

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Union government said the Supreme Court should frame guidelines drawing the line between journalistic freedom and responsible journalism for digital media first rather than mainstream electronic and print media.
- Terming the two agriculture marketing reform Bills passed by the Lok Sabha as “anti-farmer” legislation, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MP and Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal resigned from the Union Cabinet in protest.
- Eight regional parties held a joint protest at Parliament House demanding that the Centre pay GST dues it owes to the States at the earliest.
- The U.S. is keen that India sign the last foundational agreement, Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-Spatial Cooperation (BECA), at the next India-U.S. 2+2 ministerial dialogue likely to held in October end.
- India, Pakistan to attend SAARC meet Jaishankar and Shah Mehmood Qureshi are expected to meet via videoconference on September 24.
- China’s recent actions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) have caused the U.S. to develop its partnership with India to counter Chinese aggression, a top Trump administration National Security Council (NSC) official said.
- Pak. to make GilgitBaltistan a full-fledged province: report, ‘Imran to make announcement during his visit to the region’.
- COVID-19 induced economic and property market disruptions would cause loan delinquencies in micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

## KALADAN MULTIMODAL PROJECT

1. This is **part of India’s Look East policy connecting north eastern States and the ASEAN region.**
2. Kaladan project **connects Kolkata with Sittwe port in Rakhine state of Myanmar** by sea.
3. In Myanmar, It will then link Sittwe port to Paletwa in Chin state via the Kaladan river boat route, and then from Paletwa by road to Mizoram.

## PENDENCY OF CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST LEGISLATORS-SC RESERVES ORDERS ON AMICUS SUGGESTIONS

1. Supreme Court(SC) reserves its order on Amicus Curiae, Vijay Hansaria’s report for **expeditious disposal of criminal trials pending against legislators(sitting and former) across the country.**
2. During the hearing, Centre also called for timely disposal of cases against legislators.

## MINISTRY OF POWER RELEASED DRAFT ELECTRICITY(RIGHTS OF CONSUMERS) RULES,2020

1. Rules are aimed to identify the key services, prescribe minimum service levels and standards with respect to these services and recognize them as rights of consumers.
2. Key Features-New connections to have Prepaid/Smart Prepaid meters, Reliability of service, compensation to consumers.
3. Electricity Prosumer-**Prosumer is a phenomenon wherein an electricity consumer also becomes a supplier.**

## DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT/JEDDAH AMENDMENT(DCOC/JA)

1. India has joined Japan, Norway, UK and US as observer to DCOC.
2. **DCOC/JA is a grouping on matters comprising 18 member states adjoining the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, the East Coast of Africa and Island countries in the Indian Ocean Region.**
3. It is **aimed at repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean Region,** the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

## PARLIAMENT PASSED THE INSTITUTE OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN AYURVEDA BILL 2020

1. It will establish an Ayurvedic institution-**Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda(ITRA) at Jamnagar(Gujrat).**
2. ITRA is sought to be established by conglomerating the presently existing Ayurveda institutes at Gujrat Ayurved University campus Jamnagar.

## HIMAYAT

1. It is a placement linked **skill training programme for unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir.**
2. Under this, youth will be provided free skill training for a duration of 3 to 12 months, in a range of skills