

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- The brazen assassination of Jovenel Moïse, the 53 yearold President of Haiti, has pushed the impoverished Caribbean country battered by political and economic crises into more chaos.
- Police chiefs and the directorates of prosecution must proactively begin a process of conveying to the lower courts and investigators all important judgments of the supreme court and their effect on the practices relating to investigation, prosecution and the framing of charges from time to time.
- The Jammu and Kashmir Delimitation Commission will base its final report on the 2011 Census and will also take into account the topography, difficult terrain, means of communication and convenience available while delimiting seven additional seats for the 83member Assembly of the Union Territory (UT), besides granting reservation to the Schedule Tribe (ST) and Schedule Caste (SC) communities.
- Observing that all five zonal Benches of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) are equally powerful and that their orders would be applicable pan India, the Madras High Court has disapproved of a 2017 Central notification which terms the north zone Bench in Delhi as the principal Bench.
- WhatsApp LLC told the Delhi High Court on Friday that till the Data Protection Bill comes into force, it will not compel users to opt for its new privacy policy as it has been put on hold, and will be implemented "if Parliament allows it".
- There is a need for better synergy between the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and private forecasters to avoid confusion, especially during extreme climate events like cyclones or flash floods, the Standing Committee on Science said in a meeting.

YOUTH AND FOOD SYSTEM

- 1.A new UN report on youth and agriculture underscores the **urgent need to make agri-food systems more appealing to young people to secure the future of global food security and nutrition.**
- 2.The report 'Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems' is prepared and shared to the UN by the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).
- 3.CFS is an inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together on food security and nutrition for all. The CFS is hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN).
- 4.**Youth aged between 15 and 24 years accounted for 16% of the world's population in 2019.** Young people were concentrated in Asia, Central and Southern Asia with 361 million youth and Eastern and South-Eastern Asia with 307 million youth, followed by sub-Saharan Africa (211 million youth).

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

- 1.The government **reallocated the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) to the finance ministry from the ministry of heavy industries.**
- 2.The Finance Ministry will now have six departments while DPE's parent ministry, the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises will now be called the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- 3.It is the nodal department for all the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and formulates policy pertaining to CPSEs. CPSEs are those companies in which the direct holding of the Central Government or other CPSEs is 51% or more.
- 4.It lays down, in particular, policy guidelines on performance improvement and evaluation, autonomy and financial delegation and personnel management in CPSEs.

DEATHS DUE TO HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL

- 1.According to latest estimates by the World Health Organization (WHO), deaths due to exposure to hazardous chemicals worldwide **rose 29% in 2019 from what they were in 2016.**
- 2.Two million people died due to exposure to hazardous chemicals in 2019, compared to 1.56 million in 2016. Between 4,270 and 5,400 people died every day due to unintentional exposure to chemicals.
- 3.The estimates were released by WHO Director-General, during the Ministerial Dialogue held at the Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability: Ambition and Action towards 2030.
- 4.A hazardous chemical is a chemical that has properties with the potential to do harm to human or animal health, the environment, or capable of damaging property.

METHANE IN THE MOONS OF SATURN

- 1.NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Cassini spacecraft had detected an unusually high **concentration of methane, along with carbon dioxide and dihydrogen, in the moons (Titan and Enceladus) of Saturn by flying through their plumes.**
- 2.It found that Titan has methane in its atmosphere and Enceladus has a liquid ocean with erupting plumes of gas and water.
- 3.An international research team has used new statistical methods to understand if methanogenesis or methane production by microbes could explain the molecular hydrogen and methane.