

PRAYAS KSG: NEWSPAPER SPOTLIGHT'S

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- People's Liberation Army (PLA) officers (of China), at the Corps Commanders meeting, said that the Galwan clash was an "unfortunate incident".
- Pakistan to remain on FATF (Financial Action Task Force) 'greylist'.
- According to a UNESCO report, The COVID19 pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in education systems across the world..
- North Korea suspends military action plan against South Korea. North Korea also blew up a liaison office last week and cut off communication hot lines with the South Korea.
- The new COVID19 outbreak that has infected hundreds of people in Beijing since early June is under control.
- India GDP to contract 4.5% in 2020: IMF. Contraction first in decades for country.
- The Chinese army has crossed the border in another strategic area, the Depsang plains in Ladakh.
- The department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) directed e-commerce firms to work out a mechanism that will enable customers to identify the country of origin for all products displayed on their platforms.
- Amid sliding prices of maize in the wake of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Centre has notified norms for import of 5 lakh tonnes of maize under Tariff Rate Quota Scheme (see extended news).
- India voices support for halt to hostilities in Libya.
- Key to Covid fight: Recovery rate almost 60% (Health Ministry).
- Chinese aggression at LAC premeditated: USC on gress man (Brad Sherman).
- Proposed "Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre", gets government nod to private participation in space sector.

MAHARASHTRA NOTIFIES TILLARI FOREST AS CONSERVATION RESERVE

Key facts

1. Tillari conservation reserve is located in **sindhudurg district** of Maharashtra.
2. It connects Mhadei wildlife sanctuary in Goa and Bhimgad wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka.
3. It is an integral part of **Sahyadri- Konkan wildlife corridor**.
4. Conservation reserve typically acts as **corridors between** national parks, wildlife sanctuaries.
5. Any development or agricultural activity **needs approval** from the state and central wildlife boards.
6. Conservation reserves were added by **wildlife(Protection) Amendment Act, 2002**.
7. It is declared by **state governments**.

US SUSPENDS WORK VISAS TILL END OF YEAR

Key facts

1. It was done to **protect domestic workers** in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. Visa Categories-**H-1B**-It allows US companies to employ foreign workers in specialised occupations for 3 years extendable to 6 years.
3. **H-4** Visa-Issued to immediate family members like spouse & children of H-1B workers.
4. **L1 visas**-Highly skilled workers to US for a period of up to 7 years.
5. Impact on India-Indian IT companies are **biggest beneficiaries** of the US H-1B visa.
6. It can result on **worker wages** of Indian IT companies which send **low-cost worker on client sites** in the US.
7. Expected to benefit The Indian outsourcing industry with US clients seen moving more work to India.

WHAT IS TARIFF RATE QUOTA (TRQ) SYSTEM

Key facts

1. A tariff-rate quota (TRQ) is a two-tiered tariff regime that combines two policy instruments (import quota and tariff) to regulate imports.
2. TRQ regime allows a lower tariff rate on imports of a given product within a specified quantity and requires a higher tariff rate on imports exceeding that quantity.

ARCTIC HEAT WAVES

Key facts

1. Recently, Arctic Circle has **recorded new high temperatures** reaching over 38 degree Celsius in Siberia.
2. **2016** was also the high temperature year.
3. Reason-Absence of sea ice, Global rising temperature etc.
4. Impact-Threat to local vegetation, ecology, human health.

BEIDOU NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM

Key facts

1. China launched the **last satellite of its Beidou satellite constellation** completing a new global navigation system.