

PRAYAS KSG NEWSPAPER SPOTLIGHT'S

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The book titled 'A Song of India' authored by Ruskin Bond to be released on July 20, 2020. The book portrays his unknown life before he became a successful author.
- The National Intelligence Grid has signed an MoU with the National Crime Records Bureau to access the centralised online database on FIRs.
- China, Iran close to reaching trade and military partnership This undercuts U.S. efforts to isolate the Tehran government.
- As Maldives reopens for tourists, India is likely to create special Air bubble.
- Urea Could be the first big ticket item in which the Government reaches atmanibhar or self-reliance, reducing the dependence on China imports. 5 new plants coming by 2023.
- The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism(UNOCT) observes 2nd Counter-Terrorism Week from July 6-10, 2020 virtually. The theme of the week is "Strategic and Practical Challenges of Countering Terrorism in a Global Pandemic Environment"
- HIMALAYAN VIAGRA : The world's costliest fungus — Ophiocordyceps sinensis — also known as Himalayan Viagra, which sells in international markets for upwards of Rs 20 lakh per kg, has entered the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.
- ALL INDIA TIGER ESTIMATION 2018 : The fourth cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation 2018, results of which were declared to the nation on Global Tiger Day last year has entered the Guinness World Record for being the world's largest camera trap wildlife survey.
- Banning of short video sharing platform TikTok as part of the government's move to ban 59 apps with Chinese links has led to surge in numbers for its Indian alternatives, the users depending on the app for their livelihood have seen a jolt as they transition to these alternatives.
- ATL APP DEVELOPMENT MODULE NITI : Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has launched the 'ATL App Development Module' for school children all across the country.
- NEOWISE: The recently discovered comet called C/2020 F3, also known as NEOWISE after the NASA telescope that discovered it, will make its closest approach to the Earth on July 22.

INDIA'S SEX RATIO AT BIRTH IMPROVES

Key facts

1. As per Sample Registration System (SRS), in 2016-18 period, **1,112 male kids were born per 1,000 female births** in India. This was 1,116 during 2015-17.
2. SRS is demographic survey for providing annual estimates of various indicators (birth rate etc.).
3. Reason of SRB-Preferences of Sons, declining fertility rates linked to driving up the rate of sex-selective abortions.
4. Steps Taken-Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, PCPNDT Act 1994, Sukanya Samridhi Account.

OVERHAUL OF FACTORY SAFETY NORMS

Key facts

1. **High Powered Committee** which probed the styrene gas leak at the LG Polymers plant in Visakhapatnam gave following recommendations:
2. **Setting up of factory safety boards** at the Central and State levels.
3. A special investigating wing to probe all major industrial accidents.

FOCUSED INTERVENTION FOR "MAKE IN INDIA": POST COVID 19

Key facts

1. **Sector-specific strengths**, market trends, and opportunities in five sectors, critical for economic recovery in post COVID-19 period to make India Atmanirbhar.
2. **Technology clusters in champion** segments across India be established for Job creation.
3. **Import Substitution**, Indigenous Innovation-Evolve technology platforms in Solar Technologies.
4. Affordable Technologies development for rural Areas.
5. Focus on high value medical products/technologies that are majorly imported.

GOING ONLINE AS LEADERS PROJECT(GOAL) PROJECT

Key facts

1. Webinar for sensitization on GOAL Project was organised.
2. GOAL is a **digital skilling and mentorship initiative** that will engage **renowned leaders** and experts in their respective domains to personally mentor **scheduled tribe youths** across India.
3. Core Area-Digital literacy, life skills and leadership & Entrepreneurship.
4. Goal was launched by **Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Facebook**.

ROTARY FOUNDATION HONOURS

1. Rotary Foundation Honours TN CM Edappadi K Palaniswami with Paul Harris Fellow Recognition **About Paul Harris Fellow recognition**
2. The recognition is in the honor of Rotary founder, Paul Harris who contributed to The Rotary Foundation.
3. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is conferred to honour the efficient service of people who provide drinking water, sanitation, prevention of diseases, environment, world peace etc. to its people.