

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour has recommended that the government introduce a social security number for migrant workers, especially those in unorganised sectors that are beyond the purview of labour laws. Parliamentary panel seeks registration at the gram sabha level rather than through the Internet.
- The Supreme Court gave the Centre seven days to enter into an MoU with IIT Bombay to install a smog tower in Delhi to help fight air pollution. The court warned that it would initiate contempt proceedings if its order is not implemented.
- Segregation of COVID19 biomedical waste from general garbage is a must to avoid contamination, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) observed.
- India has wanted U.S.A. to restore its access to the U.S. preferential trading system or Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), an end to Mr. Trump's steel and aluminium tariffs, increased market access for some categories of Indian agricultural products among others.
- Over three lakh people in eight districts of north Bihar have been affected by flood as heavy rain continued in catchment areas of neighbouring Nepal.
- China said that it has offered Bhutan a "package solution" to its boundary dispute, reviving a reference to its 1996 proposal for a territory swap to give Bhutan the disputed areas in its north in exchange for the disputed western areas, including Doklam.
- The Federation of Automobile Dealers said retail vehicle sales in the country declined 42% to 9.84 lakh units in June 2020, adding that it expected a similar trend in July albeit with some green shoots seen in demand.

## CARBON PRICING WORKS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS

### Key facts

1. A study that examined 142 countries, found that **CO2 emissions fell 2%(2007-2017) in countries with a carbon price**, while they increased by 3% in countries that did not have such pricing.
2. It is **significant link between the adoption of a carbon price and reduced growth** in carbon emissions.
3. carbon pricing is an instrument **that captures the external costs of emissions** and ties them to their sources through a price, usually in the form of a price on the CO2 emitted.
4. Cost of emissions includes damage to **crops, health care costs from heat waves and drought** etc.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES(SwD) STRUGGLE WITH ONLINE CLASSES

### Key facts

1. A report 'Digital education in India: **Will students with disabilities miss the bus?** Has highlighted lacunae in access to online classes for SwD.
2. SwD not knowing how to use technology; **Not having accessible educational material**; No sign language interpreters were present in the webinars.
3. Report has recommended **material in alternative formats**, recognising that all children with disabilities cannot be clubbed into one group as they are persons with different needs.
4. Also, MHRD recently released **PRAGYATA guidelines** for digital education for children with special needs.
5. Other challenges in **equitable access to digital education**: Rural urban digital divide, Gender digital divide.

## ZORAM MEGA FOOD PARK IN MIZORAM

### Key facts

1. It has been set up by Ministry of Food Processing(MFP) Industries.
2. MFP aims at providing a **mechanism to link agricultural production to the market** by bringing together farmers, processors and retailers.
3. It ensures **maximizing value addition**, minimizing wastage, increasing farmers income and creating employment opportunities particularly in rural sector.
4. It is based on **cluster approach**.

## YUWAAH

### Key facts

1. Yuwaah is a multi-stakeholder platforms that **aims to prepare young people to transition from education and learning to productive work** and active citizenship.
2. It is being done in **collaboration with UN in India**(UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UNEP, UNHCR and ILO), aims to develop the potential of young people through meaningful engagement and participation in social, civic and community initiatives.
3. Ministry of youth affairs and sports and YuWaah(Generation Unlimited India) together signed on a partnership to empower young people.