

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out a flight demonstration based on Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology from Integrated Test Range Chandipur Off the Odisha coast.
- The Supreme Court asked the government to respond to a plea challenging blood donation guidelines, which ban transgender persons, members of the gay community from donating blood.
- Leaders of Australia, India, Japan and the United States will soon meet virtually for the first ever summit under the quadrilateral security arrangement, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has said.
- The Supreme Court said the government's new rules to regulate OTT (overthetop) platforms lacked teeth to punish violators or to screen offensive content.
- India expects China to work with it to ensure complete disengagement "at the earliest" along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), which was key to restoring the relationship, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.
- China's government announced a 6% growth target for 2021 and unveiled a five year plan and vision for 2035 that aims to expand the country's global footprint as a major technology power.
- With the participation of the Indian Air Force Chief and 23 aircraft in the three day event in Colombo to mark the 70th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF), India sought to reaffirm its strong defence cooperation with Sri Lanka.
- India, the world's third biggest oil importer said the decision by major producers to continue with output cuts as prices move higher could threaten the consumption led recovery in some countries.

JHARKHAND TABLES THE FIRST OUTCOME-BASED BUDGET

- 1.Outcome-Based Budget measures the outcomes of all government programmes and **whether the money has been spent for the purpose it was sanctioned.**
- 2.Under this, each ministry handling a sector is required to present a preliminary outcome budget to the Ministry of Finance, which compiles them.
- 3.This helps in establishing correlation between outlay, output and outcome of budget.
- 4.Outlay-Amount that is provided for a given scheme or project. Output-Measurable Product program activities expressed in Physical terms. Outcomes-Goes beyond mere outputs, It covers quality and effectiveness of goods or services.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION REPORT 2021:UNCTAD

- 1.India was the biggest 'overperformer' in frontier technologies than the country's per capita Gross Domestic Products (GDP) would suggest, according to a recent country-readiness index of the Technology And Innovation Report 2021. The report was released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- 2.About the Report: The **report examines the likelihood of frontier technologies widening existing inequalities and creating new ones.** It also addresses the national and international policies, instruments and institutional reforms that are needed to create a more equal world.
- 3.India Specific Findings: **India's actual index ranking is 43, while the estimated one based on per capita income is 108.**India performed well in research and development. This is reflected in its abundant supplies of qualified and highly skilled human resources available at a comparatively low cost.

INDIA-BANGLADESH BILATERAL MEET

- 1.India's External Affairs Minister visited Bangladesh for a bilateral meet. This meeting comes ahead of Indian Prime Minister's visit to Bangladesh scheduled in March 2021.
- 2.Earlier a 122-member contingent of the Bangladesh Armed Forces has participated in the 72nd Republic Day parade, commemorating 50 years of the 1971 India-Pakistan war that led to the liberation of Bangladesh.
- 3.Congratulated Bangladesh: **On its graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) status.** Bangladesh has been on the United Nations (UN) Least Developed Countries list since 1975.
- 4.More than Strategic Partners: **India-Bangladesh relations transcend strategic partnership,** and bonding of both the countries is central to the realisation of a dream of a peaceful, prosperous and progressive South Asia.

RED RICE

- 1.First consignment of red rice was flagged off to the USA. It is rich in Iron and is grown in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam, without the use of any chemical fertilizer.
- 2.Locally known as **Bao-dhaan, this rice is an integral part of Assamese food.**

PLACES IN NEWS

- 1.**Mount Sinabung**-It is a Pleistocene-to-Holocene stratovolcano in the Karo plateau of Karo Regency, North Sumatra, Indonesia. It is created by the subduction of the Indo-Australian Plate under the Eurasian Plate.