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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- A nation is an imagined community. As imagination expands, the foundations of the nation become deeper. For this, there could be no better model than India. Israel might not offer the right model of conflict resolution for India, but India presents a model of peaceful coexistence for Israel.
- The Supreme Court on said “it is time to define the limits of sedition” even as it protected two Telugu channels from any coercive action by the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy led Andhra Pradesh government for their portage of the COVID19 pandemic in the State.
- Bollywood actor Juhi Chawla has moved the Delhi High Court seeking a scientific study on any adverse effects of radio-frequency radiation emitted by cellular telecommunications using 5G technology on ‘health, life, organ or limb of adult or child, or to flora and fauna’ before its official rollout in the country.
- The Defence Ministry on Monday notified the second negative import list — now renamed as the ‘positive indigenisation list’ — of 108 items that can now be only purchased from indigenous sources.
- India’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted by 7.3% in 2020, as per provisional National Income estimates released by the National Statistical Office on Monday, marginally better than the 8% contraction in the economy projected earlier.
- In a bid to extend relief to the Maratha community in the State, the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra on Monday extended the benefits of reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) to the Socially and Economically Backward Class (SEBC).

CENTRE EXTENDS POWER RELATED TO CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION

- 1.The Central Government issued a notification granting powers related to citizenship applications under existing rules to authorities of five states.
- 2.In accordance with section 16 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 the **central government directed that powers exercisable by it for registration as a citizen of India, or for grant of certificate of naturalisation shall also be exercisable by the collector (District Magistrate)**, within whose jurisdiction the applicant is ordinarily resident.
- 3.Extended Powers: It includes power to accept, verify and approve citizenship applications from members of minority communities hailing from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

CHIEF SECRETARY TRANSFER ISSUE

- 1.The Central Government may initiate disciplinary action against the West Bengal Chief Secretary after he failed to report to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) in New Delhi as ordered earlier.
- 2.The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the “placement of services” of Chief Secretary, as per provisions Rule 6(1) of the Indian Administrative Service (cadre) Rules, 1954.**The ACC is headed by the Prime Minister, and the Home Minister is the other member.**
- 3.Scenario of Disagreement: In case of any disagreement, the matter shall be decided by the Central government. The rule on deputation giving more discretionary powers to the Centre was added in May 1969.

EAM’S VISIT TO US

- 1.India’s External Affairs Minister (EAM) on his visit to the US met American lawmakers, National Security Advisor, Defense Secretary, U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) and representatives from the private sector.
- 2.Major Discussions: Regional (Indo-Pacific) or global issues, Afghanistan and on further developing the India-US strategic and defence partnership.
- 3.Vaccine cooperation, contemporary security challenges, support for efficient and robust supply chains, among others.
- 4.The U.S. India Business Council (USIBC) meeting included a discussion on how the private sector, working via a **consortium of 40 companies called the ‘Global Task Force for Pandemic Response’, could “support India’s health infrastructure** and further ways to continue relief efforts.

TIGER RESERVE IN NEWS

- 1.**Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve(SMTR)**-It is the largest tiger reserve in Tamil Nadu.It acts as buffer for Periyar Tiger Reserve and offer excellent genetic exchange ground for the tigers of Anamalai region.
- 2.It Protects Vaigai River and its catchment areas. Its basin is bounded by the Cardamom Hills and the Palani on the west and by the Palk Strait and Palk bay on the East.
- 3.**Simlipal Tiger Reserve**-It is a national park situated in the northern part of Orissa’s Mayurbhanj district. It was formally designated a tiger reserve under Project Tiger in 1973 and declared a biosphere reserve in 1994.
- 4.It has been part of the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserve since 2009. It comes under Mayurbhanj Elephant Reserve that includes the adjacent Hadgarh and Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuaries.