

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Concerns about information technology and law relating to social media intermediaries fall within the domain of the Central government. The Delhi Assembly, or for that matter any State Assembly, has no jurisdiction over such issues, the Centre told the Supreme Court.**
- **The party of Myanmar's detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi called for her immediate release and for the junta to recognise her victory in the November elections, a day after a military coup sparked global outrage.**
- **Both Houses of Parliament witnessed multiple disruptions amid vociferous protests by the Opposition parties over the three farm laws, even as Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu said the Bills had gone through "threadbare" discussion in the House.**
- **The Centre informed the Lok Sabha that it had no intention to propose a Central anti-conversion law to curb interfaith marriages.**
- **Delhi has been turned into a fortress as the police continued to block access to border protest sites with concrete barricades, barbed wire, spikes and trenches across approach roads, and undertook massive deployment of security personnel.**
- **The Union Home Ministry has informed a parliamentary panel that "right kind of messaging will be done to tackle the miscommunication and rumours around NPR and Census".**
- **In a flurry of meetings a day after Sri Lanka backed out of an agreement with India and Japan to develop the East Container Terminal (ECT) at the Colombo Port, Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay met President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.**
- **A Moscow court sentenced Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny to more than two years in prison despite nationwide protests and a Western outcry.**

## NATIONAL e-VIDHAN APPLICATION(NeVA) PROJECT

- 1.NeVA(Paperless Assembly or e-Assembly) is a concept involving **electronic means to facilitate the work of Assembly.**
- 2.e-Vidhan is re-designated as NeVA and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is Nodal Ministry for rolling out NeVA in all States/UTs with Legislatures.
- 3.NeVA aims is a Mission Mode Project included in Digital India Programme.
- 4.NeVA aims **to bring all the legislatures of the country together, in one platform thereby creating a massive data depository** without having the complexity of multiple applications. Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh have successfully implemented NeVA project.

## STARDUST 1.0

- 1.It is a launch vehicle suited for launching small satellites called cubseats into space. Recently, It was launched by U.S. based startup, bluShift Aerospace.
- 2.It became **first commercial space launch powered by biofuel**, which is non-toxic for the environment as opposed to traditionally used rocket fuels.
- 3.Biofuels are obtained from biomass, which can be converted directly into liquid fuels that can be used as transportation fuels.

## GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF MEGA INVESTMENT TEXTILE PARKS(MITRA) SCHEME

- 1.Under the scheme, **7 textile parks over with world class infrastructure, and plug-and-play facilities will be setup in coming 3 years.**
- 2.The parks are targeted to have uninterrupted water and power supply, common utilities and research and development labs.
- 3.Scheme will enable textile industry **to become globally competitive, attract large investments, boost employment generation and exports.**
- 4.Challenged faced by textiles industry- Unorganised weaving sector, low focus on research and innovation, low technology upgradation, low productivity and automation levels, competition from Bangladesh, Vietnam etc.

## VAGHAI-BILIMORA HERITAGE LINE

- 1.The Western Railway has decided to not stop the services of three trains, including the 107-year-old narrow gauge heritage train between Vaghai and Bilimora, in Gujarat permanently. Other two narrow gauge trains run between Miyagam, Choranda and Malsar, and Choranda junction and Moti Karal.
- 2.The Ministry of Railways, previously issued a letter to the Western Railway ordering **permanent closure of 11 "uneconomic branch lines"** and narrow gauge sections of the Western Railway, including three from Gujarat.
- 3.About the Vaghai-Bilimora Train: It **started in 1913, was a remnant of Gaekwad dynasty** who ruled the princely state of Baroda. **Tribal people from the interior commute by this train** regularly. The train covers a distance of 63 kilometres.

## PATTACHITRA PAINTINGS

- 1.Originated as early as the 12th century, Pattachitra style of painting is one of the **oldest art forms of Odisha.**
- 2.Pattachitra is a picture  **painted on a piece of cloth, and is manifested by rich colourful application, creative motifs and designs,** and portrayal of simple themes, mostly mythological depiction.
- 3.This form of art is closely related to the cult of Shri Jagannath and the temple traditions in Puri.