KSG: Newspaper Crux

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- An annual report from the U.S. Department of Defence to Congress describes Chinese leaders' use of tactics short of armed conflict to further the country's objectives, citing border conflicts with India and Bhutan among the examples.

- The government banned 118 applications — a majority being Chinese, stating that these were "prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India.

- The Lok Sabha Secretariat officially released the schedule for the monsoon Parliament session that starts on September 14, with Question Hour being dropped, In view of the pandemic, private members business also given a miss.

- The third day of Brigadier level talks between India and China at Chushul to deescalate the situation on the South Bank of Pangong Tso remained inconclusive.

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signalled a "short term" disruption in production at its factories/facilities as the COVID19 pandemic has disrupted the entire supply chain ecosystem and logistics around the globe.

- The UN Security Council, led by France, UK and the U.S., has rejected attempts by Pakistan to designate Indians as terrorists under its 1267 Committee for Counter terrorism Sanctions.

- A proposal to transfer partial ownership of a terminal at India's busiest Mundra port in Gujarat to a Chinese company is now under the scanner of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

- President Donald Trump took his tough law and order message to Kenosha, the latest U.S. city roiled by the police shooting of a black man, as he branded recent antiracism protests as acts of "domestic terror" by violent mobs.

BATTERY MADE FROM NUCLEAR WASTE

1. A California-based company has made a **self-charging battery by trapping carbon-14(C14) nuclear waste in artificial diamond-case.**
2. Carbon-14(C14), or radiocarbon, is a radioactive isotope of carbon.It also helps in provides objective age estimates for carbon-based materials that originated from living organisms.
3. The battery works by generating electricity on its own from a **shower of electrons as result of radioactive decay scattered and deposited in the artificial diamond-case.**

KAILASH-MANSAROVAR

1. Amid tensions with India-China standoff, **China has built a surface-to-air-missile near a lake, which is a part of the Kailash-Mansarovar.**
2. Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar, commonly known as the Kailash-Masarovar site is revered by four religions-Hindus,Tibetan Budhists,Jains,Mons(adherents of the pre-Buddhists religion of Tibet).
3. Four rivers originate from the site:Indus,Brahamputra,Sutlej and Karnali(tributary of the Ganges).

ROBOT RAKSHAK

1. It is a **health assistant Robot, designed by Railways, which can remotely communicate between doctor and patient.**
2. It can measure health parameters such as temperature, pulse,oxygen percentage.
3. It can also provide medicines, food to the patients and make a two-way video communication between the doctor and the patient.

POSHAN MAAH

1. Month of **September every year is celebrated as Rashtriya Poshan Maah.**
2. During this month activities related to nutrition awareness and POSHAN Abhiyaan will be carried out by all the states/UTs up to grass root level.
3. POSHAN Abhiyaan(National Nutrition Mission) is India`s flagship programme, launched in 2018 to improve nutritional status of children,adolescent girls,pregnant women and lacating mothers.

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING AND INVESTIGATION(FAIS)

1. Institute of Chartered Accountants of India(ICAI) has constituted a committee to deliberate on FAIS.
2. FAIS aims to codify best practices in forensic and Investigations.
3. It will make **India first country in the world to release a set of forensic accounting and investigation standards.**

WHAT IS CITIIS(CITY INVESTMENTS TO INNOVATE,INTEGRATE AND SUSTAIN) PROGRAM

1. It aims to **assist Indian cities in implementing urban infrastructure projects that are integrated, innovation driven and sustainable**.
2. Program combines financial assistance through loans and technical assistance through grants to selected cities.
3. CITIIS is supported by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, French Development Agency(AFD) and European Union(EU).