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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Kesavananda Bharati Swamiji, who passed away, was the sole unwitting petitioner in the historic Fundamental Rights case which prevented the nation from slipping into a totalitarian regime.
- Of the six NGOs whose licence under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) was suspended by the Union Home Ministry this year, four are Christian associations. An FCRA licence is mandatory for a nonprofit organisation to receive foreign funds.
- The Defence Ministers of India and Iran discussed ways to take forward bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional security issues, including peace and stability in Afghanistan, during their meeting in Tehran.
- Director General of Forests has said a research paper which advocated for sustainable forest management based on certification and a policy characterised by restoration, conservation and production equally was relevant in making a "strong case" for amendment in the forest policy.
- There should not be any delay in taking a decision when it concerns the interests of servicemen and ex-servicemen, the Delhi High Court has remarked while giving 'last opportunity' to the Centre to take a call on the issue of bringing Assam Rifles out of the dual control of the Home Ministry (MHA) and the Defence Ministry (MoD).
- The fire that erupted on oil tanker *MT New Diamond* off Sri Lanka's south east coast was completely doused on, Navy authorities said.
- Shutting down thermal power plants older than 20 years in 11 key States can save the exchequer ₹ 53,000 crore over five years, says an analysis by Climate Research Horizon.

ASI DECLARES SITE AND REMAINS AT BAGHPAT, UTTAR PRADESH TO BE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

1. Archaeological site and remains means any area which contains or is, reasonably believed to contain ruins or relics of historical or archaeological importance, which have been in existence for not less than one hundred years.
2. National importance tag puts sites on world tourism map, and ensure them regular fund for conservation, preservations and maintenance by ASI on priority basis.
3. **Treasures unearthed from Baghat site include three chariots, legged coffins, shields, sword and hamlets which point towards a warrior class that may have existed around 2000BCE.**

FROM BILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, LESSON ON BLACK HOLES

1. In 2019, laser interferometer Gravitational wave Observatory (LIGO) detected signals (named GW90521) from gravitational waves formed due to a collision, billions of years ago, between two black holes.
2. **Weight of two black holes was detected 85 and 66 solar masses (one solar mass is mass of Sun).**

TOP OTT (OVER-THE-TOP) PLAYERS PICK OMBUDSMAN MODEL FOR COMPLAINTS

1. 15 OTT major players have agreed to implement a **universal self-regulation code** overseen by an ombudsman to address complaints related to content.
2. Key features of framework- **Each platform will set up a consumer complaints department and advisory panel to deal with complaints and appeals.**
3. **OTT refers to film and television content provided via a high-speed internet connection** rather than a cable or satellite provider.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI) RELEASED REVISED PRIORITY SECTOR LENDING (PSL) GUIDELINES

1. Reserve guidelines are aimed at aligning them emerging national priorities and bring sharper focus on inclusive development.
2. Under PSL, RBI mandates banks to lend a certain portion of their funds to specified sectors- agriculture, MSMEs, export credit, social infrastructure etc.
3. **Added features in PSL- To address regional disparities, Loans up to Rs.50 crores to start-ups.**

GERMANY ANNOUNCED INDO-PACIFIC POLICY GUIDELINES

1. Germany became the second European nation after France to formally adopt a strategy for Indo-Pacific region (IPR).
2. Key points include- Maritime security cooperation, human rights, and diversification of economic partnerships in IPR, Indirect references to Chinese behaviour that challenged rule-based world order.
3. **IPR refers to confluence of Pacific and Indian Oceans, which interconnect in Southeast Asia.**