

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Assam government has informed a UAPA(Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act)tribunal that major extremist outfits of the northeast had contacted Chinese authorities for assistance in their “fight against India”, but the Chinese had refused to provide assistance directly or indirectly.
- Malayalam literature witnessed a golden moment when the Jnanpith award was handed over to poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri. Akkitham has contributed such seminal works as Pathalathinte Muzhakkam, Irupatham Noottandinte Ithiha-sam, and Balidarshanam.
- India and Pakistan crossed swords over terrorism and Jammu and Kashmir at the Foreign Minister’s meetings of the 8 nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and the 27nation Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).
- Harley-Davidson Inc. has announced that it will discontinue its sales and manufacturing operations in India and shed about 70 jobs in the country as part of a global strategic restructuring plan ‘The Rewire’.
- Farmers in parts of Punjab started a Three day ‘rail roko’ agitation under the banner of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Samiti (KMSS) against the Union government’s three farm Bills.
- ‘If PLA(Chinese Army) comes close, our troops can fire’. Clear message given to Chinese that pushing back Indian soldiers won’t work: official.
- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has recommended an investigation into the purchase of five Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) engines in 2010 by the Indian Air Force.

WHAT IS BRUCELLOSIS

1. ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute has **developed a Brucella abortus S19 Triangle per vaccine for Brucellosis.**
2. Brucellosis is a **bacterial disease that mainly infects cattle,swine,goats,sheep and dogs.**
3. Brucellosis is one of the most important zoonotic diseases worldwide and also endemic in India causing huge economic losses to dairy industry.

LEAD BY RENEWABLES, NON-FOSSILS SHARE IN ENERGY BASKET SURGE

1. Share of clean energy in India’s total power generation has risen to 30% in first 5 months of FY21 compared to 24.9% in FY 20
2. **Three states, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujrat, together account for 46% of India’s installed renewable capacity of 88,793 MW.**

CURIE(CONSOLIDATION OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FOR INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN UNIVERSITIES)

1. It is a special initiative, of the Department of Science & Technology(DST), **to support 8 women universities in the country for improving R&D infrastructure and enhance research facilities.**
2. It resulted in a significant increase of student Enrolment at undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. levels in CURIE supported Universities. It has also enhanced the number of NET/GATE qualified students.
3. In 2015, DST established an Artificial intelligence(AI) lab in 6 CURIE beneficiary universities with the goal of fostering AI innovations.

PM YUVA(PM YUVA UDYAMITA VIKAS ABHIYAN)

1. It is the **flagship scheme of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship(MSDE)** on entrepreneurship education and training, advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship support network to over 14 lakh youth.
2. It focuses on students/trainees and alumni coming out of the skilling ecosystem such as industrial Training Institutes, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, etc.
3. It helps in **connecting entrepreneurs to network of ideas, mentors and funding.**

STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND(SDRF)

1. Prime Minister announced that **States can spend 50% of SDRF for COVID-19 relief. Earlier limit was 35%.**
2. SDRF, constituted under Disaster Management Act, 2005, can be used only for meeting expenditure for Providing immediate relief to victims during any notified disaster.
3. Home ministry had decided to treat COVID-19 as a **“notified disaster”.**

KRITAGYA HACKATHON

1. It is **planned to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with special emphasis on women friendly equipments.**
2. National Agricultural Higher Education Project(NAHEP) is to support participating agricultural universities and ICAR in providing higher quality education to Agricultural University students.