

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **Beyond principles, a renewed politics of federalism is also an electoral necessity. No coalition has succeeded, in the long term, without a glue that binds it. Forging a political consensus on federalism can be that glue. But this would require immense patience and maturity from regional parties.**
- **The recent discovery of hundreds of graves in Canada has put the spotlight back on its dark past, when indigenous people faced systemic discrimination and violence. In June, the Cowessess First Nation, an indigenous organisation, found 751 unmarked graves at the site of a former residential school in Saskatchewan.**
- **Aviation websites are abuzz with reports of a rapid upgradation of aviation infrastructure in Tibet. While the expansion of the road and railway network there has been subject to much debate, it is the speed of upgradation that should have alarm bells ringing in New Delhi.**
- **The Standing Committee on Information and Technology headed by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, at a meeting on Tuesday, grilled the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on the “super censorship” clause introduced in the draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill 2021.**
- **India is watching the situation in the Afghan cities of Kandahar and Mazare-Sharif closely, with concerns for its missions and diplomatic staff there growing as the Taliban gains control over a number of provincial cities, said officials. However, the government denied it had shut down operations at its consulates there.**
- **All 15 coaccused in the Bhima Koregaon case should be released pending trial, said the United Nations Human Rights chief Michelle Bachelet on Tuesday, as she expressed concern over the death of 84-year-old Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist Stan Swamy in custody.**

CHILD SOLDIER RECRUITER LIST

- 1.The US has added Pakistan and 14 other countries to a Child Soldier Recruiter List that identifies foreign governments having government-supported armed groups that recruit or use child soldiers.
- 2.**Child Soldier refers to any person below 18 years of age who has been, recruited or used by an armed force or armed group in any capacity.**
- 3.It includes but is not limited to children, boys and girls who are used as fighters, cooks, porters, spies or for sexual purposes (Paris Principles on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict 2007).
- 4.Some of the countries which have been added to the list are Pakistan, Turkey, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Yemen etc. The United Nations (UN) verified that over 7,000 children had been recruited and used as soldiers in 2019 alone.

NIPUN BHARAT MISSION

- 1.The Ministry of Education has launched NIPUN (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) Bharat Scheme. It aims to cover the learning needs of children in the age group of 3 to 9 years.This initiative is being launched as a part of NEP (National Education Policy) 2020.
- 2.**To create an enabling environment to ensure universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy, so that every child achieves the desired learning competencies in reading, writing and numeracy** by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27.
- 3.Focus Areas: It will focus on providing access and retaining children in foundational years of schooling; teacher capacity building; development of high quality and diversified Student and Teacher Resources/Learning Materials; and tracking the progress of each child in achieving learning outcomes.

INDIA JOINS OECD/G20 INCLUSIVE FRAMEWORK TAX DEAL

- 1.India and the majority of the members of OECD-G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) have joined a new two-pillar plan to reform international taxation rules.
- 2.The two-pillar plan - inclusive framework tax deal on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS)- seeks to reform international tax rules and ensure that multinational enterprises pay their fair share wherever they operate.
- 3.The signatories of the plan amounted to 130 countries and jurisdictions, representing more than 90% of global GDP.
- 4.It will ensure a fairer distribution of profits and taxing rights among countries with respect to the largest MNEs(Multi National Enterprises), including digital companies. **It would re-allocate some taxing rights over MNEs from their home countries to the markets where they have business activities and earn profits, regardless of whether firms have a physical presence there.**

SIR CHETTUR SANKARAN NAIR

- 1.A biopic on Sir Chettur Sankaran Nair will be produced. It will be based on the book, 'The case that shook the empire' written by Raghu Palat and Pushpa Palat in 2019.
- 2.Born in the year 1857 in Mankara village of Malabar's Palakkad district. Known for being a passionate advocate for social reforms and a firm believer in the self-determination of India.
- 3.**He was one of the early builders of the Indian National Congress (INC), formed in 1885. In 1897, he became the youngest president of the INC** in the history of the party till then, and the only Malayali to hold the post ever.