

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Mizoram government has shot off letters to the Centre alleging that Assam Rifles deals with the civil administration “with contempt” and “fails to recognise” that the AFSPA is no longer in force in the State.
- India’s GDP needs to grow annually at 8.5% to create opportunities in the post COVID19 era, and the country risks a decade of stagnating incomes and quality of life if urgent steps are not taken to spur growth, says McKinsey Global Institute (MGI).
- The Supreme Court criticised the Union government for “hiding behind the Reserve Bank of India” without making its stand clear on the loan moratorium scheme introduced during the COVID19 pandemic.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) has released the draft Health Data Management Policy of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) in the public domain.
- The United States on Wednesday blacklisted 24 Chinese companies and targeted a number of individuals it said were part of construction and military actions related to disputed islands in the South China Sea.
- Israel said, it had launched air strikes against Hezbollah observation posts in Lebanon after shots were fired from across the border towards its troops.
- Turkey is determined to do whatever is necessary to obtain its rights in the Black Sea, Aegean and Mediterranean, President Tayyip Erdogan Said.

## RIVER DOLPHINS

1. Experts from **India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar have come together for enhancing conservation of river Dolphins in the region.**
2. River Dolphins, a unique species found mainly in rivers of Asia and South America, are vanishing rapidly.
3. Gangetic Dolphin, a River Dolphin, is **the national aquatic animal of India.** IUCN status of Gangetic Dolphin: **Endangered.**
4. Recently, Prime Minister announced Project Dolphin, to work as a catalyst to increase Dolphin population.

## WARLI PAINTINGS

1. It expresses daily and social events of Warli tribe of Maharashtra. These Paintings do not depict mythological characters or images of deities, but **depict social life.**
2. Images of human beings and animals, along with scenes from daily life are created in a loose rhythmic pattern.
3. Paintings depicts scenes of human figures engaged in activities like hunting, dancing, sowing and harvesting.

## NARMADASHANKAR DAVE(‘NARMAD’)

1. Prime Minister paid tributes to Narmadashankar Dave on his 187<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.
2. He was a **Gujrati poet, playwright and social reformer.**
3. He is considered to be the **founder of modern Gujrati literature.** His magazine: **Dandio.**

## COVID-19 COSTS GLOBAL TOURISM \$320 BILLION IN FIVE MONTHS:UN

1. International tourist arrivals fell by 300 million during the period, **or 56%.**
2. Fall in revenues has **led to increased poaching and habitat destruction in and around protected areas.**
3. Transport-related greenhouse gas emissions could rebound sharply if recovery is not aligned with climate goals.

## MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS(MCA) HAS NOTIFIED AMENDMENTS IN CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY(CSR) RULES.

1. It would **allow companies to spend their CSR funds in R&D activities related to new vaccine, drugs and medical devices** in three financial years starting from 2020-21.
2. It will boost India’s efforts to find effective medicines and vaccines against COVID-19.

## INDIA RECYCLES ONLY 1% OF ITS CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION(C&D WASTE):CSE

1. As per data, India generates an estimated 150 million tonnes of C&D waste every year.
2. But official recycling capacity is a meagre **6,500 tonnes per day-just about 1%.**