

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- WhatsApp has reportedly said in its affidavit that it is being singled out, and that its policy is not different from those of private apps such as Google, BigBasket, Koo, as well as public apps such as Aarogya Setu, Bhim, IRCTC, and others. A fitful approach to issues concerning the user may do more harm to India's approach to data protection and freedom than anything else.
- The Supreme Court upheld a government move to allow lenders to initiate insolvency proceedings against personal guarantors, who are usually promoters of big business houses, along with the stressed corporate entities for whom they gave guarantee.
- A truce between Israel and Hamas took hold after the worst violence in years, with U.S. President Joe Biden pledging to salvage the devastated Gaza Strip and the UN urging new Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.
- Well known environmentalist and Gandhian Sunderlal Bahuguna is no more. Mr. Bahuguna, 94, died at AIIMS, Rishikesh. He was one of the founders of the Chipko, or hug the tree movement, in the 1970s to save Himalayan forests.
- Destroyer INS Rajput, built by the erstwhile USSR, was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam after 41 years of service.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has hinted that countries has failed to live by "commitments" during COVID-19. The pandemic has prompted countries to become self seeking often resorting to broader definition of national security that disrupted supply chains, he said in a speech at a 'Future of Asia' event organised by Nikkei.

## CHINA'S NEW STRATEGIC HIGHWAY

- 1.China has completed construction of a strategically significant highway enabling greater access to remote areas along the disputed border with Arunachal Pradesh in India.
- 2.The construction began in 2014 and is part of a wider infrastructure push in border areas in Tibet. The highway passes through the Grand Canyon of the Brahmaputra river (Yarlung Zangbo in Tibet).
- 3.It connects Pad Township in the city of Nyingchi and Medog County. Nyingchi and Medog County both are located in Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), China. Medog is the last county in Tibet, which is located close to the Arunachal Pradesh border.
- 4.A highway connecting the border will largely improve the efficiency and convenience of military personnel and material transportation and logistical supplies in the border area.

## INDIA AND OMAN MoU

- 1.India and Oman renewed the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on military cooperation as well as on maritime security.
- 2.The Sultanate of Oman is a strategic partner of India and an important speaker at the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Arab League and Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) fora.
- 3.In West-Asia, Oman is one of India's oldest defence partners and an ally in anti-piracy campaigns. India has supplied rifles to Oman. Also, India is considering setting up a defence production unit in Oman.
- 4.Oman is at the gateway of Strait of Hormuz through which India imports one-fifth of its oil imports. The berth rights given by Oman to Indian vessels is important for the Indian Navy to carry out anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden.

## A-76:WORLD'S LARGEST ICEBERG

- 1.An enormous iceberg 'A-76' has calved from the western side of the Ronne Ice Shelf, lying in the Weddell Sea, in Antarctica. The newly calved berg 'A-76' was spotted in recent satellite images captured by the Copernicus Sentinel-1 mission.
- 2.An iceberg is ice that broke off from glaciers or shelf ice and is floating in open water. Icebergs travel with ocean currents and either get caught up in shallow waters or ground themselves.
- 3.Calving is the glaciological term for the mechanical loss (or simply, breaking off) of ice from a glacier margin.
- 4.Periodic calving off of large chunks of those shelves is part of a natural cycle, but the process has been accelerated by climate change.

## WHITE FUNGUS

- 1.China's spacecraft Tianwen-1 landed on Mars carrying its 1.As the central government asks states to notify black fungus or mucormycosis an epidemic, an infection called white fungus or Candidiasis has also been found to affect some people.
- 2.White Fungus or Candidiasis is a fungal infection caused by a yeast (a type of fungus) called Candida. The most common species that causes infection is Candida albicans.
- 3.This infection can be caused due to low immunity, or if people come in contact with things that contain these moulds like water, etc.