

KSG:NEWSPAPER NEWSPAPER SPOTLIGHT'S

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Unlock 2 Rules unveiled Night curfew timings eased.** The Ministry of Home Affairs announced fresh guidelines for **Unlock 2**. The restrictions will, however, be strictly enforced in containment zones till July 31.
- **The Delhi government will set up a first-of-its-kinds plasma bank in the Capital for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.**
- **The Government of India banned 59 mobile applications, most of them popular Chinese applications such as Tik Tok, Shareit, MI Video Call, citing threat to national security and sovereignty.**
- **President Ram Nath Kovind has given Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel additional charge of absence on leave of Governor Lalji Tandon.**
- **India, Bhutan sign pact for first joint hydel project 600 MW Kholongchhu venture termed a 'milestone in ties.** First hydropower joint venture project is in Bhutan's less developed eastern region of Trashiyangtse.
- **7 killed as Baloch separatists attack Pakistan Stock Exchange, Karachi.** The Baloch Liberation Army has targeted infrastructure projects in the past.
- **Israel's aim to annex parts of the occupied West Bank was clearly "illegal", the UN's human rights chief said.** Warned that the consequences could be "disastrous".
- **India is drawing up an incentive scheme for the auto motive sector aimed at doubling exports of vehicles and components in the next five years.**
- **Bharat Biotech gained an edge in the race among a few entities in the country and several more globally to ready a vaccine for COVID-19 when the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) cleared its product for human clinical trials.**
- **Govt. has decided to withdraw the decided to withdraw the Bander coal block located in the close vicinity of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra from the list of coal blocks up for auction. 50 per cent of Jal Jeevan target to be met by retrofitting old taps this year.**

PROJECT PLATINA

Key facts

1. The **World's largest Convalescent Plasma Therapy Trial project** by Maharashtra.
2. Convalescent Plasma Therapy has shown encouraging results on patients across the world.
3. Indian Council of Medical Research has given the approval to conduct plasma therapy.
4. Convalescent Plasma is used to transfer antibodies to the patient suffering from the COVID-19 virus.

PRIME MINISTER FORMALIZATION OF MICRO FOOD PROCESSING ENTERPRISES (PM FME)

Key facts

1. As a **part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**, the Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME) scheme was launched.
2. The scheme will generate **9 lakhs skilled and semi-skilled employment**.
3. To support local unorganized food processing units in the country.
4. **8 lakh micro food processing units** across the country will be benefited under the scheme.
5. Central and State Governments will share the expenditure in the ratio of 60:40.
6. With the Himalayan and North Eastern States, the share will be in the ratio 90:10. UT-100% central share.

KILL CORONA CAMPAIGN IN MADHYA PRADESH

Key facts

1. Door-to-door Survey.
2. During the campaign, the highlight will be the number of tests conducted.

WORLD BANK APPROVES FUNDS FOR STARS (STRENGTHENING TEACHING-LEARNING AND RESULTS FOR STATES PROGRAMS)

Key facts

1. On June 28, 2020, The board of executives of the World Bank (WB) has approved loan of \$ 500 million (about Rs 3,700 crore) under 'Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Program (STARS)' project to improve the quality and governance of school education across six states (Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan) in India.
2. The new project will be executed through flagship central scheme, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

S-400 MISSILE SYSTEM

Key facts

1. Russia has agreed to look at advancing **S-400 delivery to India**.
2. It is an **Integrated Missile system** i.e., Radars, command and control equipment, 4 types of Surface-to-air missiles.
3. Its Ranges vary from 40km to 400km.

MARGINAL STANDING FACILITY (MSF)

Key facts

1. RBI had increased the borrowing limit under the MSF from **2% 3% to their deposits**.
2. Under MSF, Banks borrow from the central bank by pledging government securities at a rate higher than the repo rate under liquidity adjustment facility or LAF in short. The MSF rate is pegged 100 basis points or a percentage point above the repo rate. Under MSF, banks can borrow funds up to one percentage of their net demand and time liabilities (NDTL).

Uttarakhand Develops India's First Lichen Park to Conserve Jurassic Era Plant in Munsiyari

1. The Forest Department of Uttarakhand has developed India's First Lichen Park in Munsiyari (Munsiyari), Pithoragarh district.