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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Kosovo's President Hashim Thaci, a guerrilla leader during Kosovo's war for independence from Serbia in the 1990s, resigned on Thursday and will face charges for war crimes at a special court in The Hague.
- India's experience of holding elections during the COVID19 pandemic showed that other countries could go on with scheduled polls and not defer them, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora said.
- All insults or intimidations to persons belonging to Dalit or tribal communities will not be an offence under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, the Supreme Court said in a judgment. Caste angle crucial, says top court.
- India on Thursday called as "highly condemnable" Pakistan's decision to transfer the management of the Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara from a Sikh body to a separate trust, saying it runs against the religious sentiments of the Sikh community.
- The government announced simplified guidelines for business process outsourcing (BPO) and IT-enabled services (ITES) players to reduce the compliance burden for the industry.
- Cybercriminals took advantage of COVID19, adjusting their cybercrime campaigns to lure victims with pandemic-based themes and exploiting people working from home, according to a study. The study was conducted with the help of over a billion sensors in India.
- Stepping up their protests against the three recently passed agriculture laws and the proposed Electricity Amendment Bill, farmers in 18 States blocked roads and staged demonstrations at more than 2,500 locations, according to leaders from the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC).

ACCURATE FORECAST HELPS FARMERS, FISHERMAN SAVE CRORES:NCAER SURVEY

- 1.National Council of Applied Economic Research(NCAER) has carried out a survey to assess the economic impact of the National Monsoon Mission(NMM) and high-Performance Computing(HPC) facilities on farmers, livestock owners, and fisherfolks.
- 2.NMM was setup in 2012 with the objective to set up a dynamical prediction system for seasonal forecast and to improve the monsoon forecasting skills in the country.
- 3.Key finding-With an initial investment of Rs.1000 crores, NMM and HPC facilities result in a 50-fold increase in its economic benefits. Agricultural practices based on weather parameters help farmers in reducing their losses and increasing their incomes. Livestock owners adhere to proper vaccination schedules, fodder practices.

SUPREME COURT(SC) UNHAPPY WITH PARDON PLEA OF RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION CONVICT PENDING FOR 2 YEARS.

- 1.Remission of the sentence of A G Perarivalan, convict in Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, had been pending before Governor for over two years.
- 2.Tamil Nadu government's Cabinet had passed a resolution in 2018 and recommended to Tamil Nadu Governor for the premature release of all seven convicts in the case.
- 3.SC made it clear during the hearing that it was reluctant to exercise its jurisdiction under Article 142 when Governor was already seized of Perarivalan's plea for pardon under Article 161.
- 4.Article 142 grants the power to SC for passing any decree to do "complete justice".

DEPLOYING BACKEND TECH FOR 5G FACES ROADBLOCKS

- 1.There could be a delay in the rollout of 5G technology because of differences between most states and Centre in policies for setting up critical telecom infrastructure.
- 2.Some issues faced- Fee levied by states on companies for installing mobile towers and laying fibre cables. State have multiple policies at different levels.
- 3.Only 18 states opted for Right of Way(RoW) policy- RoW is a framework to setup telecom towers, lay fibre cables, settle disputes in a time-bound manner and to improve coordination among private firms, states and local bodies.

SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND(SWF)

- 1.In line with the Budget announcement, Central Board of Direct Taxes has allowed income-tax exemption to Abu Dhabi's SWF, MIC Redwood 1 RSC.
- 2.It is the first foreign SWF to get 100% tax exemption in the case of income from interest, dividend, and long-term capital gains for its investment in infrastructure.
- 3.SWF is a state-owned investment fund comprised of money generated by the government, often derived from a country's surplus reserves.

COMMON SERVICE CENTRE(CSC) GRAMEEN e STORE

- 1.The government's rural e commerce venture has touched Rs 100 crore in turnover and nearly a million transactions within eight months of launch.
- 2.CSC Grameen eStore is an eCommerce initiative by the CSC SPV to promote digital ordering and delivering safely to the consumer doorstep.