

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **Methodological issues on measuring other SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) have been flagged before, but the lack of adequate measurement of economic inequality seems to be a glaring miss. Like in the first wave, the second wave, with more fatalities, has had similar outcomes on livelihoods and jobs. While the better score for India in its endeavour to achieve SDGs will bring some cheer, governments must work on addressing pressing issues such as increased inequality and economic despair.**
- **The planned Mission recognises that we need a strong and extensive cadre of human resources required to meet the enormous and complex environmental challenges of the 21st century. This will require training professionals of the highest calibre in sustainability and biodiversity science, along with an investment in civil society outreach.**
- **The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved the issuance of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the construction of six conventional submarines under Project 75I.**
- **The Chief Justice of India, N.V. Ramana, asked the Chief Justices of High Courts to ensure that recommendations for judicial appointments to the High Courts reflect the social diversity of the country.**
- **Environmentalists and fisher groups in Sri Lanka petitioned the Supreme Court seeking a probe into how a container ship bearing dangerous chemicals and plastic material — that burned off the coast releasing massive debris — was allowed into the island nation's territorial waters.**
- **China is urging closer security and economic cooperation with Afghanistan in an apparent effort to bolster its influence in the region as the U.S. and its allies prepare to withdraw their forces from the country.**

## WORLD EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL OUTLOOK TRENDS 2021 REPORT:ILO

1. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has released the World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends (WESO) report 2021.
2. **It has pushed over 100 million more workers into poverty worldwide. The world would be 75 million jobs short at the end of this year compared to if the pandemic had not occurred.** The sharp increase in poverty rates is due to lost working hours as economies went into lockdown, outright job losses, and a decline in access to good quality jobs.
3. **Recommendation:** Concerted policy efforts are needed to prevent long-lasting damage. It recommended among other things ensuring worldwide access to vaccines and financial assistance for developing countries – including through debt restructuring, or enhancing social protection systems.

## CROPS LOST TO PEST

1. According to a recent report, as much as 40% of the world's agricultural crops are lost to pests each year. The United Nations declared 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health, which has been extended until 1st July, 2021.
2. **Reasons for the Spread: Half of all emerging plant diseases are spread by global travel and trade, which have tripled in volume over the last decade.** Weather is the second-most important factor.
3. **Impact of Climate Change:** It will increase the risk of pests spreading in agricultural and forestry ecosystems, especially in cooler Arctic, boreal, temperate and subtropical regions.
4. **Controlling Invasive Pests:** A single, unusually warm winter can be enough to assist the establishment of invasive pests. Fall armyworm pests, which feed on crops like maize, sorghum and millet and Tephritid fruit flies (that damage fruit and other crops) have already spread due to a warmer climate.

## CEM-INDUSTRIAL DEEP DECARBONIZATION INITIATIVE

1. India and the UK have launched a new workstream to promote industrial energy efficiency under Clean Energy Ministerial's (CEM) Industrial Deep Decarbonization Initiative (IDDI) coordinated by UNIDO (United Nations Development Industrial organisation).
2. **About 12th CEM Meeting: The objective is to infuse green technologies and stimulate demand for low-carbon industrial material.** India is committed to cut emissions intensity per unit of GDP by 33 to 35% by 2030 (stated in Nationally Determined Contributions).

## PLACES IN NEWS

1. **Iceland**-As per study, Iceland's glaciers have lost seven percent of their surface since the turn of the millennium due to global warming and could disappear entirely by 2020.
2. **Glaciers cover more than 10 percent of the country's land mass. Iceland an island nation in the North Atlantic Ocean, between Europe and North America.**
3. **Mount Nyiragongo's volcano, Democratic Republic of Congo**-Nyiragongo is a large stratovolcano near Lake Kivu at the eastern border of DR Congo with Rwanda in the Virunga National Park.
4. **It is infamous for its extremely fluid lava that runs as water when the lava lake drains.**