

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- With illicit cannabis cultivation continuing to flourish in remote areas of the Odisha, the Odisha Space Application Centre (OSAC) has proposed to help law enforcement agencies detect the activity using remote sensing and artificial intelligence technologies.
- In Bihar, 89% Assembly constituencies have three or more candidates who have declared criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits for the ongoing elections, an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms(ADR) found.
- The Supreme Court stayed the October 30 order of the Election Commission (EC) revoking the 'star campaigner' status of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath.
- In the face of growing anxiety and protests in regions of Jammu and Kashmir, the J&K administration said the recently introduced land laws "will afford protection to over 90% of the land in the Union Territory (UT)", and the previous laws were "antipeople".
- States had been asked for their suggestions to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Centre is prepared to make laws and create infrastructure to make women safe.
- Priyanka Radhakrishnan became New Zealand's First ever Indian origin Minister after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern inducted five new Ministers into her executive.
- Islamic State militants in Afghanistan stormed the Kabul University as it hosted a book fair attended by the Iranian Ambassador, sparking an hours long gun battle and leaving at least 25 dead at the wartorn country's largest school.
- India's manufacturing sector activity improved for the third straight month in October with companies raising output to the greatest extent in 13 years amid robust sales growth.

REGIONAL RURAL BANK(RRB) GET RS 670 CRORE FROM CENTRE TO MEET REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 1.As per the current scheme for recapitalisation of RRBs, the capital support is provided to RRBs by the Centre, **concerned state governments and the sponsor banks in the ratio of 50:15:35, respectively.**
- 2.It aims to enable them to meet the regulatory requirement of capital to risk weighted assets ratio(CRAR) of 9%.
- 3.**CRAR is the ratio of a bank's capital in relation to its risk weighted assets and current liabilities.**

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR MANAGING MENTAL ILLNESS AMID CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

- 1.Guidelines have been issued in a bid to **minimise the risk of coronavirus exposure and protecting vulnerable patients to psychiatric disorders** as well as frontline healthcare workers.
- 2.Guidelines-Establish a hotline between a mental health establishment and a nearby COVID designated hospital. Training on **managerial aspects of healthcare workers.**
- 3.Authorities should nominate a **nodal officer and assigned the task of reviewing these guidelines periodically.**

ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS(AITUC) TURNS 100

- 1.**In 1920, AITUC was formed by leaders like Lala Lajpat Rai, Narayan Malhar Joshi, Joseph Baptista, Diwan Chaman Lal etc to provide labour representation for India at the League of Nations` International Labour Organisation(ILO).**
- 2.**Lala Lajpat Rai, was elected as the first president of AITUC and Dewan Chaman Lal as the first general secretary.**
- 3.**Gaya session of the Congress(1922) welcomed formation of the AITUC and a committee was formed to assist it.**

WORLD BANK'S MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

- 1.The brief provides an update on key developments in the area of migration and remittance flows and related policies.
- 2.Key highlights-**Remittances to India would fall this year by 9% to USD 76 billion.**
- 3.India followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt continue to be the top five countries in 2020 to receive foreign remittance.
- 4.Reason for decline-**Weak economic growth and employment levels in migrant-hosting countries, weak oil prices, and depreciation of the currencies of remittance-source countries against the US dollar.**

RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND(RDF)

- 1.Recently, centre withheld rural development fee from Punjab.
- 2.**RDF is the 3% cess levied on the purchase or sale of agricultural produce under the Rural Development Fund Act, 1987.**
- 3.It comes mainly from central government's purchase agency, Food Corporation of India.

STRATEGIC POLICY & FACILITATION BUREAU(SPFB)

- 1.It is a **joint initiative of Ministry of AYUSH and Invest to facilitate planned and systematic growth of the Ayush Sector.**
- 2.Activities of SPFB includes-Knowledge Creation and Management. Strategic & Policy-Making support.