

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- 'U.S. aiming to build an Indo-Pacific NATO'. Quad(Members-India, U.S., Japan and Australia) seeks to trumpet the Cold War mentality and to stir up confrontation: China's Foreign Minister.
- At least 28 farmer unions in Punjab, which have been protesting against the controversial new farm marketing laws, have agreed to hold discussions on the issue with the Union Agriculture Ministry in Delhi.
- India's economy to contract by 10.3% this fiscal, says IMF. It is expected to bounce back with 8.8 % growth next year.
- After talks fail to break impasse, China blames India for tensions. Beijing points the finger at infra development, deployments by India along LAC.
- The principal who won freedom for Indian hostages. Head of the Indian school in Benghazi, Tabassum Mansoor, led the negotiations with militants in Libya.
- Greece will not hold talks with Turkey on defusing tension in the eastern Mediterranean unless Ankara withdraws an energy research ship from contested areas.
- 'Centre may provide further stimulus'. Indications are there could be more, over and above ministimulus package from the FM.
- A day after the GST Council failed to arrive at a consensus on the mode of borrowings to meet compensation shortfalls facing the States, the Finance Ministry permitted 20 States, including Maharashtra, to raise ₹ 68,825 crore through open market borrowings.
- COVID19 specific health policies Corona Kavach and Corona Rakshak to get longer run Insurance regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) permits their renewal, migration and portability.

## MOUSHIK

- 1.It is indigenous microprocessor,developed by IIT Madras.
- 2.It **aims to reduce dependence on other countries and as it is open source the design can be picked up by start-ups and customised to their needs.**
- 3.It can cater to the rapidly-growing Internet of things(IoT)devices, an integral part of Smart Cities of a Digital India.

## INDIA ENERGY MODELLING FORUM(IEMF)

- 1.NITI Aayog announced governing structure of India Energy Modelling Forum.
- 2.IEMF was jointly launched by NITI Aayog and United States Agency for International Development(USAID) under the **US-India Strategic Energy Partnership.**
- 3.IEMF aims to engage Indian researchers, knowledge partners,think tanks and national and International government agencies and departments for modelling and **long-term energy planning.**

## FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE(FATF)

- 1.FATF's regional group for Asia-Pacific has **retained Pakistan in its 'Enhanced Follow Up'** list due to the country's poor compliance on terror financing and money laundering.
- 2.Earlier, Pakistan was under '**Greylist' (formally called 'other monitored jurisdiction')** of FATF and was given action plan to curb terror financing and money laundering.
- 3.**FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.India is a member of FATF.**

## KAMDHENU DEEPAWALI ABHIYAN

- 1.This campaign is started by Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog(RKA) to promote extensive use of cow-dung and products during this Diwali Festival
- 2.Objectives-Generating business opportunities to thousands of cow-based entrepreneurs.
- 3.Providing an environment friendly alternative to Chinese made diyas.

## LARGEST EVER ARCTIC SCIENCE EXPEDITION MOSAiC ENDS

- 1.MOSAiC(Multidisciplinary drafting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate) expedition **aimed understanding the Arctic climate system and its representation in global climate models.**
- 2.Under MOSAiC, German ship RV Polarstern spent over a year in Arctic region.
- 3.It was organized by the Alfred Wegner Institute in Germany with Participants from 19 other countries. It included Indian researcher.
- 4.Research on Arctic climate system is crucial as-It **strongly affect global climate and modifying habitat.**New shipping routes are opening up.New fishing grounds will become accessible.

## MADRID PRINCIPLES FOR CONFLICT SETTLEMENT

- 1.It is a **basic principle for a peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict(between Armenia and the Armenians)** transmitted at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe(OSCE) Ministerial Council,Madrid in 2007.
- 2.OSCE is the world's largest security-oriented intergovernmental organization.