

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **2021 offers a unique opportunity for advancing food security and nutrition through transforming food systems with the upcoming UN Food Systems Summit, the Nutrition for Growth Summit and the COP26 on climate change. The outcomes of these events will certainly shape the actions of the second half of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition. India has a central role to play in this transformation and offering experiences and solutions to address the thought processes and models for a resilient, equitable, and food secure world.**
- **Just as it is possible to plan earthquake resilient structures and site them scientifically, but hard to anticipate a major quake, similarly, proper planning can insure against the inevitable extremities of nature. International climate change agreements to limit greenhouse gas emissions will yield benefits only in the very long term but what is done in the near future will mean the difference between surviving and thriving.**
- **The only institution in the present situation that can make the Government accountable is the judiciary. The track record of our top court on major issues of defining importance to our national life is at best mixed in the recent past. What it chooses to do or not do now can make a difference to India.**
- **In contrast to India's continued ambiguity over the legality of cryptocurrencies, its stance on introducing an official digital currency has been reassuringly clear and consistent over time. And, four years after an inter ministerial committee recommended that India launch fiat money in digital form, the Reserve Bank of India has indicated that pilot projects to figure out its viability are likely to be launched soon.**
- **In a major diplomatic triumph, the 13th century Ramappa temple in Palampet, Telangana, was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Fuzhou, China.**

## SPECIALITY STEEL

- 1.The Union Cabinet approved the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme (Central Sector Scheme) for manufacturing Speciality Steel (SS).
- 2.Speciality Steel It is value-added steel, which is made by processing normal finished steel. **It is done by converting normal finished steel into high value-added steel by way of coating, plating and heat treatment.** Apart from the automobile sector and specialised capital goods, they can be used in various strategic applications such as defence, space, power etc.
- 3.In order to boost domestic manufacturing and cut down on import bills, the central government in March 2020 introduced a PLI scheme that aims to give companies incentives on incremental sales from products manufactured in domestic units.
- 4.PLI for Speciality Steel: Aim: To help India's SS production reach 42 Million Tonnes (MT) by 2026-27 from 18 MT today.

## GAON BURAS

- 1.The Assam Cabinet announced that Gaon Buras, village-level functionaries of the district administration, will be called 'Gaon Pradhans'.The government has reasoned that a number of young men (and women) become Gaon Buras, and thus, the word 'Bura' (meaning old in Assamese) is no longer appropriate.
- 2.Gaon Buras are the village headmen. They are the eyes, nose, ear of the district administration at the village level.**It belongs to the colonial era, when the British appointed the oldest person in the village as the head, who would oversee matters relating to land and revenue in a particular area.**
- 3.Post-independence, the government continued with the institution and made the Gaon Bura a formal part of the Assam Revenue and Disaster Management department, increasing his responsibilities, and eventually introducing a small honorarium for the role.

## MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN PRISONERS

- 1.Acting on the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs, NIMHANS, an Institute of National Importance, issued a set of guidelines on the management of mental health issues of the prisoners and prison staff.
- 2.Gatekeeper Model for Identification of Mental Illness: In this model, selected inmates, trained to identify prisoners at risk of suicide, would refer them to treatment or supportive services.**There is prevalence of mental illness and substance use disorder in about 80% of the prison population.**
- 3.For Mental Health Treatment: Prisoners with mental disorders had to be regularly assessed for severity of suicidal risk and also put on regular and supervised medication. To address the prisoner's mental health needs, the correctional facility should have links to community-based initiatives like the District Mental Health Programme.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- 1.**Sela Tunnel**-The last of the escape tube of under-construction Sela Tunnel was conducted recently.Sela Tunnel was will be the longest bi-lane road tunnel in the world at an altitude above 13,000 feet. It will provide all weather connectivity to Tawang.
- 2.Northern Ireland-European Union has rejected Britain's demand for a new post Brexit deal on Northern Ireland. It is part of larger political construct of United Kingdom that comprises of Great Britain(England,Scotland and Wales) and N.Ireland