

PRAYAS KSG: NEWSPAPER SPOTLIGHT'S

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Sundarbans has unwavering faith in Bon Bibi. Bon Bibi, the deity of the forest and the central character of Bon Bibi's Palagaan, a musical drama unique to the Sundarbans.
- India set for more talks on LAC with China, Special Representative Ajit Doval is scheduled to meet Chinese counterpart.
- Amid Ladakh standoff, China, Pakistan. hold talks, Kashmir, LoC situation figure in discussions.
- The resignation of Syed Ali Shah Geelani from the All Party Hurriyat Conference set off ripples of speculation over the outfit's future and its role in the politics of the Kashmir Valley.
- Nearly 78% of COVID19 patients in India are under 50, 60% have at least one co-morbidity- Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)(Govt.Body) Data.
- North Korea does not feel the need to have talks with the U.S., which would be nothing more than "a political tool" for Washington.
- Sri Lankan President sets up committee (After Uproar on the issue in Sri Lanka) to look into Colombo Port concerns. India, Japan had agreed to jointly develop it with Sri Lanka.
- The World Health Organization has condemned the "dangerous" concept of herd immunity for managing the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- Odisha Launches 1st of its kind scheme, 'Balaram' to provide Rs 1,040 crore credit to 7 lakh Landless Farmers.
- PM Modi Launched MEITY & AIM's 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge' for Techies, Start-up Community

E-WASTE MONITOR 2020

Key facts

1. E-waste is electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), have been discarded without intent of re-use.
2. E-waste is **increased by 21% in just five years**, 53.6 million tonnes of E-waste in 2019.
3. Less than 18% of e-waste in 2019 was collected and recycled.
4. Causes-Higher consumption rates of EEE, **Short life cycles, and few repair options.**
5. Risk to Environment and Health. It contains several toxic additives.
6. Report by UNEP Collaboration.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMENT REPORT 2020

Key facts

1. The report is released by "sustainable development solutions network".
2. The Report tracks the performance of all UN member states in the 17 SDGs.
3. World has seen rapid progress towards: SDG 1(No poverty),SDG 9(Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure),SDG 11(Sustainable cities and communities).
4. COVID-19 had negatively affected several goals.
5. **Short term gains to several SDG goals** due to COVID- 19,Gains to SDG 12(Responsible consumption and production),SDG 13 (Climate action),SDG 14(Life below water),SDG 15(Life on Land).
5. **India ranked at 117.**
6. **India faces major challenges in 10** of the 17 SDGs.
7. Suggestion-Dissemination of best practices rapidly, addressing hunger hotspots, ensuring social equality etc.

WHAT IS STRATEGIC SALE?

Key facts

1. It is defined as the sale of substantial portion of government shareholding of a public enterprises(CPSEs) of **upto 50% or higher**, along with transfer of management control.
2. Government is on track for strategic sale of CPSEs.

NAGARHOLE NATIONAL PARK

Key facts

1. Forest department will place a **traffic monitoring mechanism** for roads adjacent to Nagarhole National Park to ensure better compliance to forest laws.
2. The Park is located in Karnataka.
3. **Nagarhole river flows** through park and gradually joins Kabini river.

UN Global E-waste Monitor 2020 ReportUN report Global E-waste Monitor 2020

1. According to the report, the world dumped a record 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste in 2019, an increase of 21% in 5 years.
2. China is the biggest contributor to e-waste with 10.1 million tonnes (mt) followed by the United States (US) with 6.9 mt and India with 3.2 mt at 2nd and 3rd rank respectively.
3. This report is jointly prepared by the Global E-waste Statistics Partnership (GESP), formed by UN University (UNU), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), in close collaboration with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

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- Days after Bhutan sent China a demarche protesting against Chinese claims to the Sakteng wildlife sanctuary in eastern Bhutan, Beijing has doubled down, including Bhutan's "eastern sectors" to the boundary dispute between the two countries for the first time.
- School shut, no mid-day meal, children in Bihar village back to work selling scrap.
- Locust menace: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) asks India to be on high alert for next 4 weeks.
- At India's groundnut-cotton (Gondal, Gujarat) bowl, Excitement over centre's Agricultural produce market committee (APMC) reforms-APMC procurement price is now higher than MSP.
- As traditional space heating mechanisms threaten natural resources and health of residents, sustainable space heating systems can bring down CO2 emissions by 30% in the IHR (Indian Himalayan region) by 2030, As per a report by WWF India and TERI.
- On June 3, French President Emmanuel Macron appointed a public servant, Jean Castex (55) as the new Prime Minister of government reshuffle, replacing Edouard Philippe.
- Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and education minister Manish Sisodia launched an e-portal, 'Learning through E-Resources Made Accessible for Delhi' (LEAD) for its students to strengthen the children's online education.

Unique Urban Forest inaugurated at the Office of CAG : New Delhi

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated Unique "Urban Forest" at the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in New Delhi. The "Miyawaki method" of forest creation is employed which could help to reduce the temperature and increase the moisture.

KHALISTAN MOVEMENT

Key facts

1. Centre designated 9 persons associated with **khalistan movement** as terrorist under Unlawful activities prevention Act (UAPA).
2. **Recently Amended UAPA**, Individuals can be designated as terrorists.
3. Khalistan movement is a separatist movement seeking to create a homelands for Sikhs by establishing sovereign state, called Khalistan in Punjab.

INDIA-BANGLADESH AGREEMENT FOR JOINT VENTURE COMPANY (JVC)

Key facts

1. JVC was signed between subsidiary of Indian Oil Corporation and LPG company of Bangladesh.
2. It will help **reduce the cost of import of LPG for Bangladesh.**

Climate Assessment Report

Key facts

1. It is released by the Ministry of Earth Sciences for the first time.
2. According to the report, West Bengal is one of the most climatically vulnerable states of India.
3. The report also mentioned a significant eastward shift in tropical cyclone genesis locations in the Bay of Bengal region during post-monsoon seasons, which may enhance the risk for the coastal regions of West Bengal.
4. The report mentioned that the flood risk increased over the east coast of India, with West Bengal being one of the vulnerable states.

E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016

Key facts

1. Notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. For the first time, the rules brought the producers under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), along with targets.
3. Producers have been made responsible for collection of E-waste and for its exchange.
4. Urban Local Bodies (Municipal Committee/Council/Corporation) has been assigned the duty to collect and channelized the orphan products to authorized dismantler or recycler.
5. Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) shall apply to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for registration to undertake activities prescribed in the Rules.

WHAT IS ANTHROPAUSE?

Key facts

1. Term coined by UK researchers-It refers to **coronavirus- induced lockdown period and its impact on other species.**
2. Valuable insight into the relationship between human-wildlife interactions.

NANOZYMES

Key facts

1. Scientists from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru have developed nanozymes-**Nanomaterials carrying enzyme** like characteristics, believed to act in battle against antibiotic resistance.

MP Current Affairs

1. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has started a social media campaign by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board.
2. In order to attract tourists in the state, the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has started a social media campaign. The name of the campaign is 'Intzaar aap ka'