

NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- With individual donations and corporate contributions drying up amid the coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown, an institution (National Association of Blind) that has supported the education of visually impaired children in Delhi for decades is on its last legs.
- Pakistan offers to reopen Kartarpur on 29th June, India says short notice. Pandemic halted travel, Pak trying to create mirage of goodwill: Indian Officials.
- Mumbai has started reporting symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease (inflammation in the walls of some blood vessels in the body) among young patients with COVID-19.
- China will have to pay a “heavy price” for decades for resorting to aggressive military behaviour towards India in eastern Ladakh as it will isolate the country globally, strategic affairs experts said.
- The Jammu and Kashmir administration issued domicile certificates to more than 50 Bangladesh refugees as well as members of the Balmiki and Gorkha communities who have long been living in the region but were not eligible for full citizenship rights under the erstwhile state's laws.
- The centre issued revised clinical management protocols for treatment of Covid-19 patients, including the low-cost anti-inflammatory drug Dexamethasone as an alternative to another steroid, Methylprednisolone, for moderate to severe cases.
- The high-level Group of Ministers (GoM) held its seventeenth meeting on the current status of Covid-19 cases in the country. It was highlighted that eight states — Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Telangana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal — contribute 85.5 per cent of the active caseload and 87 per cent of the total deaths in India.
- Sri Lanka's request to India for a postponement of its debt repayment amid the current economic crisis is under consideration, No decision four months on despite a request to PM.

JOINT LUNAR EXPLORATION MISSION (LEM)

Key facts

1. **Joint mission** between Japanese space agency **JAXA and ISRO**.
2. To put lander and rover on the moon surface.
3. Aim-Obtain actual data regarding **quantity of water** From area where water is anticipated to exist.
4. Understand other parameters of lunar Water resources in **polar regions of the Moon**.
5. Mission will be launched in **2023**.
6. JAXA would be building landing module and rover while ISRO Would develop lander system.

INDIAN GAS EXCHANGE (IGX)

Key facts

1. It is set up by the **Indian energy exchange (IEX)**.
2. **First natural gas exchange** in the country enabling gas market and gas trade in the country.
3. Buyers and sellers will trade in spot and forward contracts at **designated physical hubs**.

WHAT IS AAROGYAPATH

Key facts

1. Web based national **healthcare supply chain portal**.
2. It provides **real-time availability of critical healthcare** supplies.
3. It would serve manufacturers, suppliers and customers.

AGRIDEX

Key facts

1. Agriculture future index launched by National commodity and derivatives exchange (**NCDEX**).
2. It comprises 10 commodities traded on NCDEX.
3. The Index represents **both kharif and rabi seasons** with price reference throughout the year.
4. NCDEX is the country's leading agricultural commodity Exchange.

FIRST INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT TRUST (InvIT)

Key facts

1. National Highway Authority of India (**NHAI**) filed and application with SEBI as it **plans to offer its projects under InvIT model**.
2. NHAI aims to **monetise its assets**.
3. InvIT are **similar to mutual funds** that allow investment from individual and institutional investors.

POPULATION ESTIMATION OF GAUR

Key facts

1. **Population estimation** exercise of the India gaur was carried out in the **Nilgiri forest division**.
2. **2000 Indian gaur** inhabit the entire division.
3. **World largest and tallest bovine**.
4. It comes under **IUCN Vulnerable status**.