uniform user experience to more users.

VALLARPADAM TERMINAL OF COCHIN PORT

Key facts

1. **First trans-shipment port** of India.
2. Trans-shipment hub is the terminal at the port which handle containers,stores them temporarily and transfer them to other ships for the onward destination.
3. **Vallarpadam terminal** has proximity to International sea routes.
4. Proximity to key hinterland markets of India.

WHAT IS KAZI 106F

Key facts

1. It is only **golden tiger** found in Kaziranga National Park of Assam.
2. The skin of this tiger is **orange-yellow with black stripes** and whitish abdominal region.
3. Tiger get these colouring from **recessive genes** that show up due to the **inbreeding**,which occurs due to the **habitat loss**.

AZAD PATTAN HYDEL POWER PROJECT

Key facts

1. Pakistan and china signed an agreement for the **azad pattan hydel power project** on the Jhelum river in PoK.
2. Second power project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor(CPEC).
3. **India has been protesting the construction of dams and other infrastructure in PoK** and Gilgit Balitistan which are territories claimed by it as part of Jammu & Kashmir.