

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Bill that proposes DNA sampling and profiling of citizens accused of crime or reported missing and storing their unique genetic information for administrative purposes has some alarming provisions that could be misused for caste or community based profiling, a draft report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology has flagged.
- The Supreme Court declined a plea for a direction to the Centre and the Telangana government to reconstruct the religious structures razed during the demolition of the old Secretariat building in Hyderabad.
- The different phases of the lockdown and unlock has taken a toll on the Delhi government's tax revenue collection. According to data, the total tax revenue collection has gone down by 57.2%.
- The Karnataka government is making all preparations to bring in administrative reforms and amendments to the laws, which are essential to implement the national education policy 2020.
- A list of 108 military subsystems and components has been identified for development by the Indian industry and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) will provide support for the process, the Defence Ministry said.
- The Supreme Court declined a plea seeking formulation of a national policy for providing uniform compensation to families of those who died of COVID19.
- Public health groups, have urged the GST Council to increase compensation cess on all tobacco products that can provide an additional tax revenue of ₹ 49,740 crore.

BLACK SEA

1. Turkey discovered 320 billion cubic metres natural gas reserve in Black sea which can alter the geopolitics of energy trade in its region
2. Black Sea, also known as Euxine Sea, is located between Eastern Europe and Western Asia.
3. It connects with the Mediterranean Sea through the Bosphorus Strait, and then through the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles Strait.

TSAR BOMBA NUKE TEST

1. Recently, Russia released previously classified documentary video of this test.
2. The bomb, officially named RDS-220 and later nicknamed Tsar Bomba, was the largest nuclear weapon ever constructed.
3. With a yield of 50 megatons(50 million tons), equal to around 3,800 Hiroshima bombs, the weapon was set off Novaya Zemlya(island in Arctica Ocean) on October 30, 1961.

NUAKHAI JUHAR

1. It is an agricultural festival to welcome the new crop of the season.
2. It is also called Nuakhai Parab or Nuakahi Bhetghat and is celebrated in Odisha, Chhattisgarh and areas of neighbouring states.
3. Nuakhai is a combination of two words signifies eating of new rice as 'nua' means new and 'khai' means eat.

QUESTION HOUR

1. Government is mulling doing away with question hour in upcoming session to conduct business in short working hours.
2. It is the first hour of every Parliamentary sitting devoted to the Questions.
3. During Question Hour, Member of Parliament can raise questions to ministers on various policy matters and decisions.

TReDS(TRADE RECEIVABLES DISCOUNTING SYSTEM)

1. Government has asked central public sector enterprises to complete mandatory onboarding of their vendor network on TReDS.
2. TReDS is an electronic bill discounting platform to facilitate financing of trade receivables of Micro,Small &Medium Enterprises(MSMEs) from their respective corporate buyers through multiple financiers.
3. It is regulated by RBI and provides MSME 'suppliers' of corporate 'buyers' instant payments for future receivables.

GOVERNMENT WORKING ON A COMPREHENSIVE STEEL POLICY IN A BID TO PUSH ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

1. Move is aimed to cut import dependence and steer steel sector towards self-reliance.
2. India's is second-largest steel producer and consumer in the world and sector accounts for 2.3% of the country's GDP.
3. Infrastructure status for the sector to provide a number of benefits and concessions like raise money from insurance companies, pension funds, etc.