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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **Cooperative federalism, a concept that Prime Minister Narendra Modi advocates, can be pursued more meaningfully through continuous and harmonious communication with CMs(Chief Minister). A conversation on farm laws could be a good beginning.**
- **Scientists with the Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME) Collaboration, who include researchers at the Punebased Tata Institute for Fundamental Research (TIFR) and the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), have assembled the largest collection of fast radio bursts (FRBs) in the telescope's first FRB catalogue. FRBs are oddly bright flashes of light, registering in the radio band of the electromagnetic spectrum, which blaze for a few milliseconds before vanishing without a trace.**
- **Major global powers, which worked together with regional players to defeat the IS in West Asia, should not stay away from the growing threat from Africa. They should, along with the UN, help the Sahel countries build capacity and institutions, offer stable governance and adopt sustainable counterinsurgency strategies.**
- **Government of India prohibited retired officials of security and intelligence organisations from publishing anything about their work or organisation without prior clearance from the head of the organisation. Serving civil servants are barred from expressing their personal opinion on policy matters and criticising the government. But once they retire, many of them take part in public debates and enrich our conversations.**
- **India is in contact with "various stakeholders" in Afghanistan, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in response to specific questions about whether the government has opened direct talks with the Taliban. While the MEA did not confirm the talks, which would represent a major shift for Indian policy.**

CONTENT DELIVERY NETWORK(CDN)

1. A glitch at U.S. based CDN provider Fastly was thought to be the reason behind global outrage that hit social media, government and news websites across the globe.
2. **CDN refers to a geographically distributed group of servers which work together to provide fast delivery of Internet content.**
3. Majority of web traffic across the world today is routed through CDNs.
4. Also, companies rely on these CDNs to protect their sites against traffic spikes, distributed denial of service attacks, etc.

FAST TRACKING FREIGHT IN INDIA:NITI AAYOG

1. NITI Aayog, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India's new report, Fast Tracking Freight in India: A Roadmap for Clean and Cost-Effective Goods Transport, present key opportunities for India to reduce its logistics costs. RMI is an independent nonprofit organization founded in 1982.
2. Due to the rising demand for goods and services, freight transport demand is expected to grow rapidly in the future. While freight transport is essential to economic development, it is plagued by high logistics costs and contributes to rising carbon dioxide emissions and air pollution in cities.
3. **India's Potential: It has the potential to: Reduce its logistics cost by 4% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Achieve 10 gigatonnes of cumulative carbon dioxide emissions savings between 2020 and 2050.**

GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS:WORLD BANK

1. The World Bank has released its June 2021 Global Economic Prospects where it has forecast India's GDP growth to be 8.3% for the year 2021-22. The world economy is expected to expand 5.6%, the fastest post-recession growth rate in eighty years.
2. **Suggestions-Globally coordinated efforts are essential to accelerate vaccine distribution and debt relief, particularly for low-income countries.** As the health crisis eases, **policymakers will need to address the pandemic's lasting effects** and take steps to spur green, resilient, and inclusive growth while safeguarding macroeconomic stability.
3. For low-income countries, policies focusing on scaling up social safety net programs, improving logistics and climate resilience of local food supply would be more helpful.
4. **Steps Taken by India:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced measures to provide liquidity to Micro, Small and Medium firms (MSMEs), and loosened regulatory requirements on the provisioning for non-performing assets. Fiscal policy shifted in the FY 2021/22 budget toward higher expenditure targeted at healthcare and infrastructure to boost the post-pandemic recovery.

CHINA-ASEAN MEETING

1. China hosted a meeting of foreign ministers from the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries. The meeting marks the 30th anniversary of China-ASEAN dialogue.
2. With this meeting **China looks to deepen its economic ties with the region as well as push back the renewed effort at regional engagement from the US, as well as from the QUAD (Quadrilateral Framework) grouping.**
3. China called for considering the lifting of China-ASEAN ties to comprehensive strategic partnership and strive for an early agreement on a code of conduct in the South China Sea.
4. **ASEAN's Importance for China:** Economically entwined with China, the relatively small nations of the region also offer ample opportunities for China to advance its influence.