

## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Noticeable thinning of Chinese troops along the LAC in Ladakh, Chinese army have not vacated or removed semi permanent structures:official.
- India warned China that trying to alter the status quo on the ground by resorting to force would not just damage the peace that existed in the border areas but could also have “ripples and repercussions” in the broader bilateral relationship.
- Recovery from pandemic will be at terrible cost Academicians and experts point to Kerala’s effective response shielding it’s people from severity.
- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in its 2020 World Drug Report, has highlighted a wide range of possible consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on illegal drug production, supply and consumption. This could lead to an increase in the number of people resorting to illicit activities linked to drugs to make a living.
- Vietnam and the Philippines warned of growing insecurity in Southeast Asia at a regional summit(Hanoi).Amid concerns that China was stepping up its activity in the disputed South China Sea during the coronavirus pandemic.
- S&P Global Ratings said that Indian economy is in deep trouble with growth expected to contract by 5% this fiscal year.
- Auto, pharma unready to wean off China Industries depend heavily on Chinese supplies; executives say becoming more self-reliant will take time.
- The government need not, at present, focus on fiscal consolidation and increased public debt, rather it should concentrate on the fastest possible revival of the economy, 15th Finance Commission Chairman N.K. Singh, said.
- Concentration of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) over Delhi dropped to its lowest level this year in April since July 2018, a new analysis by three international space agencies including NASA, the European Space Agency, and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency has shown.

## UNIFORM FRAMEWORK FOR EXTENDED PRODUCERS RESPONSIBILITY(EPR) RELEASED BY MINISTRY OF FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE(MOEFC)

### Key facts

1. Plastic waste management Rules were notified in 2016.
2. EPR **fix responsibility of a producer** for the **environmentally sound management of the product**.
3. Guideline for Universal EPR Framework.
4. Fee Based Model-Producers will contribute to **EPR corpus fund** at the central level based on generation of plastic waste.
5. Producer Responsibility organisation(PRO) model-**PRO** will manage waste on behalf of producers.
6. **Plastic Credit Model**-Producer will recover equivalent amount of packaging waste and recycled.
7. Central Pollution Control Board(**CPCB**) monitors EPR.

## 5 YEARS OF ATAL MISSION FOR REJUVENATION AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION

### Key facts

1. About the Scheme-To provide basic amenities across 500 cities.
2. Achievements-Strengthening capacities of city level institutions for effective governance.
3. Online Building permission system.
4. **76 lakhs streetlights** replaced with LED streetlights.

## 5 YEARS OF SMART CITY MISSION

### Key facts

1. About the Scheme-To promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens(**Smart solutions**).
2. Achievements-Integrated Command and control centres(**ICCC**) helped cities in their fight against COVID-19 .
3. The Urban Learning Internship program(**TULIP**) helped fresh graduates as interns in ULBs and smart city special purpose vehicles(SPVs).
4. Raising finance through Municipal Bonds.

## WHAT IS COCCOLITHOPHORES

### Key facts

1. It is **singled-celled algae** living in the upper layer of Oceans.
2. It helps in **removing Carbon dioxide from atmosphere and ocean**.

## NEW NORMAL CAMPAIGN

### Key facts

1. **Behaviour change campaign** launched by **NITI aayog and Bill and Melinda gates foundation**.
2. Focusses on **COVID-19 safe behaviours** like wearing masks,Hand Hygiene and social distancing.

## I-LAB

### Key facts

1. India’s **first mobile testing laboratory**, part of Aatmnirbhar Bharat,Supported by Department of Biotechnology,Ministry of Science and Technology.