

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The RBI working group's proposal to allow corporate houses to set up banks is a "bombshell" and at this juncture, it is more important to stick to the tried and tested limits on involvement of business houses in the banking sector said former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan.
- Chinese media claimed that a new border village built by China near Bhutan was on Chinese territory, but released images of the village show its location on territory disputed by the two countries.
- A digital COVID19 relief concert series, titled "Padharo Mhare Des", has been launched here to support folk artistes, deprived of regular livelihood for several months, in the remote areas of Rajasthan.
- The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) wants to expedite the environment appraisal of industrial projects. These appraisals, as per norms, are conducted by independent panels of experts that have representatives from the government as well as from outside, trained in matters of ecology, wildlife and habitat preservation.
- The suspected terrorists who were killed in an encounter in Nagrota, on November 19 belonged to the Pakistan based Jaishe Mohammad, Foreign Secretary informed a select group of Heads of Missions.
- The government must make efforts to ramp up services offered at anganwadis to make up for lost time, say experts after the Centre announced its decision to reopen anganwadis across the country after a gap of seven months.
- Israeli media reports and a government source said on Monday Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had met for landmark talks in Saudi Arabia with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, but Riyadh denied that the meeting took place.

## 28 FOOD PROCESSING PROJECTS WORTH OVER RS 320 CRORES APPROVED ACROSS MANY STATES

1. Projects were **approved under Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities(CEFPPC)** of Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
2. CEFPPC scheme is for creation of processing and preservation capacities and **modernisation/expansion of existing food processing units** with a view to increasing the level of processing, value addition leading to reduction of wastage.
3. It is implemented through organizations such as Central & State PSUs/Joint ventures Farmer producers Organization/NGOs/Cooperatives/SHG etc.

## THIRD PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION(PCA)-INDIA CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW DELHI

1. India at the 3rd PCA-India Conference has highlighted how "**upholding of international law is central to India's diplomacy**". Further, India supports the PCA and its mandate to resolve international disputes.
2. PCA was established by the Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes during the first Hague peace Conference in **1899**.
3. It is the first permanent intergovernmental organization to provide a **forum for the resolution of international disputes through arbitration and other peaceful means**.

## LAND RECORDS TO BE LINKED WITH e-COURTS

1. Government is **Planning to link e-courts with land records** and registration databases of the Department of Land Resources.
2. As per an estimate, about 7.7 million people in India are affected by conflict over 2.5 million hectares of land, threatening investments worth \$200 billion.
3. Also, according to the Centre for Policy Research, about 25% of all cases decided by the Supreme Court involve land disputes.
4. Linking the record will **help at easier disposal of land disputes**.

## UMANG APP INDIA(UNIFIED MOBILE APPLICATION FOR NEW-AGE GOVERNANCE) COMPLETES THREE YEARS

1. It has been developed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(Meity) and National e-Governance Division(NeGD) to drive Mobile Governance in India.
2. It provides a **single platform for all Indian Citizens to access pan India e-Gov services ranging from Central to Local Government bodies and other citizen centric services**.
3. It provides easy access to a plethora of Indian government services ranging from-Healthcare, Finance, Education, Housing, Energy, Agriculture, Transport to even Utility and Employment and Skills.

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX(GST) REGISTRATION MAY BE LINKED TO BIOMETRICS

1. Law committee of GST Council has recommended tightening the registration process to weed out those issuing fake invoices.
2. Annually, 18-19 lakh new GST registration take place, but at the end of the year only 30% of them are left. About 13-14 lakh GST-registered entities vanish.
3. Committee suggested new or fresh GST applicants follow an Aadhaar-like process under which new registration can be done online with a live photo, use of biometrics and verification of documents.