

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Supreme Court found civil rights lawyer Prashant Bhushan guilty of criminal contempt by “scandalising the court”.The judgment said streams of justice pure, serene and undefiled”. Judiciary was the central pillar of Indian democracy. It was the duty of the court to punish to preserve its dignity, the judgment emphasised.
- India welcomed the normalisation of ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), calling them both “key strategic partners”. India would also continue to push for a two state solution between Israel and Palestine. Reaffirming its “traditional support” for the Palestinian cause.
- Nagas’ sovereignty recognised in 2015 pact, says Muivah Nagas will coexist but not merge with India, he reiterates.
- India will not comment on the U.S.’s Presidential elections, said the government, days after Kamala Harris was nominated Joseph Biden’s Vice-Presidential running mate.
- Former Vice President (VP) Hamid Ansari said that in a democratic polity, governed by the Constitution and the principle of rule of law, the supremacy of the legally constituted civilian authority had to prevail.
- Iran, Turkey lash out at UAE over Israel deal.
- India’s Ambassador to China held talks with China’s top military body, the Central Military Commission (CMC), in Beijing amid India said that, completing the stalled disengagement process along the LAC would require “reciprocal actions” from both sides.

INDIA OFFERS USD 1 MILLION CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY(CARICOM) COUNTRY.

1. It is aimed at improving health infrastructure and capacities etc.
2. CARICOM is treaty among Caribbean countries to promote economic integration and cooperation among its members to ensure that the benefits of integration are equitably shared, and to coordinate foreign policy.
3. Members of CARICOM-Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

GUJRAT GOVERNMENT NOT IN FAVOUR OF TRANSLOCATING LIONS TO MADHYA PRADESH(MP)

1. Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary(Gujrat) is the only place in the world where Asiatic lions(IUCN status:Endangered) are found.
2. In 2013,Supreme Court ruled in favour of creating a second home for them by translocating a few of them to Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary in MP.
3. However, till date, not a single Gir lion has been transported to MP.Gujrat government has stated that lions are:Pride of the state and safe in Gujrat and their population and range was growing. Barda wildlife Sanctuary(Porbander) was being prepared as a second home for lions.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD “EMPOWERING TRIBALS, TRANSFORMING INDIA”

1. It is an interactive and dynamic online platform that showcases updated & real-time details of 11 schemes/initiatives of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for achieving SDGs.
2. It is a part of Digital India Initiative to work towards empowering Scheduled Tribes and will bring efficiency and transparency in the system.
3. It is developed by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

TRANSITING EXOPLANET SURVEY SATELLITE(TESS)

1. NASA’s TESS finished its primary mission by imaging about 75% of the starry sky.
2. It has found 66 new exoplanets(planets beyond solar system), and nearly 2,100 such candidates.
3. TESS is an all-sky survey mission that will discover thousands of exoplanets around nearby bright stars. It was launched in 2018.

CORE INVESTMENT COMPANIES(CIC)

1. Recently,RBI released revised norms for CICs.
2. CIC is a non-banking finance company(NBFC) which carries on the business of the acquisition of shares and securities.
3. It holds not less than 90% of its net assets in the form of investment in equity shares, preference shares,bonds,debentures,debtor loans in group companies.

GOVERNMENT PUSH SEES PLAYERS LINING UP TO MAKE SOLAR EQUIPMENT

1. Proposals, for over 10GW of fresh solar equipment manufacturing, received from a range of domestic and international players indicate early results of Atmanirbhar Bharat push in solar space.
2. India aims to set up 100GW of solar capacity by 2022(31 GW achieved by October 2019). Push for domestic manufacturing could improve cost competitiveness and reduce dependency on imports.