

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Haryana government was pulled up by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for granting extension of time to stone crushers who operated in close proximity to educational institutions in violation of environmental norms.
- Women officers can now get permanent commission in Army, Defence Ministry issues formal order.
- India called on China to work “sincerely” on the disengagement plan at the Line of Actual Control as agreed to by both sides, amid concerns that the process has slowed down.
- India spoke of its unique relation with Bangladesh, in response to Pakistan raising the Kashmir issue with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. (India appreciates Bangladesh’s position which regards Kashmir as an ‘internal’ matter of India)
- India on Thursday accused Pakistan of stalling the process of providing legal assistance to death row prisoner Kulbhushan Jadhav.
- Former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, who recently entered the Rajya Sabha, has been nominated as a member of the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs.
- Prompted by a complaint from Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar, the Delhi police’s cyber crime unit shut down a youthrun, advocacy website, [www.fridaysforfuture.in](http://www.fridaysforfuture.in) (FFF), which aided public petitions to protest against the controversial Environment Impact Assessment notification, 2020.
- China launched its most ambitious Mars mission in a bold attempt to join the U.S. in successfully landing a spacecraft on the red planet. A Long March 5 carrier rocket took off from Hainan Island.

## KAKRAPAR ATOMIC POWER PLANT(KAPP-3) IN GUJRAT ACHIEVES CRITICALITY

### Key facts

1. **KAPP-3** is biggest indigenously developed variant of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor(**PHWR**).
2. PHWR is a nuclear power reactor commonly using **unenriched natural uranium** as its fuel, that uses heavy water(deuterium oxide) as its coolant and moderator.
3. A reactor achieves criticality when each **fission** event releases a sufficient number of neutrons to sustain an ongoing series of reaction.
4. Fission is a process in which the nucleus of **an atom splits into two or more smaller nuclei**. This produces heat, which is used to generate electricity.

## LOWER GST REVENUE HAS TRANSLATED INTO DELAYED GST COMPENSATION TO STATES

### Key facts

1. Economic slowdown has impacted government’s revenues, with GST collections recording a **41% decline** in the April-June quarter.
2. GST compensation Act 2017 provides for **compensation to states for any loss** in revenue due to the implementation of GST.
3. This compensation is paid bi-monthly out of compensation Cess, additional cess on certain notified goods in addition to GST applicable on it.
4. Solutions for revenue shortfall-**Market Borrowings, Restructuring of GST slabs**, Compensation period would be extended.

## INDIA REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF DATA SOVEREIGNTY AT THE G20 DIGITAL ECONOMY MINISTERS VIRTUAL MEETING

### Key facts

1. India held that digital platforms need to be responsive, accountable and **sensitive to concerns of sovereign nations** as far as safety, defence and data privacy are concerned.
2. It called for need to balance innovation, enterprise and **data sovereignty for safety**.
3. Data sovereignty is a country-specific requirement that **data is subject to laws of the country** in which it is collected or processed and must remain within its borders.
4. Steps taken by India-RBI in 2018 put out a circular requiring that all “data relating to payment systems’ are stored in a system only in India”, **Personal Data Protection bill 2019**.

## INDIA IDEAS SUMMIT

### Key facts

1. It was hosted by the US-India Business Council(**USIBC**) making the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the council.
2. USIBC is a **business advocacy group**, focussed on strengthening bilateral trade and commerce between India and USA.
3. Theme is “Building a Better Future”.