

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- In a sharp escalation of the age old boundary dispute between Assam and Mizoram, at least five Assam Police personnel were killed in violent clashes at a contested border point where tensions had been simmering.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is unlikely to lift restrictions on payment services providers not complying with data localisation norms any time soon, said government officials. The banking regulator and the government believe that processing and storage of critical financial data within the country is a "necessity for an effective supervision mechanism as well as for sound regulation."
- Tunisia faced its worst crisis in a decade of democracy on Monday after President Kais Saied ousted the government and froze Parliament with help from the Army in a move denounced as a coup by the main parties.
- Former officials of the armed and security forces, intelligence agencies, NITI Aayog and a junior official in the Prime Minister's Office have been named in the database investigated by 17 international media platforms as potential targets of snooping using the Pegasus spyware.
- China and Pakistan have decided to launch "joint actions" in Afghanistan to stop the war-torn country from becoming a "hotbed for terrorism" and drive out terrorist forces from there, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.
- Wildfires burned in regions across southern Europe on Monday, fuelled by hot weather and strong winds, as some northern nations cleaned up after days of torrential rain and flooding.
- A top Chinese diplomat took a confrontational tone in rare high-level talks with the United States, accusing it of creating an "imaginary enemy" to divert attention from domestic problems and suppress China.

## RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN

1. A reality show contestant has approached the Delhi High Court with a plea seeking the removal of his videos, photographs and articles etc. from the internet citing his "Right to be Forgotten (RTBF)". In the plea, the petitioner also maintains that the "Right to be Forgotten" goes in sync with the "Right to Privacy", which is an integral part of Article 21 of the Constitution (Right to Life).
2. Right to be Forgotten (RTBF): **It is the right to have publicly available personal information removed from the internet, search, databases, websites or any other public platforms, once the personal information in question is no longer necessary, or relevant.**
3. Origin: The RTBF gained importance after the 2014 decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union ("CJEU") in the Google Spain case.
4. Status in India: In India, there is no law that specifically provides for the right to be forgotten. However, the **Personal Data Protection Bill 2019 recognised this right.**

## PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2019-20

- .The National Statistical Office (NSO) released the third annual report on Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), conducted between July 2019 and June 2020. Labour indicators recorded an all-round improvement in 2019-20 compared with the previous two years i.e 2017-18 and 2018-19.
2. Unemployment Rate: The unemployment rate fell to 4.8% in 2019-20. In 2018-19, it stood at 5.8% and 6.1% in 2017-18. Worker Population Rate: It improved to 38.2% in 2019-20 compared with 35.3% in 2018-19 and 34.7% in 2017-18. Labour Force Participation Ratio: It increased to 40.1% in 2019-20 from 37.5% and 36.9%, respectively, in the last two years. The higher the LFPR, the better.
  3. Periodic Labour Force Survey: About: It is India's first computer-based survey launched by the NSO in 2017. **It has been constituted based on the recommendation of a committee headed by Amitabh Kundu.**

## 30 YEARS OF ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION

1. On the 30th anniversary of the economic liberalisation reforms, former Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh, raised concerns over the macro-economic stability of the country.
2. According to him, **the current economic crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic is more challenging than during the 1991 economic crisis and the nation would need to recalibrate its priorities to ensure a dignified life for all Indians.**
3. Nature and Scope of 1991 Reforms: In order to get out of the macro-economic crisis in 1991, India launched a New Economic Policy, which was based on LPG or Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation model.

## TYPHOON IN-FA

1. Typhoon In-Fa made landfall in China's east Zhejiang Province. Typhoons are the same weather phenomenon as tropical cyclones. A tropical cyclone is a rapid rotating storm originating over tropical oceans from where it draws the energy to develop.
2. It has a low pressure centre and clouds spiralling towards the eye-wall surrounding the "eye", where the weather is normally calm and free of clouds.
3. **Once a tropical reaches maximum sustained winds of 74 miles per hour or higher, It is then classified as a tropical cyclone,** which has different names in different regions.