

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **Clubhouse chat might seem like a great, lightweight app with an innovative premise. But it does not offer much in terms of privacy and data protection, and in that sense, it is not very different from traditional platforms. While the market of 'social audio' is likely to soon become a battleground, the medium won't truly progress until innovation is balanced with respect for privacy, security and data rights.**
- **India could benefit from the levy of taxes on MNCs including technology and Internet economy giants, which have taken advantage of the loopholes in the global tax system. While there are still wrinkles to be ironed out, including the issue of local levies on digital transactions, the political will to ensure greater fairness and equity in revenue sharing is a positive augury.**
- **Vaccine nationalism would destroy countries' efforts to eradicate the pandemic and must be avoided "at all costs", United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) president-elect and Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid said.**
- **A dedicated Green Development Area (GDA) for incentivising largescale implementation of green economies, transit-oriented development aligned with mass transit, multimodal integration and facilitation of first and last mile connectivity are some of the key aspects of the draft Master Plan for Delhi (MPD) 2041.**
- **The Central government has hiked the minimum support price (MSP) for common paddy to ₹1,940 a quintal for the coming kharif season, less than 4% higher than last year's price of ₹1,868. The decision was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.**
- **Several government offices, including Defence Ministry officials, were on targeted by a malicious web link, asking them to update their vaccination status.**

## DRAFT RULES FOR LIVE-STREAMING COURT PROCEEDINGS

1. The Supreme Court has released the Draft Model Rules for Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings. The Rules are part of the National Policy and Action Plan for implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the judiciary.
2. The Rules would cover **live-streaming and recording of proceedings in High Courts, lower courts and tribunals.** Earlier, the Chief Justice of India (CJI) launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI) based portal 'SUPACE' in the judicial system aimed at assisting judges with legal research.
3. **Telecast of Proceedings:** All proceedings in high courts can be telecast except for cases relating to matrimonial disputes, gender-based violence, those involving minors and "cases, which in the opinion of the Bench, may provoke enmity amongst communities likely to result in a breach of law and order".
4. **Possible Benefits: It can make the justice delivery system affordable, transparent, speedy and accountable by limiting the paper filings. It can be time saving and hence can reduce the backlog of pending cases.**

## JOINT STATEMENT ON MULTILATERALISM: BRICS

1. The BRICS Foreign Ministers, in a recent meet, put out a joint statement on multilateralism. BRICS is an acronym for the grouping of the world's leading emerging economies, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
2. **Multilateralism: Meaning: It is the process of organizing relations between groups of three or more states. It generally comprises certain qualitative elements or principles that shape the character of the arrangement or institution.**
3. **Significance:** Multilateral institutions have played a significant role in post-war global governance and are arguably more stable than other forms of organization
4. **Need: Increasing Incidences of Lawfare: It means the misuse of existing International and national laws by several countries, to gain an unfair advantage over other countries.** Supply chains enable them to have vast extraterritorial influence and have created new power asymmetries.

## PLACES IN NEWS

1. **Raimona**-Located in Kokrajhar district, Raimonia has become Assam's sixth national park (Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa are other five). The Raimona National Park is within the Bodoland Territorial Region. The area of the park includes the northern part of the notified Ripu Reserve Forest, which forms the Western-most buffer to the Manas National Park that straddles the India-Bhutan border. Raimonia is an integral part of the Manas Biosphere Reserve and the Chirang-Ripu Elephant Reserve.
2. **Burkina Faso**-Burkina Faso, i.e. Land of Incorruptible People, is a land-locked country in Western Africa with Ouagadougou as capital city. Drained by different tributaries of Volta River, Burkina Faso contains Savanna grassland and influenced by Harmattan winds (a cool dry wind).
3. **Merapi Volcano**-Merapi, a steep Stratovolcano north of Central Java's capital Yogyakarta, is Indonesia's most active volcano out of its 127 volcanoes.
4. **Tiananmen Square**-Tiananmen Square, also known as June Fourth incident, represents the culmination of a series of protests and demonstrations in Beijing, China by government through military suppression.