

NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

Polity

- The Delhi High Court allowed public viewing of hearings conducted through videoconferencing.
- The Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) is to rename the Sector 50 metro station on Aqua Line to 'SheMan' to raise awareness about the transgender community.
- DHARAVI, Mumbai a slum sprawl, which had emerged as a Covid-19 hot spot in Mumbai by mid-April, and had the BMC deeply worried, has witnessed a steady decline in the number of new cases in June (Now it becomes Dharavi model).
- Rajya sabha elections held for 19 seats across 8 states.
- "The Population Bomb" is a best-selling book written by Stanford University Professor Paul R. Ehrlich in 1968 (In News due to Pandemic)

Sci. & Tech.

- The IIT Palakkad has developed an automated lung ultrasound (LUS) for COVID-19 screening and monitoring through cloud-based image analysis and scoring system.
- Study published in Nature Medicine suggests that antibodies formed against SARS-CoV-2 begin to decrease in number, just two-three months after infection.
- Saturn's moon Enceladus and Jupiter's moon Europa are still interesting as it may support life, because NASA's scientists have spotted water plumes bursting from their icy shells.
- Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh declared as wetland.

Economy

- Textile and apparel exports during April and May this year declined 73.1% (in dollar terms) compared with the same months last year.
- JNU centre study shows-Only about 5.5% labourers earned ₹ 15,000 a month.

Sports

- An online course for COVID-19 safety for sports and coaches.

REPORT ON SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY BY INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA)

Key facts

1. IEA has made a **sustainable recovery plan (SRP)** in response to COVID-19.
2. It is an Intergovernmental organization to help countries provide **sustainable energy for all**.
3. SRP focuses on cost-effective measures spanning **six Sectors**.
4. Sectors are Electricity, Transport, Buildings, Industry, Fuels, Low carbon Technologies.

SUKHNA LAKE IS WETLAND NOW

Key facts

1. Chandigarh wetland Authority declared Sukhna Lake as wetland under **wetland rule 2017**.
2. It is situated at **foothills of Shivalik hills**.
3. **Man-made lake** built in 1968.
4. The lake was also declared a **living entity**.
5. Wetlands in India is based on **Ramsar convention**.
6. Wetlands can be notified by Centre, state and UT administration.
7. Wetlands rules are notified under **Environment protection Act, 1986**.
8. Solid waste dumping, poaching, Discharge of untreated waste, Plastic carry bag, Feeding fish, birds by public, industry set up, Commercial mining are prohibited now.

FAVIRAVIR FOR COVID-19 CURE

Key facts

1. Anti viral drug **favipiravir** can be used for restricted emergency use in COVID-19 cases –Approved by Drug controller general of India (DGCI).
2. Shown positive results in **China and Japan**.
3. **Remdesivir** being also used for emergency response.

AR DAVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Key facts

1. Recommendation to make **SEBI mechanism** more robust and efficient.
2. Recommendation regarding-Reduce timeline for final orders, Improving recovery processes etc..

RAJYA SABHA ELECTIONS TO 19 STATES

Key facts

1. **one-third members** retires every second year.
2. Fresh elections and presidential nomination **every Third year**.
3. Members are elected by the elected **members of the state legislative assembly and UTs**.
4. Elections held in accordance with the system of **proportional representation**.
5. **Article 80**-Maximum strength of RS is **250**.
6. **Article 84** lays down the qualification of Members.