

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- The French sociologist Alain Touraine once said that the political class is becoming increasingly alien to the people. This is true now a days. Our constitutional arrangement is such that the government is accountable to the people. The government's disdain for people raising critical issues about the mismanagement of the crisis.
- Winning an intellectual or ideological battle over taxes on COVID essentials is meaningless at this precarious time, when each day's delay in providing relief hurts thousands. Small gestures with limited revenue implications would give the Centre more room to strike common ground with States on the challenges that loom over the GST regime.
- The developments in Lakshadweep only lead one to suspect that there is something sinister being planned. Is the game plan to altogether supplant Lakshadweep's human habitation with cement factories.
- Global cooperation is also required for the sequencing of the viral genome to track and control the multiple variants. Only if we tame the virus together and quickly will the world benefit both in terms of health and economy.
- China took another step towards completing the construction of its first space station by the end of next year following the launch and docking of a cargo spacecraft.
- Sri Lankan authorities on Sunday said they will sue the owners of a Singapore registered cargo carrier, which has burned for 11 straight days off the island's west coast and caused some of its worst ever marine pollution.
- Israeli far right politician Naftali Bennett will deliver a statement, in which he is widely expected to throw his crucial support behind a "government of change" to unseat Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BAY OF BENGAL VS ARABIAN SEA

- 1.**Bay of Bengal cyclones**-As it is concave or shallow where when strong winds push water, it gets concentrated as a storm. It is shaped like a trough that makes it more hospitable for storms to gain force. Moreover, the high sea surface temperature makes matters more worse in the Bay triggering the intensity of the storms.
- 2.Additionally, it gets more rainfall with sluggish winds and warm air currents around it that keep temperatures relatively high all year. The constant inflow of fresh warm water from the perennial rivers like Brahmaputra, Ganga makes it further impossible to mix with the cooler water below.
- 3.**Arabian Sea cyclones:** It is much calmer as the stronger winds help dissipate the heat and lack of constant fresh water helps the warm water to mix with the cool water underneath, reducing the surface temperature.
- 4.The Arabian Sea enjoys the locational advantage as the winds from the Pacific Ocean encounter the Western Ghats and the Himalayas cutting down on its intensity and sometimes never reaching the Arabian Sea.

GST COMPENSATION CESS

- 1.GST Compensation Cess is levied by the GST Act 2017. The object of levying this cess is to compensate the states for the loss of revenue arising due to the implementation of GST on 1st July 2017 for a period of five years or such period as recommended by the GST Council.
- 2.**Compensation cess is levied over and above the amount of GST charged in relation to a particular supply. The calculation is similar to that of GST – the prescribed rate is applied to the transaction value given under section 15 of the CGST Act 2017 to arrive at the cess liability.**

BEGUM SULTAN JAHAN

- 1.The death anniversary of Begum Sultan Jahan was observed. She was a Philanthropist, Prolific writer, Feminist, Symbol of Women Empowerment, First female Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University.
- 2.She was the last Begum of Bhopal. Ruled from 1909 to 1926 after which she was succeeded by her son. Fourth female ruler of Bhopal. Set up the municipality system, introduced municipal elections and constructed a walled city and a palace for herself.
- 3.**Took steps for improving public health, sanitation, and water supply in the walled city and implemented widespread vaccination drives for its residents.**
- 4.Her progressive policies for women, at a time when they were shackled by the forces of patriarchy.

PERSONALITIES IN NEWS

- 1.**Professor C.N.R.Rao**-Bharat Ratna C.N.R.Rao has received the International Eni Award 2020 also called the Energy Frontier award.
- 2.The Energy Frontiers award has been conferred for his work on metal oxides, carbon nanotubes(CNTs), and other materials and two-dimensional systems, including graphene, boron-nitrogen-carbon hybrid materials, and molybdenum sulfide(Molybdenite-MoS₂) for energy applications and green hydrogen production.
- 3.**Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**-Born in Maharashtra's Nashik he is popularly known as Veer Savarkar. He was a great leader, lawyer and writer.He served as the President of Hindu Mahasabha, formulated Hindu Nationalist philosophy of Hindutva.