

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The unprecedented COVID19 pandemic, which is wreaking havoc the world over, has hit the Kashmir Valley's centuries old culinary tradition of 'trami' — eating together from one plate during weddings.
- The News Broadcasters Association (NBA) has told the Supreme Court to make its code of ethics against airing malicious, biased and regressive content applicable to all TV news channels.
- A temple constructed by emperor Ganapati Deva, a ruler of the Kakatiya dynasty, in Dharanikota near present Andhra Pradesh capital Amaravati, has been converted into an abode of local goddess Balusulamma (Goddess Durga).
- The U.S. unilaterally proclaimed that UN sanctions against Iran were back in force and promised to punish those who violate them, in a move other major countries — including its allies — said lacked legal basis.
- The World Health Organization endorsed a protocol for testing African herbal medicines as potential treatments for the coronavirus and other epidemics.
- The \$1 billion World Bank loan to prevent, detect and respond to the threat of coronavirus and strengthen national health systems for preparedness as India combats the ongoing pandemic comes with a condition of "universal eligibility" in procurements. This would mean that all preferential market access policies, shall not be applicable on purchases made while implementing the national project.
- Two of the three agriculture related legislation piloted by the government, aimed at liberalising the farm sector, were passed by the Rajya Sabha by voice. Opposition parties, enraged broken microphones, stood up on tables and flung papers in the air.

## AMENDMENTS IN PUBLIC

### PROCUREMENT(PREFERENCE TO MAKE IN INDIA) ORDER,2017

1. With this, the government aims to encourage Make in India and to promote manufacturing and production of goods and services in India.
2. **Public Procurement(Preference to Make in India) order,2017 will provide maximum preference in public procurement to companies whose goods and services have more local content.**
3. **Local content** means the amount of value added in India, which shall be the total value of the item procured minus the value of imported content in the item as proportion of the total value, in per cent.

## NATIONAL CYCLONE RISK MITIGATION PROJECT(NCRMP)

1. Overall **objective of NCRMP is to undertake suitable structural and non-structural measures to mitigate the effects of cyclones in the coastal states and UTs of India.**
2. It aims to reduce vulnerabilities through improved early warning dissemination systems, enhanced capacity of local communities etc.
3. NCRMP has identified 13 cyclone prone States and UTs, with varying levels of vulnerability

## VAISHVIK BHARTIYA VAIGYANIK(VAIBHAV) SUMMIT

1. It is **aimed at developing mechanisms for involving Indian Diaspora, working in top universities and R&D organisation across the world**, to further enhance the knowledge-base of Indian Research and Academic Institutions.
2. It will be organized by Department of Science and Technology and Defence Research and Development Organisation.

## SUN STARTED A NEW SOLAR CYCLE

1. NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced their predictions about **the new solar cycle, called Solar Cycle 25. It started in December 2019.**
2. Sun is a huge ball of electrically-charged hot gas. This charged gas moves, generating powerful magnetic field. The Sun's magnetic field goes through a cycle, called the solar cycle.
3. **Every 11 years or so, Sun's magnetic field completely flips.**

## PUBLIC SECTOR BANK'S NPA'S UNDER MUDRA RISE TO 5%

1. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana(PMMY) was launched in 2015 to give unsecured loans of up to Rs 10 lakh to small enterprises.
2. **Since its inception,over 253 million loans, amounting to Rs 12.9 trillion, have been given out under the scheme.**
3. On rising NPA, **government had asked PSBs to regularly monitor asset quality for PMMY loans.**

## UNION GOVERNMENT'S DEBT PAST RS 100-TRILLION MARK DUE TO COVID 19

1. Government broadly classifies its liabilities into two categories-**Public debt and Public account.**
2. **Public debt is total liabilities of central government contracted against Consolidated Fund of India.**