

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- India assumed the role of chair of the International Labour Organisation's(ILO) governing body from October 2020 till June 2021. The body decides on matters of agenda and budget as well as elects the Director General of ILO.
- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) decided to keep Pakistan on the "grey list" till the next review of its compliance with the recommendations made in February next year.
- Facebook India's policy head Ankhi Das appeared before the Joint Committee of Parliament that is examining the draft Data Protection Bill. However, ecommerce giant Amazon declined to depose before the panel on October 28.
- Libya's warring factions signed a permanent ceasefire agreement, but any lasting end to years of chaos and bloodshed will require wider agreement among myriad armed groups and the outside powers that support them.
- Punjab has witnessed a sharp rise in stubble burning incidents this kharif season with paddy harvesting gaining pace.
- The country's foreign exchange reserves touched a life time high of \$555.12 billion according to RBI data.
- Kicking off its borrowing plan to meet the GST compensation shortfalls face by States, the Centre borrowed and transferred ₹ 6,000 crore to 16 States as well as the Union Territories of Delhi and J&K.
- A second wave of COVID19 remains a threat to the Indian economy and the central bank believes monetary policy needs to remain accommodative despite inflationary pressures:RBI
- Pandemic would delay the expansion of electric vehicles (EVs) in the Indian auto industry, according to India Ratings and Research (IndRa).

THE FUTURE OF JOBS REPORT 2020 RELEASED BY WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

- 1.Report provides the timely insights needed to orient labour markets and workers towards opportunity today and in the future of work.
- 2.Key Findings- **Workforce is automating faster** than expected. In the absence of proactive efforts, **inequality is likely to be exacerbated** by the dual impact of technology and pandemic recession.
- 3.In 2025, analytical thinking, creativity and flexibility are among the top skills needed.

THE WORLD'S WOMEN 2020: TRENDS AND STATISTICS RELEASED BY UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

- 1.Report provides a reality-check on the global status of women 25 years since adoption of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action(for advancing women's rights).
- 2.Key Findings-While status of women has improved with regard to education, early marriage, childbearing and maternal mortality, the progress has stagnated in other areas.
- 3.**Gender gap is largest in Southern Asia(54%) and in India, ratio of female-to-male labour force participation rate was 29.8 in 2019.**

ANAEMIA MUKT BHARAT INDEX(AMBI)

- 1.Recently, Haryana topped Anemia Mukh Bharat Index.
- 2.**AMBI has been launched to reduce the prevalence of Anaemia** all over India.Anemia is a condition that develops when there is **iron deficiency or lack of healthy red blood cells** or haemoglobin in the blood.
- 3.According to NFHS 2016, 58.6% of children, 53.2% of non-pregnant women and 50.4% of pregnant women were found to be anaemic.

TIDAL DISRUPTION EVENT

- 1.Recently this event was observed by astronomers. In this event, **a rare blast of light appears from a star being ripped apart by a supermassive black hole.Recently**, this event was observed by astronomers.
- 2.This happens when a star wanders too close to a supermassive black hole in the centre of a galaxy, and the extreme gravitational pull of the black hole shreds the star into thin streams of material(known as spaghettification).

NITI AAYOG PANEL FOR REFORMS IN URBAN PLANNING EDUCATION

- 1.A panel constituted by the NITI Aayog will look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system.
- 2.Mandates of the committee-The committee will review the urban planning education system in India in terms of multi disciplinary curriculum and related issues at graduate and postgraduate levels in the context of the challenges posed by rapid urbanization.

2nd REGIONAL RAW DRUG REPOSITORY(RRDR) OF NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD(NMPB) INAUGURATED

- 1.NMPB(under Ministry of Ayush) aims to setup **8 RRDRs in respect of raw drugs used in the Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy(ASU&H)** systems of medicine.