

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **Indisputably, transgressions by foreign investors should be dealt with firmly. But a closer reading of cases reveals that whenever India loses a case to a foreign investor, immediate compliance rarely happens. Instead, efforts are made to delay the compliance as much as possible. While these efforts may be legal, it sends out a deleterious message to foreign investors. It shows a recalcitrant attitude towards adverse judicial rulings. This may not help India in attracting global corporations to its shores to 'make for the world'.**
- **In a democracy, people have the inalienable right to change the government they do not like. People will display disaffection towards a government which has failed them. The law of sedition which penalises them for hating a government which does not serve them cannot exist because it violates Article 19(1)(a) and is not protected by Article 19(2).**
- **It would be best for the Government to just let the rules do the talking rather than take every opportunity to raise the pitch against tech companies. This only makes it look inefficient and cantankerous.**
- **Privatisation of the public sector, including banks, has been part of the wish list of economic reformers since 1991. This was at the core of the 'Washington Consensus'. The private sector is inherently more efficient. The ground realities of democratic politics in India, however, kept coming in the way of actual privatisation, though progressive disinvestment of the shares of public sector undertakings in the market has been taking place over the years.**
- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced some fresh relief measures for the economy, the first such package after the second COVID19 wave, focusing largely on extending loan guarantees and concessional credit.**

CYBER CAPABILITIES AND NATIONAL POWER REPORT:IISS

1. According to a report by International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), an influential think tank, India's offensive cyber capability is "Pakistan-focused" and "regionally effective", and not tuned towards China.
2. This report provides confirmation of the likely durability of US digital-industrial superiority for at least the next ten years. There can be two reasons for this.
3. India Specific Observations: **Despite the geo-strategic instability of its region and a keen awareness of the cyber threat it faces, India has made only "modest progress" in developing its policy and doctrine for cyberspace security.**
4. India has some cyber-intelligence and offensive cyber capabilities but they are regionally focused, principally on Pakistan. India is currently aiming to compensate for its weaknesses by building new capability with the help of key international partners – including the US, the UK and France.

US' DIGITAL MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT ACT

1. The Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology was locked out of his Twitter account for an hour allegedly over a notice received for violation of the US' Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) 1998.
2. Digital Millennium Copyright Act: It is a law passed in the US and is among the world's first laws recognising Intellectual Property (IP) on the internet. The DMCA oversees the implementation of two 1996 treaties signed by World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) member nations.
3. **Any content creator of any form, who believes that their original content has been copied by a user or a website without authorisation can file an application citing their intellectual property has been stolen or violated.**

NEW CHINESE MILITIA UNITS FOR HIGH ALTITUDES

1. Chinese Military has raised new militia units comprising local Tibetan youth for high-altitude warfare.
2. The **new units named Mimang Cheton are presently undergoing training, and are to be deployed mostly in upper Himalayan ranges**, both in the eastern and western sectors of the India-China border.
3. They are being trained for a variety of tasks, including using high-tech equipment such as drones on the one hand, as well as mules and horses to reach regions in the Himalayan range that can't be accessed by modern means.
4. They have been raised near Eastern Ladakh, the site of the recent border tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), as well as near its borders with Sikkim and Bhutan.

INDIAN INITIATIVES SHAPING ENERGY TRANSITION

1. The Minister of State for New & Renewable Energy **launched 'The India Story' booklet, a compilation of Indian initiatives that are shaping India's energy transition.**
2. The booklet was launched at the event on Accelerating Citizen Centric Energy Transition organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
3. **It was organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to the United Nations and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).**
4. The Minister also launched a website which will act as a repository of energy transition related knowledge resources from around the world.