

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- A special drive to uproot the invasive lantana bushes in the famous Sajjargarh wildlife sanctuary in Rajasthan's Udaipur district has helped in ecological restoration of grasslands and saved biodiversity.
- Padma Bhushan awardee Isher Judge Ahluwalia, a renowned economist who also worked extensively on issues related to urbanisation and education, passed away.
- PM pitches for larger role in UN Modi assures UN General Assembly that India's vaccines are for the world.
- India calls Imran Khan's UN speech an 'incessant rant'. Pakistan PM had attacked saying India's 'RSS-led' government.
- COVID19 vaccine likely to be free for needy in India.
- Amid mass farmer agitations in Punjab and Haryana, the Centre has advanced kharif paddy procurement, allowing operations to begin on Saturday instead of the scheduled date of October 1.
- The Union Home Ministry has allowed Tibetan migrants in foreign countries to return to India through any of the 107 immigration check posts.
- Coronavirus deaths could more than double to two million without collective action against the pandemic, the World Health Organization has warned, as Australia's Prime Minister urged any nation that develops a vaccine to share it with the world.
- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has mooted an investigation against the Central government's accounting officials for incorrectly recording ₹10,250 crore of cess receipts from additional excise duties on petrol and diesel.

## FLASH FLOODS

1. Recently, few villages in Assam were submerged by a flash flood.
2. Flash floods are **characterized by very fast rise and recession of flow of small volume and high discharge, which causes high damages because of suddenness.**
3. This occurs in hilly and not too hilly regions and sloping lands where heavy rainfall and thunderstorms or cloudbursts are common.

## FASTER ADOPTION AND MANUFACTURING OF (HYBRID &)ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN INDIA(FAME INDIA)

1. Government has sanctioned 670 electric buses and 241 charging stations in various/UTs under phase-II of FAME India Scheme.
2. As part of the National Electric Mobility Mission plan(NEMMP) 2020, Department of Heavy Industry formulated FAME India Scheme in the Year 2015.
3. FAME **aims to promote manufacturing of electric and hybrid vehicle technology** and to ensure sustainable growth of the same.

## INDIA'S FIRST REGIONAL RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM(RRTS) TRAIN

1. RRTS is a new, dedicated, high speed,high capacity, comfortable commuter service connecting regional nodes in National Capital Region(NCR)
2. RRTS is different from conventional railway as it will provide **reliable,high frequency,point to point regional travel at high speed.**
3. Once in operation, it will run on the **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor.**

## JIMEX-20

1. It is a bilateral exercise which is **conducted biennially between the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force. It will be held in North Arabian Sea.**
2. JIMEX commenced in 2012 with special focus on maritime security cooperation.
3. Other military exercise between India and Japan:**Ex Dharma Guardian.**

## STEPS TAKEN BY ELECTION COMMISSION(EC) TO ENSURE SAFE ELECTIONS IN BIHAR

1. EC announced a series of **extraordinary measures** for the Bihar Assembly elections, which will be held in the midst of the global coronavirus pandemic.
2. Maximum number of **voters per polling station reduced from 1,500 to 1,000.**
3. **Postal ballots** to all those over the age of 80, to those voters who are Covid-positive and those who have been quarantined due to the infection.

## FACELESS APPEALS LAUNCHED BY CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXATION(CBDT)

1. Under **Faceless Appeals, all income Tax appeals will be finalised in a faceless manner barring cases of major tax evasion,serious frauds,international tax and black money act.**
2. It will give convenience to the taxpayer while ensuring just appeal orders and minimise litigations.