

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Call it Atmanirbhar China. Self reliance isn't only the flavour of the moment in India, but increasingly the phrase of choice in China, where a leadership, chastened by the impact of COVID19, a trade war with the U.S., and a reassessment by many countries of their dependence on Chinese supply chains, is making an accelerated push to reframe the nature of China's engagement with the world.
- About 30 crore people will be part of the first "wave" to get the COVID19 vaccine in India. They consist of health care workers, police personnel, those above 50 and those younger with underlying illnesses that make them vulnerable, said Principal Scientific Adviser K. Vijay Raghavan.
- India's renewable energy deployment plans for the coming decade are likely to generate business opportunities worth \$20 billion a year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.
- Tens of thousands of farmers are planning to storm Delhi to protest against the Centre's new farm reform laws. With the Delhi police moving to prevent their entry, the alliance of farmers groups demanding the repeal of the laws has called for an "indefinite siege" of the Capital.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi again pitched for 'One Nation, One Election', saying it is the need of the country as elections taking place every few months hamper development works.
- President Ram Nath Kovind said persons occupying high constitutional posts should strive to set an example by rising above partisanship and prejudices.
- Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla reached Kathmandu in a major outreach to Nepal, which has been caught in a bitter boundary dispute with India regarding the Kalapani region for more than a year.

## UNITED NATIONS(UN) LAUNCHED THE SANITATION AND HYGIENE FUND(SHF)

- 1.SHF is global financing mechanism which will provide accelerated funding to countries with heaviest burden of disease stemming from lack of sanitation services and least ability to respond.
- 2.It aims to raise \$2 billion over the next five years to support the efforts. It is hosted by UN Office for Project Services.
- 3.Objectives of SHF- **expanding household sanitation, ensuring menstrual health and hygiene, providing sanitation and hygiene in schools and healthcare facilities, supporting innovative solutions.**

## GEOSPATIAL TECH CAN FAST-TRACK SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS(SDG) BEYOND COVID-19:UNESCAP

- 1.Geospatial Practices for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific 2020 report was released by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific(UNESCAP)
- 2.Report highlights-Importance of the growing usage of Geospatial data by ESCAP Member States. Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development(2018-2030) was **adopted to capitalize on the technological and geospatial innovations in the region.**
- 3.Report praises India on-**BHUVAN, India's national geospatial developed by ISRO that helped in combating COVID-19. Water Resource Information System(WRIS) led by ISRO.**

## SEVERAL VERDICTS RAISE CONCERNS OF JUDICIAL OVERREACH:VICE PRESIDENT

- 1.Vice President further underlined that none of the three organs of the State i.e. legislature, the executive and the judiciary can claim to be supreme as only the Constitution is paramount. Instances of judicial overreach referred here included:
- 2.Banning Diwali fireworks, banning of use of vehicles of certain make after 10 or 15 years, monitoring police investigation, denying executive a role in appointment of judges through collegiums and invalidating National Judicial Appointments Commission(NJAC) Act.
- 3.**Judicial overreach refers to an extreme form of judicial activism where arbitrary, unreasonable and frequent interventions** are made by judiciary into the legislature's domain, often with the intention with the intention of disrupting the balance of powers between executive, legislature and judiciary.

## NATIONAL PORTALS FOR TRANSGENDER PERSONS

- 1.Recently, **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment(MoSJE) launched National Portal for Transgender persons.**
- 2.Portal is for issuing I-cards to transgender without physical Interface and without having to visit any office.
- 3.Portal will help community get Transgender Certificate and Identity Cards as per their self-perceived identity which is an important provision of The Transgender Persons(Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.
- 4.MoSJE also **e-inaugurated Garima Greh which is a shelter home to provide shelter to Transgender persons**, with basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and support capacity-building.