

PRAYAS KSG NEWSPAPER SPOTLIGHT'S

8TH AUGUST, 2020

NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **K. V. KAMATH COMMITTEE :-**
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted an expert committee under the chairmanship of veteran banker K.V. Kamath to make recommendations on norms for the resolution of COVID-19 related stressed loans..
- **GIRISH CHANDRA MURMU :-**
Former Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Girish Chandra Murmu will be the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of the country. Mr Murmu will succeed Rajiv Mehrishi..
- **The Delhi government launched its Electric Vehicle Policy, which aims to boost the city's economy, reduce pollution levels and generate employment in the transport sector.**
- **PRADEEP KUMAR JOSHI :-**
Pradeep Kumar Joshi, presently Member, Union Public Service Commission, took the oath of office and secrecy as Chairman, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)..
- **The Rockefeller Foundation has selected Hyderabad based non-profit, Naandi Foundation, as one of the 'Top 10 Visionaries' in the world for the Food Vision 2050 Prize.**
- **The Supreme Court asks the Union government to explain whether 4G Internet could be restored in select areas of Jammu and Kashmir where there was no trouble, saying even former Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (LG) G.C. Murmu had recommended it while in office.**
- **Serum Institute of India (SII) has announced that it has entered into a new partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to accelerate the manufacture and delivery of up to 100 million doses of COVID19 vaccines for India and low and middle income countries (LMICs).**

INDIA WATER RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM(WRIS)

1. Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched a **new version of India-WRIS**.
2. This is a web portal containing **information related to water resources through dashboards** for rainfall, water levels & discharge of rivers, water bodies, ground water levels, reservoir storages, evatranspiration and soil moisture.
3. India-WRIS was **launched in 2019** under National Hydrology Project.

KORVAI WEAVING

1. Korvai is an **ancient and complex technique of weaving**, practiced in **Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu**.
2. In this technique the body of the sari is woven separately and the border separately on the same loom and two interlocked by skilful weaving.

150th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ABANINDRANATH TAGORE (7th AUGUST 2020)

1. Abanindranath Tagore, the nephew of Rabindranath Tagore, was one of the most prominent artists of India.
2. He was the **major supporter of swadeshi values** in Indian art.
3. He was **created the 'Indian Society of Oriental Art' and later went on to establish Bengal school of art**.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA(RBI) FIRM ON NO BANKING LICENSE TO LARGE CORPORATE HOUSES

1. In the context of the new privatisation policy that is in the planning stage, RBI has communicated to government its demand of restricting large corporate from promoting banks.
2. RBI concern-**Tracking the money trail and its end-use might become challenging**.
3. Companies **may find ways to bypass corporate governance framework** which can have huge ramifications for the financial stability of the banking sector.
4. Most developed countries, too, have moved away from the corporate houses banking system.

KISAN RAIL

1. As announced in current year's Union Budget, Indian Railways is introducing first "kisan Rail" **from Devlali (Maharashtra) to Danapur (Bihar)**.
2. This train with **frozen containers will help in bringing perishable agricultural products** like vegetables, fruits to market in a short period time.
3. It aims to help double farmers' income.

CENTRAL PLANTATIONS CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE(CPCRI)

1. CPCRI has transferred its technologies to more than 200 firms in the country till now.
2. CPCRI was **established in 1970**.
3. CPCRI Headquarter is located at **Kasaraod district** of Kerala.

DELAYED TABLING OF CAG REPORTS BY GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT RAISES CONCERNS

1. Between 2014 and 2019, a delay of more than 90 days from date of signing and tabling was experienced for 42 audit reports. For several reports there was a delay of more than 180 days.
2. Importance of timely CAG reports-Helps in timely and legislative scrutiny; Important for various Parliamentary committees (**PAC and public undertakings**).

- **RBI's NEW LOAN RECAST SCHEME :-**

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cleared a loan restructuring scheme for borrowers under stress because of the pandemic.
2. Special window providing one-time loan restructuring to companies and individuals, it will provide relief specifically to those impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

- **RASHTRIYA SWACHHATA KENDRA (RSK)**

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall inaugurate Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra, an interactive experience centre on the Swachh Bharat Mission, on 8th August, 2020.
2. The RSK has been established at the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti at Rajghat in New Delhi.
3. RSK will impart information, awareness and education on the successful journey of world's largest behaviour change campaign, the Swachh Bharat Mission.

- The Government of Maharashtra announced the partnership with Google which will provide google provided learning programmes that integrate the classroom approach into online learning.

- **Amazing Ayodhya**” A book by Neena Rai promises to shed light on the history of Ayodhya. The book is set to give “authentic information” about the city of Ayodhya and will help in understanding the life and times of ancient Hindus.

- **SUBMARINE OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE (OFC) :-**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and dedicate to the Nation the submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) of nearly 2300 KM length connecting Chennai and Port Blair on 10th August, 2020.

M.P. Current Affair

1. Goal of Atmanirbhar MP to be achieved in three years, says CM :- Three-tier plan will be made in the state to achieve the goal of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh.
2. Under the Abhinayan series of the Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum, Bhopal Punjab's play Heer Ranjha was recently staged online. In this pandemic time since all the museums are closed plays under this series are being regularly staged online for the audience.