

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- A coordination body of non-Bru people in Tripura has opposed the large scale settlement of Bru refugees across seven sites. The locations straddle two subdivisions of the State's northern region adjoining Mizoram. Bengali, Mizo groups want even distribution across State.
- The Bombay High Court directed the district social welfare authorities across Maharashtra to assess the digital education programme for specially abled students amid the COVID19 pandemic.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that if there is a provision for the post of Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha, then it was only obvious that there should be one, but it was not the Speaker's job to appoint one, and that the Deputy Speaker was chosen by the House.
- The Union Home Ministry has granted Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration to Gurdwara Harmandir Sahib, or the Golden Temple, in Amritsar, enabling it to receive foreign donations.
- The Supreme Court gave in to a persistent plea of the Union government for two more weeks to brainstorm with the RBI and banks on crucial issues such as sector specific loan restructuring, interest for loans deferred during the moratorium period.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held their first face to face meeting in Moscow to discuss the four month long standoff at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, which has seen violent clashes and even gunfire for the first time since 1975.
- India and Japan signed a logistics agreement that will allow the Armed Forces of both sides to coordinate closely in services and supplies.

INDIA ANGOLA FIRST JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

1. Two sides agreed to diversify their trade relationship and discussed cooperation in health, pharmaceuticals, defence, agriculture, food processing, digitization etc.
2. India offered to share its expertise to help **Angola in economic diversification and also leverage Angola's strength in petroleum and diamond sectors.**
3. **Angola is a country on the west coast of Africa.**

ANIC-ARISE(ATAL NEW INDIA CHALLENGES IN APPLIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR MEDIUM AND SMALL ENTERPRISES)

1. It is a program **launched by Atal Innovation mission to promote research & innovation and increase competitiveness of Indian start-ups and MSMEs.**
2. It provides funding support of up to Rs 50 lakh for speedy development of the proposed technology solution and/or product.
3. It will be driven by Indian Space Research organisation, four ministries(Defence, Food processing industries, Health, Housing and urban affairs) and associated industries.

COVALESCENT PLASMA THERAPY

1. Study by Indian Council of Medical Research has found that plasma therapy did not help COVID-19 patients.
2. **Plasma therapy seeks to obtain plasma from the blood of people who have recovered from COVID-19 to injects into patients undergoing treatment.**
3. Blood plasma is the liquid component of blood in which the blood cells float. It also has antibodies.

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND(WWF) RELEASES THE LIVING PLANET REPORT 2020(LPR)

1. LPR, released every two years, is a comprehensive study of trends in global biodiversity and health of the planet.
2. **WWF is the leading organisation in wildlife conservations and endangered species.**
3. Key findings-**68% fall in global wildlife population between 1970 and 2016.** Almost one in three freshwater species are threatened with extinction.
4. Almost 90% of global wetlands have been lost since start of industrial revolution

SHGs TO PREPARE VILLAGE POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN(VPRP) FOR INTEGRATION WITH GRAM PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT PLANS(GRDP)

1. Since 2018-19, Self Help Groups(SHG) under deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Livelihoods Mission are mandated to participate in annual GRDP planning process and to prepare VPRP.
2. **DAY-NRLM aims to reduce rural poverty, by mobilizing 10-12 crore rural households into SHGs.**

NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

1. Plan takes care of the top four needs of senior citizens viz **financial security, food, health care and human interaction/life of dignity.**
2. At least one **senior citizen home in each district** will be ensured in this year.
3. Self Help Groups for Senior citizens-day care Centre restored.