

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh conveyed to his Chinese counterpart Gen. Wei Fenghe at a meeting in Moscow that the actions of Chinese troops, including “amassing a large number of troops and their aggressive behaviour” and attempts to “unilaterally alter the status quo” along the disputed boundary were in violation of the bilateral agreements.
- Over 330 doctors from the Kashmir Valley have turned WhatsApp groups into COVID19 clinics and manage nearly 10,000 patients and their families by turning hundreds of houses into mini hospitals, helping flatten the curve.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has pulled up the Uttar Pradesh government for failing to curb industrial activities in residential areas while observing that the rule of law had to be followed by authorities.
- The Congress government in Rajasthan has started taking austerity measures in view of a massive decline in revenue collections amid the COVID19 pandemic.
- U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered government agencies to end antiracism training sessions for federal employees on the grounds they amount to “divisive, un-American propaganda”.
- A Taliban delegation returned to Qatar, paving the way for the start of peace talks with the Afghan government that are expected to take place in the tiny Gulf state.
- Stating that India’s auto sector had the potential to be the top global manufacturing hub, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari asked domestic automobile component makers to develop products locally and reduce dependence on imports.

DRAFT OF DATA EMPOWERMENT AND PROTECTION ARCHITECTURE(DEPA) RELEASED BY NITI AAYOG

1. DEPA is a new **Indian model of data governance-one that is evolving, and targets individual empowerment, economic recovery and growth**, and a competitive data democracy.
2. DEPA seeks to shift personal data management from organisation-centric data sharing system to an individual approach that promotes user control on data sharing for empowerment.
3. It seeks to do this by operationalising an evolvable regulatory, institutional, and technology design for secure data sharing.
4. DEPA aims to be a joint public-private effort for a new and improved data governance approach.

ACT OF GOD OR FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE

1. A force majeure clause(FMC) releases a party of its obligations to a contract to an extent **when events beyond their control take place** and leave them unable to perform their part of the contract.
2. **Finance ministry had issued memorandum clarifying that COVID-19 pandemic “should be considered a case of natural calamity** and FMC may be invoked, wherever considered appropriate.
3. FMC includes both naturally occurring events and events that occur due to human intervention.

SPECIAL FRONTIER FORCE(SFF)

1. According to some reports **SFF, referred to as vikas battalion, has been instrumental in occupying some key heights on Line of Actual Control(LAC)** with China in Ladakh.
2. **SFF was raised in the immediate aftermath of the 1962 Sino-india war.** It was a covert outfit which recruited Tibetans(now it has a mixture of Tibetans and Gorkhas).
3. It falls under the purview of the Cabinet secretariat.

COMMERCIAL REVISES LIST OF MINES TO BE AUCTIONED FOR COMMERCIAL MINING

1. Under the revised list 38 blocks would go for auction, instead of 41 mines announced earlier.
2. Revised list includes: Addition of Dolesara, Jarekela and Jharpalam-Tangaraghat(in Chhattisgarh).
3. Withdrawal of Morga South, Fatehpur, Madanpur, Morga-II and saying(in Chhattisgarh).
4. These are an **ecologically sensitive zone near hasadeo river(Tributary of Mahanadi).**

ANTI-DUMPING DUTY

1. **India has imposed anti-dumping duty on anti-bacterial drug ciprofloxacin imported from China.**
2. As per notification, if the drug has origin in any other country but export taking place from China, then also it will attract anti-dumping duty.
3. **Anti-dumping duty is imposed when a country or a firm exports an item into the country at a price lower than the price of the product in its domestic market.**

JAPAN MADE INDIA AND BANGLADESH PART OF A LARGER SUBSIDY PROGRAMME

1. Program is aimed at helping Japanese companies in China to relocate to other countries.