

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- U.S. police have shot dead another black man, who they said had a handgun but had dropped it during a violent altercation in Los Angeles, triggering fresh outrage as tensions soar over racism and police brutality.
- Amid high operational alert by the Indian Navy in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) due to the ongoing stand off with China in Ladakh, India and Russia are scheduled to hold the bilateral naval exercise, *Indra 2020*, in the Andaman Sea, close to the strategic Strait of Malacca later this week.
- Chinese troops engaged in “provocative action” along the disputed boundary in Ladakh once again on August 31, even as Commanders of the two sides were in discussion to deescalate the situation.
- The Supreme Court allowed telecom companies 10 years’ time to pay their adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues to the government. Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) is the usage and licensing fee that telecom operators are charged by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- The Delhi Pollution Control Committee said that the air quality of August was better compared to the same period in 2019.
- China’s Foreign Ministry accused India of “breaking earlier consensus”, and called for India to “immediately withdraw its troops”, in statements issued in Beijing and New Delhi that questioned India’s account of the latest tensions.
- The number of suicide cases and accidental deaths registered an increase across the country last year from the 2018 figures, according to the annual National Crime Records Bureau report. The most cases of mass/family suicides were reported from Tamil Nadu (16), followed by Andhra Pradesh (14).

ARMAGEDDON IN CHESS

1. It is the final decisive **clinch in chess and is similar to a Super Over in cricket** or a penalty shootout in hockey or football.
2. Recently, India and Russia were named joint gold medal winners of the online chess Olympiad

PANGONG TSO LAKE

1. Pangong Tso is a **salt water lake that is partly in India’s Ladakh region and partly in Tibet.**
2. Nearly two-thirds of the lake is controlled by China, with just about 45km under Indian control.
3. Karakoram Mountain range, which crosses Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and India, ends at the north bank of Pangong Tso.

WORLD’S LARGEST SOLAR TREE

1. **Solar tree is made of metal structure and have solar panels at the top instead of branches of real tree.**
2. One solar tree can reduce ten to ten to twelve tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.
3. Developed by CSIR-CMERI, it is installed in **Durgapur.**
4. Its **installed capacity is above 11.5kWp.**

INDEX OF EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES(ICI)

1. ICI for Month of July, 2020 was released and its cumulative growth during April to July, 2020-21 was – 20.5%.
2. ICI measures performance of production **in selected eight core industries:(In the order of weightage from highest to lowest): Refinery Products, Electricity, Steel, Coal, Crude oil, Natural Gas, Cement, Fertilizers.**
3. It is a production volume index released monthly.
4. Compiled and released by: Office of the Economic Adviser(OEA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

INDIA, FRANCE SPACE COLLABORATION

1. Space agencies of India and France are in an advanced stage of discussions for **providing necessary equipment to ‘Gaganyaan’ astronauts.**
2. The equipment would be similar to those to be used by France for Mission Alpha.
3. Gaganyaan mission, planned by ISRO aims to send a three-member crew to space for a period of five to seven days by 2022.

OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE(ODA)

1. Japan has committed **ODA loan of an amount of approx. Rs.3,500 crore for the COVID-19 crisis emergency Response support for India.**
2. ODA is defined as government aid designed to promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries.
3. **Japan initiated its economic cooperation with India in 1958.** The cooperation began by ODA Loan, which was the first ODA Japan had ever provided for any country.

FIRST EVER UN’S GUIDELINES ON ACCESS TO SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES(PwDs)

1. Guidelines aim to make it easier for PwDs to access justice system around the world.
2. Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities(CRPD) applies right to access to justice in the context of disability. India is Signatory to CRPD.