

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- If the Civil Registration System (CRS) datasets, maintained by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India besides State registrars and municipal officials with a good quality of registration, are made available, it would enable better estimation of the actual mortality figures due to Covid. In the meantime, only honest reporting of the deaths will help provide better mitigation strategies.
- At a time when people lose their livelihoods due to frequent lockdowns in the pandemic, women growing turmeric in Odisha's Koraput district appear to have found a foothold in a market that promises perennial return for their organic crop.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has sought replies from the Forest Department and a district administration in Tripura on a complaint that Bru refugees from adjoining Mizoram were being resettled in a forest.
- Professor Radhamohan, one of the great proponents of organic farming and Padma Shri awardee, passed away.
- Pakistan's National Assembly passed a Bill to provide the right of appeal to deathrow prisoner Kulbhushan Jadhav amidst a ruckus and boycott by the Opposition.
- The lack of progress in key railway projects across the country was resulting in an "embarrassing" situation for the Ministry of Railways during review meetings convened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to the Railway Board.
- The Nagaland government has decided to institute a committee comprising Opposition leaders to pursue the lingering Naga peace agreement and the Naga political issue with the Centre.

INDIA'S ETHANOL ROADMAP

- 1.The central government has released an expert committee report on the Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India by 2025. The roadmap proposes a gradual **rollout of ethanol-blended fuel to achieve E10 fuel supply by April 2022 and phased rollout of E20 from April 2023 to April 2025.**
- 2.About Ethanol: It is one of the principal biofuels, which is naturally produced by the fermentation of sugars by yeasts or via petrochemical processes such as ethylene hydration.
- 3.Blending Target: The Government of India has advanced the target for 20% ethanol blending in petrol (also called E20) to 2025 from 2030. Currently, 8.5% of ethanol is blended with petrol in India.
- 4.Objectives of Ethanol Blending: Energy Security, The oil companies procure ethanol from farmers that benefits the sugarcane farmers, Use of ethanol-blended petrol decreases emissions such as carbon monoxide (CO), hydrocarbons (HC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx).

EL SALVADOR ADOPTS BITCOIN AS LEGAL TENDER

- 1.El Salvador, a small coastal country in Central America has become the first in the world to adopt Bitcoin, as legal tender. Legal tender is the legally recognized money within a given political jurisdiction.
- 2.Cryptocurrency is a specific type of virtual currency, which is **decentralised and protected by cryptographic encryption techniques.** Bitcoin, Ethereum, Ripple are a few notable examples of cryptocurrencies.
- 3.Use:Originally, Bitcoin was intended to provide an alternative to fiat money and become a universally accepted medium of exchange directly between two involved parties.
- 4.Fiat money is a government-issued currency that is not backed by a commodity such as gold.

AISHE-2020

- 1.The Union Education Minister announced the release of the report of All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20. This Report provides key performance indicators on the current status of Higher education in the country.
- 2.Total Student Enrolment: In the last five years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, there has been a growth of 11.4% in student enrolment.
- 3.Uttar Pradesh has highest student enrolment in India, it has 49.1% male and 50.9% female students followed by Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.
- 4.Gross Enrolment Ratio: **The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) increased by a minuscule 0.8% in 2019-20.** GER is the number of students enrolled in a given level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education.

PLACES IN NEWS

- 1.**Dihing Patkai**-Assam government notified Dihing Patkai as a National Park(NP). It is located in Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts.
- 2.Assam now has 7NP(Raimona, Kaziranga. Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa and other Six).
- 3.**Addu Atoll**-Recently, Maldives stated that it has made no decision on opening an Indian consulate at Addu Atoll.
- 4.Addu Atoll is the Southernmost island group in the Maldives. It is divided by four channels-Gan Kandu, Viligilikandu, Maakanda and Kodakanda.