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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- The world is dealing not merely with a nation state in China but with an authoritarian party state that foregrounds its civilisational culture — and at its helm is an organisation that is steering China towards its own tryst with destiny. It remains to be seen whether the Communist Party of China (CPC) is still on the right side of history.
- Google removed 59,350 pieces of content from its social media platforms in April last, following over 27,700 complaints received from individual users in India, according to the company's maiden monthly transparency report. The report follows the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 that came into force on May 26.
- Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana said the mere right of the public to change the "ruler" once every few years by itself need not be a guarantee against "tyranny".
- The Supreme Court on Wednesday pulled up the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), of which the Prime Minister is the ex officio chairperson, for failing in its duty to recommend ex gratia to the families of those who lost their loved ones due to COVID-19.
- India took issue with the European Union's plans to institute a "green pass" from July 1, with government sources warning that India will introduce a "reciprocal policy" only allowing ease of travel for those European countries that recognise Indian vaccines Covishield and Covaxin.
- The Delimitation Commission chaired by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd) on Wednesday decided to visit Jammu and Kashmir from July 6 to 9 "to gather firsthand information and input concerning the ongoing process of delimitation" of Assembly seats, the Commission said.

RIGHT TO RESERVATION IN PROMOTIONS FOR PwD

- 1.The Supreme Court of India has recently held that persons with physical disabilities have the right to reservation in promotions also.
- 2.A **disabled particular person can avail the advantage of reservation for promotion even when she or he was recruited within the common class or developed the incapacity** after gaining employment.
- 3.The case was based on a claim under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995. This Act has been replaced with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.
- 4.The Act added mental illness, autism, spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, chronic neurological conditions, speech and language disability, thalassemia, hemophilia, sickle cell disease, multiple disabilities including deaf blindness, acid attack victims and Parkinson's disease which were largely ignored in earlier act.

ENERGY COMPACTS

- 1.National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited has become the first energy company in the energy domain in India to declare its Energy Compact Goals as part of UN High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE).
- 2.The United Nations is set to convene a high-level dialogue (HLD) in September, 2021 to promote the implementation of the energy-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- 3.Energy Compacts (a platform to unite and connect commitments and actions): **Energy Compacts are being mobilized by UN-Energy and will continue to be mobilized and updated throughout the current Decade of Action.**

PM FORMALIZATION OF MICRO FOOD PROCESSING ENTERPRISES SCHEME

- 1.The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, launched under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, completed its one year on 29th June. The PMFME Scheme is currently being implemented in 35 States and Union Territories (UTs).
- 2.Features: **One District One Product (ODOP) Approach: The States would identify food products for districts keeping in view the existing clusters and availability of raw material.**
- 3.Other Focus Areas: Waste to wealth products, minor forest products and Aspirational Districts. Capacity building and research: Academic and research institutions under MoFPI along with State Level Technical Institutions would be provided support for training of units, product development, appropriate packaging and machinery for micro units.
- 4.Need: The unorganised food processing sector faces a number of challenges which limit their performance and their growth.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL MODEL STUDY:NITI AAYOG

- 1.The NITI Aayog released a comprehensive study on the Not-for-Profit Hospital Model in the country. **It is an initiative in a step towards closing the information gap on such institutions and facilitating robust policymaking in this area.**
- 2.Major Findings: Low Charge: Most of the not-for-profit hospitals charge lower than the for profit hospitals. Most of the Not-for-profit Hospitals are empaneled with State or Central Government Healthcare schemes.
- 3.The not-for-profit hospitals use various levers to facilitate their low cost of clinical care.