

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Edugurallapalli tribal shandy that gathers on Fridays is reminiscent of the ancient barter system. Here the tribals exchange forest produce for rice, iodised salt and other commodities. The shandy is in Chintoor Agency in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga held a virtual meeting on Sunday with Foreign Minister of Myanmar Zin Mar Aung amid the ongoing military crackdown following the February coup, even as India sealed all entry points along the border with the southeast Asian neighbour and is closely monitoring them to prevent any Myanmar national from entering the country.
- Asia watchers observing China are above all, missing the real economic shift at play- that this is India's economic decade. Despite CEOs and investors alike having faced years, if not decades, of false starts in the subcontinent, it is undeniable that almost every major global company is either contemplating or operating on the assumption that India is a key part of their growth story.
- A new study by the Pew Research Center estimates that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionately deleterious impact on living standards in India and China in 2020, with the sharp economic contraction in the former pushing as many as 7.5 crore people into the ranks of the poor (those who earn \$2 or less a day).
- Women everywhere carry a disproportionately higher burden of unpaid work, namely, unpaid domestic services as well as unpaid care of children, the old and the disabled for their respective households. Though this work contributes to overall wellbeing at the household level and collectively at the national level, it is invisible in the national database and particularly in national policies.

WORLD HAPPINESS REPORT 2021

- 1.The Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the United Nations released the World Happiness Report 2021.This year it focuses on the effects of Covid-19 and how people all over the world have fared.
- 2.The rankings are based on polling (Gallup World Poll) which looks at six variables: **Gross Domestic Product Per Capita (Purchasing Power Parity). Social Support. Healthy life expectancy at birth.** Freedom to make life choices. Generosity. Perceptions of corruption.
- 3.Finland has been ranked as the happiest country in the world for the fourth consecutive year. Followed by Iceland, Denmark, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Sweden, Germany and Norway.
- 4.**India has been ranked 139, out of 149 countries** evaluated. In 2020, India was ranked 144 out of 156 countries surveyed.

STOP TB PARTNERSHIP BOARD

- 1.Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, has been appointed Chairman of the Stop TB Partnership Board.
- 2.About the Stop TB Partnership Board: It was established in 2001 and is mandated to eliminate Tuberculosis as a public health problem. **The organization was conceived following the meeting of the First Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Tuberculosis Epidemic held in London in March 1998.**
- 3.In its inaugural year itself, the Stop TB Partnership through the Amsterdam Declaration gave a call for collaborative action from ministerial delegations from 20 countries that bear the highest burden of TB.
- 4.The **Kochon Prize** is awarded annually by Stop TB Partnership to individuals and/or organizations that have made a significant contribution to combating TB.

ANANGPAL-II TOMAR DYNASTY

- 1.A seminar highlighted the legacy of the long-forgotten Tomar king - Anangpal II.
- 2.About Anangpal II: **Anangpal II, popularly known as Anangpal Tomar, belonged to the Tomar dynasty. He was the founder of Dhillika Puri, which eventually became Delhi.**
- 3.Multiple inscriptions and coins suggest Anangpal Tomar was the ruler of present-day Delhi and Haryana in between the 8th-12th centuries.
- 4.He had built the city from ruins and under his supervision, Anang Tal Baoli and Lal Kot were constructed. Anangpal Tomar II was succeeded by his grandson Prithviraj Chauhan.

UDAN 4.1

- 1.On the commencement of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (India@75)', the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has proposed about 392 routes under UDAN 4.1 bidding process.
- 2.About UDAN 4.1: **The UDAN 4.1 focuses on connecting smaller airports, along with special helicopter and seaplane routes.** Some new routes have been proposed under the Sagarmala Seaplane services.
- 3.Sagarmala Seaplane Services is an ambitious project under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways with potential airline operators.
- 4.Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) was launched as a regional connectivity scheme under the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2016.