

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah said in the Lok Sabha that the people of Jammu and Kashmir should have the same rights to progress and development as the rest of the country.
- The Army is racing to complete advance winter stocking in forward locations and build habitat for the thousands of additional troops deployed in high altitude areas along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- Freelance journalist Rajeev Sharma was arrested by the Delhi police under the British era Official Secrets Act (OSA) for allegedly passing on "sensitive information" to Chinese intelligence.
- All political parties have unanimously agreed to cut short the monsoon session of Parliament that was scheduled to end on October 1, at an emergency business advisory committee meeting called by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, owing to the rising number of COVID19 cases.
- While hearing a plea on declaration of the Najafgarh Jheel as a water body, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Delhi and Haryana governments to prepare an environment plan within three months to prevent encroachment and construction in the area.
- The Rajya Sabha passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill (IBC), 2020, to ensure that fresh insolvency proceedings will not be initiated for at least six months starting March 25 amid the COVID19 pandemic. The Bill replaces an Ordinance passed in June.
- With J&K facing an estimated ₹ 42,000 crore loss in the past 13 months, Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Kumar Sinha announced a relief and revival package of ₹ 1,350 crore to revive the Union Territory's business sector.

GLOBAL SMART CITY INDEX(SCI)

1. Index is released by institute for management development in collaboration with Singapore university for technology and design.
2. Smart city is described as an urban setting that applies technology to enhance the benefits and shortcomings of urbanization.
3. **2020 SCI is topped Singapore** followed by Helsinki and Zurich in the second and third place respectively.
4. **Hyderabad was placed at 85th position** and New Delhi at 86 position.

WORLD BANK HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX 2020

1. It provides a measure of the amount of human capital, that a child born today can expect to acquire by age 18 given the risk of Poor health and poor education that prevail in the country where she lives.
2. **Singapore topped the index. India 116 among 174 countries in 2020.**
3. India score increased to 0.49 from 0.44 in 2018.

GLACIER RETREAT IN HIMALAYAS TO CAUSE WATER CRISIS

1. A recent study has found that Glacier Retreat in Hindu Kush Himalaya(HKH) reason as adversely impacted surface water and groundwater availability and Springs.
2. Climate warming is affecting HKH reasons because of **factors like change in seasonal extremes in evapotranspiration and changes in Glacier volume.**

INDIA'S PROPOSAL ON FISHERIES SUBSIDY AT WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION(WTO)

1. **WTO members are negotiating to finalize rules to eliminate subsidies for illegal and reported and regulated fishing and to certain forms of fisheries subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing.**
2. Negotiations were launched in 2001 at Doha ministerial conference.
3. Harmful subsidies are estimated at \$14 to 20.5 billion annually.

EIGHT BEACHES OF INDIA RECOMMENDED FOR BLUE FLAG INTERNATIONAL ECO-LABEL

1. Eight beaches are Shivapur in Gujarat, Ghoghla in Daman and Diu, Kasaragod and Padubidri in Karnataka, Kappad in Kerala, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Golden Beach of Odisha and Radha Nagar Beach in Andaman and Nicobar.
2. Blue flag beach is an **eco tourism model to provide to the tourist beach goers clean and hygienic bath in water, facilities and amenities safe and healthy environment** and sustainable development of the area.

SAAMARTH SCHEME

1. It seeks **to explore new scientific breakthroughs with long-term On fundamental scientific understanding and offer disruptive Technologies at the cutting edge.**
2. Important measures of the schema: Quantum of advances, Ability of reach outcomes in enhancing scientific knowledge, Global Impact, Outstanding and Publications etc.
3. It is designed by science and engineering research board(SERB).