

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- India made an indirect reference to Pakistan's involvement in fomenting terrorism in Kashmir and said despite such challenges, grass roots level democracy has flourished in the volatile region. We remain committed to upholding all human rights despite cross-border terrorism, it tells UNHRC(United Nation Human Right Commission).
- China has mobilised a large number of troops and armaments along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) as well as in the "depth areas", India has made appropriate counter deployments, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh informed the Lok Sabha.
- The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain will become the latest Arab states to break a longstanding taboo when they sign agreements toward normalising relations with Israel in a strategic realignment of West Asian countries against Iran.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Union Environment Ministry to furnish a report on whether plastic pens fall under the purview of plastic waste management rules.
- The Lok Sabha passed the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020, which seeks to cut salaries of MPs by 30%.
- The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020, which was passed by the Lok Sabha on March 17, was passed by Parliament on Tuesday. The bill related with the privatisation of airports. The Upper House passed the Bill by a voice vote.
- India responded strongly after Pakistan displayed the newly unveiled political map of the country during the meeting of the National Security Advisers of the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM(PMJVK)

1. Since 2018, erstwhile Multi-sectoral Development programme has been restructured and rename as PMJVK.
2. It **seeks to provide better socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities** particularly in the field of education,health & skill development.
3. About 33-40 resources are allocated for women-centric projects.
4. Under PMJVK,land of State Government/State Government bodies, land of other organisations such as security organizations, Waqf, Gram Panchayat can also be utilised for various educational,skill development projects.

MANAK(MILLION MINDS AUGMENTED NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE)

1. It was launched in 2017 by Department of Science and Technology in partnership with the National innovation Foundation.
2. Objective of the scheme is to target one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications **to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children.**
3. Meritorious ideas are rewarded with the award money of Rs 10,000 with option of showcasing it to district,state, and national level exhibition along with mentoring support.

NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS HOLISTIC ADVANCEMENT(NISHTHA)

1. **It is a capacity building programme for improving quality of school education through integrated teacher training.**
2. It aims to build competencies among all the teachers and school principles at the elementary stage.
3. Functionaries(at the state,district,block,cluster level) shall be trained in learning outcomes, school based assessment,learner-centred pedagogy etc.

ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY REGULATION(ART) BILL 2020 INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. ART Bill was approved by cabinet in February,2020 with an aim to monitor medical procedures used to assist people to achieve pregnancy.
2. It is **intended to regulate ART clinics and banks, prevention of misuse,safe and ethical practice of ART services.**
3. The bill can protect the affected woman and children from exploitation as India has one of the highest growths in ART centres.

INDIA WILL BE SELF-RELIANT IN THE PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS BY 2023

1. Currently,fertiliser production of the country is 42-45 million tonnes, and imports are at around 18 million tonnes.
2. **Primary fertilizers used to supply nutrients to soil are Nitrogenous(urea),Phosphatic(di-ammonium phosphate(DAP)) and Potassic(muriate of potash(MOP)) fertilizers.**
3. India ranks second in the production of nitrogenous fertilizers and third in phosphatic fertilizers.