

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The National Nutrition Mission or the Poshan Abhiyaan, the world's largest nutrition programme for children and mothers, must be stepped up to meet the targets set by the Centre to reduce stunting, wasting and anaemia by 2022, says a report by NITI Aayog.
- The right to live with a person of his or her choice irrespective of religion is intrinsic to the right to life and liberty. Interference in a personal relationship would constitute a serious encroachment into the right to freedom of choice of two individuals, the Allahabad High Court has said.
- The government blocked 43 more mobile apps, including major Chinese ones such as AliSuppliers, AliExpress citing threat to national security, integrity and sovereignty.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the State governments to set up steering committees and block wise task forces to prepare for the distribution of COVID19 vaccines as and when they are available for disbursement.
- Women Army officers moved the Supreme Court to debunk the defence establishment's announcement that 422 of 615 women officers screened have been found "fit" for a Permanent Commission (PC). They said the announcement was more optics than substance.
- Sri Lanka and China will expedite ongoing development cooperation projects, and increase trade and investment, with "a special focus" on poverty alleviation and livelihoods generation.
- The government has tightened its procurement norms to make it tougher for Ministries to pursue global tenders for contracts worth up to ₹200 crore.
- To help reduce imports and make India an export hub for the tooling sector, government intervention is critical in helping to set up clusters.

MARIANA TRENCH

1. Recently, **China vessel Fendouzhe, descended more than 10,000 metres into Mariana Trench** with three research on board.
2. Mariana Trench is the deepest part of the ocean (11,034 metres deep) and the deepest location on earth in the western Pacific east of the Philippines.
3. Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench, is the deepest known spot in the world's oceans below the surface of the Pacific Ocean.

INDIAN MEDICINE CENTRAL COUNCIL (POST GRADUATE AYURVEDA EDUCATION) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2020

1. New regulations has come after the Central Council of Indian Medicine amended Indian Medicine Central Council (Post Graduate Ayurveda Education Education) Regulations, 2016, **to include the regulation to allow the PG students of Ayurveda to practise general surgery.**
2. CCIM is the statutory body that regulates the Indian Medical systems of Ayurveda, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Unani Medicine.
3. Earlier, Indian Medical Association has been opposing the Centre's move to allow traditional systems of AYUSH to offer allopathic therapies and treatment.

KALA-AZAR OR VISCERAL LEISHMANIASIS (VL)

1. It is a tropical disease characterised by irregular fever, weight loss, anaemia and swelling of spleen and liver.
2. It is caused by a **protozoan Leishmania parasite and is transmitted to humans by bite of infected female sandflies.**
3. According to WHO, globally about 7 to 10 lakh new cases occur annually.
4. India accounts for about 2/3rd of total global cases, and it is endemic to Bihar, Jharkhand, UP and West Bengal.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INFUSION FOR BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION

1. Ministry of Jal Shakti has recommended **five technologies in Drinking Water & Sanitation** to provide Field Level Solutions to States/UTs.
2. Five technologies, three technologies for drinking water and two technologies for sanitation.
3. **Ground AQPure, Janajal Water on Wheel, Presto Online Chlorinator, Johkasou technology.**

MEGAFLOOD ON MARS' GALE CRATER

1. Recently, data collected by **NASA's Curiosity rover found that mega flash floods washed through the Gale crater of Mars some four billion years ago.**
2. This discovery hints that Mars was capable of sustaining life a long time ago.
3. Megaflood event may have been result of heat produced by a meteoric impact which let loose stored on Mars' surface and led to gigantic ripples. These similar features were formed by melting ice on earth two million years ago.

CYCLONE NIVAR

1. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast the development of a cyclone in the Southwest region of the Bay of Bengal, off Tamil Nadu coast.
2. After cyclone Gaja in 2018, this will be the second cyclone to cross Tamil Nadu in the last two years.
3. The **name of the cyclone Nivar has been proposed by Iran** and cyclone may acquire the speed of 110km/hr. **Tamil Nadu and Puducherry** have been put on alert.