

PRAYAS KSG: NEWSPAPER SPOTLIGHT'S

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- India and China agreed to disengage after detailed talks were held between Corps Commanders.
- Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at the Russia India China Foreign Minister level virtual interaction that both countries(India and China) were capable of solving the crisis without escalation, need no help.
- India tells Pakistan slash staff by half at Pakistani high Commission, India will also cut numbers(by Half) at Indian High commission in Islamabad.
- Governments asks Patanjali to stop advertising the drugs('Coronil' and 'Swasari') for covid-19 cure seeks details on formulation.
- The PM CARES Fund Trust has allocated ₹ 2,000 crore for the supply of ₹,000 "Made in India" ventilators to government run COVID19 hospitals.
- China warns risk of naval conflict with U.S.US has deployed 3,75,000 soldiers, 60% of warships in Indo-Pacific region causes worry.
- Former U.S. National Security Adviser (NSA) John Bolton's book,"The Room Where It Happened", was officially released in the U.S..
- Money supply surge signals uncertainty amid pandemic, People hoarding cash, parking money in deposits: Analyst.
- Rs.3.3 lakh crore of MSME funds are stuck with strong large corporates in the form of receivables:Brickwork Ratings.
- International Labour Organization (ILO) has announced strategies to revive world economy.
- Insurers can offer COVID19 health cover: IRDA. Such policies will be for a maximum term of 11 months.
- US president Donald Trump extends ban on H1B and other work visas. Tech firms say damaging to the US.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION(ILO) HAS ANNOUNCED STRATEGIES TO REVIVE WORLD ECONOMY

Key facts

1. ILO policy on work and COVID-19.
2. Report-**60% decline** in earnings.
3. Women in high risk sectors(to loose employment).
4. **2 Billion People** in the informal economy.
5. Strategies-Broaden the **social protection outreach**.
6. Immediate support to **vulnerable workers(May loose job)**.
7. **Safe and accessible work places**(After returning to work).

BIOMEDICAL WASTE CRISIS(BMW) DUE TO COVID-19

Key facts

1. Un-estimated amount of BMW being generated from dedicated COVID-19 hospitals.
2. Delhi and Mumbai at the top.
3. Posing a health risk to **waste pickers and paramedics staff**.
4. Issues-Limited capacity for waste disposal.
5. **Common biomedical waste treatment facilities**.
6. Incinerators have not been upgraded to handle COVID-19 waste.

MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEMES REVIEW BY MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPEMNT

Key facts

1. Positives-**Creating Land Assets** on land of small and marginal farmers.
2. wage on time.
3. Financial independency for women.
4. Issues-**No Asset creation of Landless**.
5. In 2019,Average work per household was **48 days** out of 100 days.
6. Recommendations-Study to review why average work days are less than entitlement.
7. Better framework for convergence with other schemes.
8. **Capacity building of MPs, MLAs** and PRI officials.

CHINA TO JOIN UN ARMS TRADE TREATY(ATT)

Key facts

1. ATT is **legally binding**.
2. It **regulates global trade in conventional arms**.
3. It covers all conventional weapons.
4. ATT is entered **into force in 2014**.
5. **105 countries** has ratified it.
6. India is not a signatory.

AMAMI ISLANDS IN NEWS

Key facts

1. Amami islands is a **part of Japan**.
2. Japan has reported sighting an unidentified submarines around Amami islands.