

NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Tense standoff continues along the LAC, Despite Corps Commander talks, troops are in eyeball-to-eyeball positions.
- The draft environmental impact assessment(EIA) notification issued by Ministry of environment forests and climate change(MoEFCC) in march dilutes the EIA process and encourages environmental violations in case of big irrigation projects:South Asian network on dam,rivers and people(SANDRP).
- Hackers get data of 80,000 COVID-19 patients in Delhi.
- Centre unveils new rules to regulate exotic animal trade,Under the new rules,owners and possessors of such animals and birds must register their stock with the Chief Wildlife Warden of their States.
- Russian firms(Mining giant-Norilsk Nickel)to be probed over Arctic dumping,The incident occurred at the Talnakh enrichment plant near the Arctic city of Norilsk, when liquids used to process minerals were “discharged from a reservoir”.
- 86% jump in MGNREGA job demand in districts most migrants returned to.An analysis of data on the MGNREGA portal shows that the number of households availing MGNREGA work in 116 districts jumped to 89.83 lakh during May 86.27 percent up from 48.22 lakh the same month last year.
- According to Chinese official-The majority of the projects under China’s ambitious multi-billion-dollar BRI adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic.
- The situation thrown up by the Covid-19 pandemic may lead to a spurt in litigation, especially in “lending, credit, property, commerce and retail” in the coming months and Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) mechanisms can long along way in addressing this without burdening courts,NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has said.
- Thousands in western Myanmar(Rakhine state) flee as Army plans operations.

PROTECTION & REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF BONDED LABOUR

Key facts

1. SC asks National Human Rights Commission to **rescue bonded labours working in the brick kilns** in UP and Bihar.
2. Global slavery index 2016 estimates 1.8 crore Indians in **modern slavery**.
3. Bonded labour is **prohibited under Articles 21 and 23** and **Bonded Labour Abolition Act(BLSA),1976**.
4. Central government strategy-BLSA act-Executive magistrates to exercise powers of judicial magistrate of first or second class.
5. **Vigilance committee** at district and Sub-division levels.

MEGACITY URBAN FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Key facts

1. System is jointly conceived by **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology,Pune**,India Meteorological Department and National Centre for Coastal Research,Chennai.
2. It will provide early warnings for heavy rain in flood prone areas in **Mumbai and Chennai**.
3. It will also provide rainfall information,storm surge and issue based alerts.

SANKALP PARVA

Key facts

1. 2-week long tree plantation campaign called ‘**Sankalp Parva**’ from 28th June to 12th July 2020.
2. Ministry of Culture has recommended planting 5 trees: Bargad, Awla, Pepal, Ashok and Bel(**Herbal heritage of the country**).
3. Nationwide lockdown due to the COVID-19 the country has experienced the importance of a clean and healthy environment.

VOTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IN RUSSIA

1. As per the amendments, the term of the current (Vladimir Putin) and former (Dmitry Medvedev from 2008-2012) President of Russia will be reset or counted from 0 from 2024.
2. Either of them can be elected as the **President again in 2024**.
3. At present, a person can serve as the President of Russia for a maximum of two consecutive terms.
4. Putin looks to **lead Russia until 2036**.

INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPED TORPEDO DECOY SYSTEM

Key facts

1. The Indian Navy has inducted an Indigenously developed **Maareech capable Advanced Torpedo Decoy System**.
2. A Torpedo is a self-propelled underwater missile that can be launched from a surface vessel, submarine.
3. The successful induction of the Anti-Torpedo Decoy System has provided a massive boost to the **Make-in-India initiative**.