

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **The time is right to imagine a bold universal basic services programme that not only fills existing vacancies in the social sector but also expands public investments in health, education, child and elderly care, and so on, to be prepared for future shocks. This can help bring women into the workforce not only by directly creating employment for them but also by alleviating some of their domestic work burdens, while also overcoming nutritional and educational deficits.**
- **As the Finance Ministry has been vested with the responsibility for tribunals until the National Tribunal Commission(NTC) is constituted, it should come up with a transition plan. The way to reform the tribunal system is to look at solutions from a systemic perspective supported by evidence. Establishing the NTC will definitely entail a radical restructuring of the present tribunals system.**
- **UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres pleaded for an immediate end to the deadly violence, warning that the fighting could plunge the region into an “uncontainable security and humanitarian crisis”.**
- **Israel bombed the home of Hamas’ chief Yehya Al Sinwar in Gaza early on Sunday and sirens warning of rocket attacks sounded in Israeli border towns shortly after dawn as hostilities stretched into a seventh day with no sign of abating.**
- **India called for an immediate deescalation of the situation between Israel and Palestine at the first public United Nations Security Council meeting held since the current surge in hostilities between the two parties entered its seventh day.**
- **Fighting between the Taliban and Afghan government forces resumed in the restive southern province of Helmand, officials said, ending a three-day ceasefire agreed by the warring sides to mark the IdulFitri holiday.**

## PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUP (PVTGs)

1. **Creation of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs):** In 1973, the Dhebar Commission created Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) as a separate category, which are less developed among the tribal groups.
2. **In 2006, the Government of India renamed the PTGs as PVTGs. In 1975, the Government of India initiated to identify the most vulnerable tribal groups as a separate category called PVTGs and declared 52 such groups. In 1993 an additional 23 groups were added to the category.**
3. **Characteristics of PVTGs:** The Government classifies PVTGs on their: **Relative physical isolation, Stagnant or declining population, Low levels of literacy, Absence of written language, Pre-agricultural stage of economy, such as hunting,** food gathering, shifting cultivation and terrace cultivation.

## INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROGRAMMES ON INVASIVE SPECIES

1. **Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2000):** The Protocol seeks to protect biological diversity from the potential risks posed by Living Modified Organisms resulting from modern biotechnology.
2. **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):** It was one of the key agreements adopted at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
3. **Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) or Bonn Convention (1979):** It also aims to control or to eliminate already present invasive alien species.
4. **Ramsar Convention (1971):** It also addresses the environmental, economic and social impact of invasive species on wetlands within their jurisdictions.

## NEW APPROACH FOR POST-COVID EDUCATION

1. **Due to a surge in Covid-19 infections in the Second Wave of infections, the education of students in the entire nation is affected.**
2. **Availability of Online Education:** While e-education is a privilege for the students from an upper and middle class, it has proved to be a nuisance for students from the lower middle class and people living below the poverty line.
3. **Long-Term Exposure to Internet:** This may create impediments to the development of the thinking process in the younger generation. **Decreasing Analytical Thinking:** Google is the prominent and only platform to all queries, and as a result of that, students are not thinking on their own.
4. **Increasing Student Isolation:** Physical interaction and activities have been entirely absent, and that may also be contributing to new problems.

## BASAVA JAYANTI

1. **The Prime Minister of India paid tribute to Jagadguru Basaveshwara on the occasion of Basava Jayanthi. He was born in Karnataka in 1131 CE. He was an Indian 12th-century Philosopher, Statesman and a social reformer.**
2. **He was Lingayat saint in the Shiva-focussed Bhakti movement, and Hindu Shaivite social reformer during the reign of the Kalyani Chalukya/Kalachuri dynasty.**
3. **Basavanna spread social awareness through his poetry known as Vachanaas. Several important Lingayat works are credited to Basavanna, including Vachana such as the Shat-sthala-vachana, Kala-jnana-vachana, Mantra-gopya, Ghatna Chakra-vachana and Raja-yoga-vachana.**
4. **Basavanna, like Gautama Buddha, taught people how to live happily in a rational social order which later came to be known as the Sharana movement.**