

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Mumbai terror attack mastermind and Jamatud Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed was sentenced to 10 years in jail by an antiterrorism court in Pakistan in two more terror financing cases.**
- **Community Cord Blood Banking, a stem cell banking initiative introduced by Life Cell in 2017, has helped save the life of a seven year old girl from Nashik in Maharashtra who was suffering from aplastic anaemia.**
- **The willow warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*), one of the longest migrating small birds that breeds throughout northern and temperate Europe and the Palearctic, has been sighted for the first time in the country in Thiruvananthapuram.**
- **The Joint Parliamentary Committee on Office of Profit headed by BJP MP Satya Pal Singh deliberated on whether an MP can continue to teach at a university and if this draws the provisions of "Office of Profit" rules.**
- **The Delhi High Court (HC) issued notice to the Union government on a petition seeking a direction to recognise same sex unions under the Hindu Marriage Act (HMA) and the Special Marriage Act (SMA).**
- **President Xi Jinping hailed China as the pivot point for global free trade, vowing to keep its "supersized" economy open for business and warning against protectionism as the world battles the COVID19 pandemic.**
- **Saudi Arabia announced it will invest \$20 billion in artificial intelligence projects by 2030, as the oil rich country seeks to diversify its economy amid slumping crude prices.**
- **Global forecasting firm Oxford Economics revised downwards its India growth forecast over the medium term to an average 4.5% over 2020-25, from its pre-pandemic projection of 6.5% India's post-COVID19 scars could be among the worst in the world.**

UNION MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE ADDRESSES GLOBAL PREVENTION COALITION(GPC) FOR HIV PREVENTION

- 1.GPC, formed in 2017, is a coalition of **United Nations Member States**, donors, civil society organizations and implementers to support global efforts **to accelerate HIV prevention.**
- 2.It seeks to ensure accountability for delivering prevention services at scale **in order to achieve the targets of the 2016 Political Declaration on Ending AIDS, including 75% reduction in HIV infections by 2020, and to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.**
- 3.India's HIV prevention model is centered on concept of 'Social Contracting through which the Targeted Interventions(TI) programmes is implemented.

MINISTRY OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY(MNRE) PROPOSES SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WIND/WIND-SOLAR HYBRID PARKS

- 1.Wind & solar energy are emerging as an alternative to conventional sources of energy. **The estimated solar power potential is 749 GW and wind power potential of the country is 695 GW.**
- 2.Unlike solar resources, wind resource is **mainly concentrated in Andhra Pradesh, Gujrat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.**
- 3.Park will be a concentrated zone of development of Wind/Wind-Solar Hybrid power projects.

GOVERNMENT PLACES LAKSHMI VILAS BANK(LVB) UNDER MORATORIUM

- 1.Central Government has imposed a moratorium on LVB for thirty days in exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 after considering an application made by the Reserve Bank of India.
- 2.A moratorium is a temporary suspension of activity until future events warrant lifting of the suspension.
- 3.This debacle in Indian Banking sector is in continuation with the failure of IL&FS, PMC Bank and Yes Bank.

CAPACITY BUILDING COMPONENT OF PM FORMALISATION OF MICRO FOOD PROCESSING ENTERPRISES(PM-FME) SCHEME RELEASED

- 1.**PM-FME scheme was launched under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to provide financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.**
- 2.Capacity building component will include **training of Master Trainers(empanelled by states)** by National institutes. Master Trainers would train the District Level Trainers who would in turn impart training to the beneficiaries.

BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MAHARASHTRA AND KARNATAKA

- 1.Belagavi(earlier Belgaum) is a district in Karnataka, which borders Maharashtra's Kolhapur district.
- 2.States Reorganisation Act, 1956 made Belgaum a part of Karnataka in 1973.
- 3.**Maharashtra claims over 814 villages along the border, as well as Belgaum city, which are currently part of Karnataka.** 3.**Exoplanets** extrasolar planets are planets that lie outside of the solar system Orbit around stars other than the sun.