

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Contradicting the Opposition's argument for virtual meetings of standing committees to ensure quorum during deliberations, officials at the Rajya Sabha Secretariat have said that quorum is essential only when the committees take decisions or adopt reports and not during routine deliberations.
- Chinese troops have fully moved out of the Patrolling Point (PP) 15 of the Hot Springs area in eastern Ladakh as part of the disengagement underway to reduce tensions on the border.
- A scheme for providing affordable rental housing to about 3 lakh urban migrants was approved by the Union Cabinet.
- President Donald Trump formally started the withdrawal of the U.S. from the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Panel for criminal law reforms lacks diversity' Include more outside experts.
- Operation Samudra Setu, which was launched by the Navy on as part of the national effort to repatriate Indian citizens abroad during the COVID19 pandemic, has culminated after successfully bringing back individuals.
- Dhaka 'diverges' from India on Rohingya issue(India supports "fast" repatriation of the Rohingya refugees to Myanmar).
- The U.S. and China imposed visa restrictions on each other in tit-for-tat moves over their disagreement on Tibet, adding fuel to the diplomatic fire between the superpowers.
- Facebook is failing to protect civil rights:The report, which Facebook commissioned two years ago, said the social network has not done enough to protect users from discrimination.
- Measles and rubella have been eradicated from Sri Lanka and the Maldives:WHO.

OVER-THE-TOP(OTT) PLATFORMS UNDER SCANNER

Key facts

1. **OTT platforms** that are digitally streamed falls under the domain of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(**MeitY**).
2. Several OTT platforms such as Netflix,Amazon prime etc.
3. India has **no Regulations**.
4. Not covered under Central Board of Film Certification.
5. In 2018,MeitY asked OTT media services to regulate themselves now wants to regulate itself.
6. Recently during the lockdown,several OTT platforms witnessed a huge jump in their subscription.
7. Currently, **Internet and Mobile Association of India**(Not-for-profit Industry body) announced code for the self-Regulation for OTT platforms.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES ARE MOSTLY ZONOTIC:UNEP REPORT

Key facts

1. This report released by United Nations Environment Programme(**UNEP**) and **International Livestock Research Institute** highlighting increasing trend of Zoonotic diseases.
2. Zoonotic diseases passed into the human population from an animal source.
3. **75% of emerging infectious diseases are Zoonotic**.
4. Factors identified for Zoonotic diseases-Demand of Animal protein,Unsustainable farming,exploitation of wildlife,Unsustainable use of natural resources,Travel and Transportaion,changes in food supply chains and climate change crisis.
5. Suggestion-**One health approach**, which unites public health,veterinary and environmental expertise,as the optimal method for preventing as well as responding to Zoonotic disease outbreaks and pandemics.

KUWAIT EXPAT QUOTA BILL

Key facts

1. Kuwait Introduced a **quota system** for employing foreigners in Kuwait to balance the population proportion of Kuwaitis and expats.
2. Indian expatriate community,which is largest expat group in Kuwait **should not exceed 15%** of the national population.
3. It will **reduce the Indian presence in Kuwait by 7-8 lakhs** and impact India's remittance economy.

INDIAN RAILWAYS TO BE NET ZERO CARBON EMISSION BY 2030

Key facts

1. Indian Railways plans **to solarise railway stations** by utilizing its vacant lands for renewable energy projects.
2. First Transport Organization to be **energy self-Sufficient**