

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **China is undoubtedly the most powerful actor in its neighbourhood but it cannot simply have its way in shaping Asia's new geopolitics. Beijing's policies will still be constrained and altered in fundamental ways by India which cannot be expected to adopt a hopeless stance of remaining peripheral in its own strategic backyard.**
- **Mr. Raisi, as President of Iran, should understand that repression will not solve any of Iran's problems. A member of the clerical establishment, he should use his clout and the election victory to push for gradual economic and political reforms.**
- **Efforts to tackle corruption and pilferage should not amount to furthering instability in J&K. The Centre appears to have done some groundwork, though it has not revealed any plans yet. The meeting must be a beginning towards a durable and democratic resolution of the Kashmir question and not an exercise in managing the Centre's image.**
- **Small and marginal farmers, and petty service providers suffer from poor incomes despite their efforts, a form of underemployment. Effective interventions can encourage collectivisation to overcome size related diseconomies. New forms of collectives such as Kudumbasree and the new initiative of the Cooperative Initiative for Agriculture Infrastructure in Kerala (CAIK), are encouraging.**
- **The COVID19 pandemic is not a "onetime disaster", such as an earthquake or a flood for which victims can be compensated with just money, the Centre told the Supreme Court. It is an ongoing pandemic, which will continue to attack in waves. A "broader approach" is essential. The government was responding to petitions in the Supreme Court to pay ₹4 lakh compensation to the families of every COVID-19 victim.**

CENSORSHIP OF FILMS IN INDIA

- 1.The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently sought public comments on its draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which proposes to bring back its "revisionary powers" over the Central Board of Film Certification.
- 2.The new Bill will also "make the process of sanctioning of films for exhibition more effective, in tune with the changed times and curb the menace of piracy".
- 3.Provision of Draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2021: Granting Revisionary Powers: The government on account of violation of Section 5B(1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 can order for "re-examination" by the certification board of an already certified film.
- 4.Film Piracy: In most cases, illegal duplication in cinema halls is the originating point of piracy. **At present, there are no enabling provisions to check film piracy in the Cinematograph Act, 1952. The draft Bill proposes to insert Section 6AA which prohibits unauthorised recording.**

DISABILITY EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE

- 1.The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched 14 cross-disability early intervention centres across the country to provide support to infants and young children at risk of or with disabilities.
- 2.The services provided at the centres **will include screening of children and referral to appropriate rehabilitative care; speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy; parental counselling and training and peer counselling.**
- 3.There are more than 20 lakh children with disabilities in the age group of 0-6 years, who belong to the categories of visually impaired, hearing impaired, locomotor disability etc.
- 4.The number of such children is expected to increase as the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, increases the number of disabilities to 21 from 7.

IN-EUNAVFOR JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE

- 1.The maiden Indian Navy - European Union Naval Force (IN-EUNAVFOR) Exercise is being conducted in Gulf Of Aden. Along with Indian Navy, other naval forces are from Italy, Spain and France.
- 2.Aim: To enhance and hone their war-fighting skills and their ability as an integrated force to promote peace, security and stability in the maritime domain.
- 3.**EUNAVFOR and the Indian Navy converge on multiple issues including counter piracy operations and protection of vessels deployed under the charter of World Food Programme (UN WFP).**
- 4.The two navies also have regular interaction through SHADE (Shared Awareness and Deconfliction) meetings held annually at Bahrain.

CHINA'S SHENZHOU -12 MANNED MISSION

- 1.A Chinese spaceship "Shenzhou-12" carrying a three-person crew docked with China's new space station module Tianhe-1. This has come after the launch of the Tianzhou-2 cargo spacecraft, which carried vital supplies for the space station.
- 2.The Shenzhou-12 craft connected with the Tianhe space station module about six hours after takeoff from the Jiuquan launch center in Gobi Desert.
- 3.Purpose of the Mission: **It will help test technologies related to long-term astronaut-stays and health care, the recycling and life support system, the supply of space materials,** extravehicular activities and operations, and in-orbit maintenance.