

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Mainstream Political parties of Kashmir, issued a joint statement reiterating their commitment to strive for restoration of Articles 370 and 35A, and said all their other political activities would be subservient to that.
- In a bid to escape blacklisting by the Financial Action Task Force(FATF), Pakistan has effectively ended up acknowledging the presence in the country of fugitive terrorist Dawood Ibrahim, one of the most wanted men in India.
- Prime minister Narendra Modi has laid out a roadmap, with clear deadlines, for carrying out development works in Jammu and Kashmir- and set up a development board in every district with political leaders as members.
- Continuing with its attempts to restore the status quo ante at the Line of Actual Control(LAC) in Ladakh peaceful means despite Chinese intransigence, the government has decided to hold more military talks with China.
- Pointing to local level restrictions on movement of people and goods still being imposed by various districts/states, the Ministry of Home affairs wrote to states that there can be no restriction on inter-state and intra-state movement.
- The digital health IDs under the National Digital Health Mission(NDHM) are expected to make it easier to access quality healthcare, said CEO of National Health Authority.
- The United states was further isolated over its bid to reimpose international sanctions on Iran with 13 countries on the 15-member UN security Council expressing their opposition.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR INDIA AND STATES 2011-2036

1. Projections are provided by **National commission on Population**, under Ministry of Health and family welfare.
2. Key highlights-Sex ratio(females per 1000 males) is expected to increase to 952 during 2036(943 in 2011).
3. Total Fertility Rate is expected to decline from 2.34 during 2011-2015 to 1.72 during 2031-35.
4. Population of India is **expected to increase to 151.8 crores in 2036**, at the annual rate of 1.0%.

BOREAL SUMMER INTRA SEASONAL OSCILLATION(BSISO)

1. It is the **movement of convection(heat) from Indian ocean to western pacific ocean** roughly every 10-50 days during the monsoon(June-September).
2. Researchers found that BSISO induces high wave activity in north Indian Ocean and Arabian sea.
3. Studying **BSISO will help improve wave forecast along India`s coasts** and mitigate impacts of high waves(coastal flooding,erosion, etc).

HILSA FISH

1. **Bhadbhut project(in Gujrat)**,a causeway-cum weir barrage across Narmada is expected to interfere with the migration and breeding cycle of hilsa.
2. Hilsa is a marine fish which migrates upstream and arrives in the brackish water of the Narmada estuary near Bharauch for spawning usually during the monsoon months.
3. It is a type of oily fish which is common in Bengali and Oriya cuisines.

HARIT PATH

1. It is mobile app that will facilitate **creation of Green Highways across the country**.
2. It will monitor **location, growth, maintenance activities, targets etc of every plant** under all Highway plantation projects.
3. It is developed by National Highways Authority of India(NHAI).
4. Recently, NHAI had also undertaken a nation-wide plantation drive, Harit Bharat Sankalp, under which it planted over 25 lakh plants in 25 days along the stretches of National Highways.

PARTICIPATORY NOTES(P-NOTES)

1. Investment through P-notes in the domestic capital market increased to Rs 63,288 crore till July-end, making it **the fourth consecutive monthly rise**.
2. P-Notes are **overseas derivatives instrument** required by investors to invest in Indian securities **without having to register with the SEBI**.
3. They are issued by registered foreign portfolio investors(FPIs).

DRAFT STANDARD FOR THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

1. It is prepared by Bureau of Indian Standard(BIS).
2. Decision on making the standard mandatory lies with Ministry of Jal Shakti.
3. It **aims to act as a benchmark for maintaining water quality** and developing a uniform process for states opting to implement it.
4. It lays down the **requirements for water utilities, including procurement of raw water, its treatment, distribution**, quality maintenance and responsibilities of the management.