

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Sundarbans has unwavering faith in Bon Bibi. Bon Bibi, the deity of the forest and the central character of Bon Bibi's Palagaan, a musical drama unique to the Sundarbans.
- India set for more talks on LAC with China, Special Representative Ajit Doval is scheduled to meet Chinese counterpart.
- Amid Ladakh standoff, China, Pakistan, hold talks, Kashmir, LoC situation figure in discussions.
- The resignation of Syed Ali Shah Geelani from the All Party Hurriyat Conference set off ripples of speculation over the outfit's future and its role in the politics of the Kashmir Valley.
- Nearly 78% of COVID-19 patients in India are under 50, 60% have at least one co-morbidity-Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)(Govt.Body) Data.
- The World Health Organization has updated its account of the early stages of the COVID crisis to say it was alerted by its own office in China, and not by China itself, It offers details on the early days of the outbreak in Hubei.
- North Korea does not feel the need to have talks with the U.S., which would be nothing more than "a political tool" for Washington.
- Sri Lankan President sets up committee(After Uproar on the issue in Sri Lanka) to look into Colombo Port concerns. India, Japan had agreed to jointly develop it with Sri Lanka.
- Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and NLC India will jointly develop solar power assets of 3,000 MW.
- The World Health Organization has condemned the "dangerous" concept of herd immunity for managing the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

E-WASTE MONITOR 2020

Key facts

1. E-waste is electrical and electronic equipment(EEE), have been discarded without intent of re-use.
2. E-waste is **increased by 21% in just five years**, 53.6 million tonnes of E-waste in 2019.
3. Less than 18% of e-waste in 2019 was collected and recycled.
4. Causes-Higher consumption rates of EEE, **Short life cycles, and few repair options**.
5. Risk to Environment and Health. It contains several toxic additives.
6. Report by UNEP Collaboration.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMENT REPORT 2020

Key facts

1. The report is released by "sustainable development solutions network".
2. The Report tracks the performance of all UN member states in the 17 SDGs.
3. World has seen rapid progress towards:SDG 1(No poverty),SDG 9(Industry,Innovation and Infrastructure),SDG 11(Sustainable cities and communities).
4. COVID-19 had negatively affected several goals.
5. **Short term gains to several SDG goals** due to COVID-19,Gains to SDG 12(Responsible consumption and production),SDG 13 (Climate action),SDG 14(Life below water),SDG 15(Life on Land).
5. **India ranked at 117**.
6. **India faces major challenges in 10** of the 17 SDGs.
7. Suggestion-Dissemination of best practices rapidly,addressing hunger hotspots,ensuring social equality etc.

WHAT IS STRATEGIC SALE?

Key facts

1. It is defined as the sale of substantial portion of government shareholding of a public enterprises(CPSEs) of **upto 50% or higher**,along with transfer of management control.
2. Government is on track for strategic sale of CPSEs.

NAGARHOLE NATIONAL PARK

Key facts

1. Forest department will place a **traffic monitoring mechanism** for roads adjacent to Nagarhole National Park to ensure better compliance to forest laws.
2. The Park is located in Karnataka.
3. **Nagarhole river flows** through park and gradually joins Kabini river.