

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **The members of the Constituent Assembly were very cautious of not using the word 'Centre' or 'Central government' in the Constitution as they intended to keep away the tendency of centralising of powers in one unit. The 'Union government' or the 'Government of India' has a unifying effect as the message sought to be given is that the government is of all. Even though the federal nature of the Constitution is its basic feature and cannot be altered. As Nani Palkhivala famously said, "The only satisfactory and lasting solution of the vexed problem is to be found not in the statute - book but in the conscience of men in power".**
- **Mr. Raisi Known for his hardline domestic and foreign policy views, he would take over the presidency in early August. Mr. Biden's best chance to revive the nuclear deal is to do it before then. Both sides should focus on the diplomatic path, aimed at achieving a pragmatic agreement first that addresses the most critical issues — Iran's expanding nuclear programme and America's sprawling sanctions regime.**
- **The U.S.'s expectations of cooperation from India to its East, on China and the Indo-Pacific, have clearly not been commensurate with India's expectations that America would reduce India's threats to its west, from Afghanistan and Pakistan.**
- **The right thing to do is also the smart thing to do. Bringing an end to the gender technology gap will save lives and make livelihoods more secure. As a result, the next pandemic, once it arrives, may not be nearly as destructive. It can only lead to a better community and a better world for us all.**
- **Trucks carrying clothes and fabric rolled out of the Palestinian enclave of Gaza on Monday as Israel lifted some restrictions it had imposed during last month's conflict.**

GREAT BARRIER REEF

- 1.The UNESCO World Heritage Committee has recommended that the Australia's Great Barrier Reef should be added to a list of "in danger" World Heritage Sites. Placement on the "in-danger list" is not considered a sanction. Some nations have their sites added to gain international attention and help to save them.
- 2.Reason behind this Move: Despite Reef 2050, the coral reef ecosystem has suffered three major bleaching events since 2015 due to severe marine heatwaves.
- 3.When corals face stress by changes in conditions such as temperature, light, or nutrients, they expel the symbiotic algae zooxanthellae living in their tissues, causing them to turn completely white. This phenomenon is called coral bleaching.
- 4.Initiatives to Protect Corals: A **number of global initiatives are being taken to address the issues, like: Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN), Global Coral Reef Alliance (GCRA) Similarly, the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC),** India has included the studies on coral reefs under the Coastal Zone Studies (CZS).

RECUSAL OF JUDGES

- 1.Two Supreme Court (SC) judges have recused themselves from hearing cases relating to West Bengal. Recusal: It is the act of abstaining from participation in an official action such as a legal proceeding due to a conflict of interest of the presiding court official or administrative officer.
- 2.Reason for Recusal: When there is a conflict of interest, a judge can withdraw from hearing a case to prevent creating a perception that he carried a bias while deciding the case.
- 3.The decision to recuse generally comes from the judge himself as it rests on the conscience and discretion of the judge.
- 4.Rule for Recusal: **There are no formal rules governing recusals, although several SC judgments have dealt with the issue like In the Ranjit Thakur v Union of India (1987) cases.**

NEW DOPPLER RADAR IN MAHARASHTRA:IMD

- 1.The India Meteorological Department (IMD) announced that it will install seven new doppler radars in Maharashtra, including Mumbai in 2021.
- 2.In January 2021, the Union Minister for Earth Sciences commissioned two of the ten indigenously built X-Band Doppler Weather Radars (DWR) to closely monitor the weather changes over the Himalayas.
- 3.Doppler radars of varying frequencies — S-band, C-band and X-band — are commonly used by the IMD to detect and track the movement of weather systems, cloud bands and gauge rainfall over its coverage area of about 500 km.
- 4.Significance: **They will guide meteorologists, particularly in times of extreme weather events like cyclones and associated heavy rainfall.**

DRONE SURVEY MANDATORY FOR ALL NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS

- 1.The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has made use of drones mandatory for video recording of the national highway projects during different stages of development, construction, operation and maintenance.
- 2.Significance: **It will enhance transparency, uniformity and leverage the latest technology.**