

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two out of five children do not complete their immunisation programme, according to the 'Health in India' report recently published by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO).
- Hours after the Chinese Army claimed that Indian troops opened fire along the disputed Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, the Indian Army stated that it was actually Chinese troops that fired a few rounds in the air.
- Digital divide shadows post-pandemic Education, NSO report highlights wide disparity in access to online classes.
- Meghalaya may not want to remain the only State to miss out on the Railway Ministry's plan for linking all State capitals with railway tracks by 2023.
- Firing at LAC clouds Jaishankar-Wang talks It will be the first meeting between the two Foreign Ministers since the border crisis started.
- The Supreme Court ordered the Centre to adhere to a Union Road Ministry circular of March 2018, which had advised against building full-fledged roads cutting across the fragile Himalayan slopes, while implementing the ambitious Char Dham project.
- The Indian economy is the worst hit among major economies, American brokerage Goldman Sachs said, sharply cutting its FY21 GDP forecast to a contraction of 14.8%.
- Fitch Ratings projected global GDP to contract 4.4% in the current year, but revised upwards China's growth estimate to 2.7% for 2020.
- Moscow is prepared to help ease tensions in the eastern Mediterranean where Cyprus and Greece are embroiled in a standoff with Turkey over maritime and energy rights, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.

## HUTTI GOLD MINES, KARNATKA

1. The mine is located in Karnataka's Raichur district.
2. Hutti Gold mines company limited(owned by Karnataka Government) is the only producer of primary gold in the country.
3. Working gold mines in India are kolar, Hutti and Uti in Karnataka, The Hirabuddini mines in Jharkhand and Ramgiri gold field in Andhra Pradesh.

## FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA(FSSAI) SAYS 'NO' TO UNHEALTHY FOOD IN SCHOOLS

1. FSSAI notified new regulation to ensure availability of safe and balanced diets for school children. It stated:
2. Packaged food companies will no longer be able to advertise or sell products that are high in saturated fat, added sugar, sodium or trans-fat inside school campuses or within 50 metres from the school gate in any direction.
3. Companies will also not be able to promote unhealthy food products by offering free samples, toys trading cards, apparel, club memberships etc.

## SILICOSIS

1. Silicosis is a lung disorder caused by inhalation of silica dust while working in factories processing sand, rock or mineral ores such as quartz.
2. Continuous exposure can cause silica to build up in lungs and breathing passages. It can be fatal.
3. National Human Rights Commission recently questioned West Bengal government for inaction in compensating silicosis-affected people in Minakhan.

## UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND(UNICEF) TO LEAD GLOBAL PROCUREMENT, SUPPLY OF COVID VACCINES

1. UNICEF will lead this effort on behalf of COVAX facility for 92 low-and lower middle-income countries. It will also serve as procurement coordinator to support 80 higher-income economies.
2. COVAX is a global initiative to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are available worldwide to both higher-income and lower-income countries.

## 13<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT TO SRILANKAN CONSTITUTION

1. It mandates a measure a measure of power devolution to the provincial councils established to govern the island's nine provinces.
2. It is an outcome of the Indo-Lanka Accord of July 1987 in an attempt to resolve Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict.
3. It was aimed at finding a way forward on devolution of political powers to the then North-Eastern province, comprising the Tamil dominated areas.

## COMMITTEE ON CONTENT REGULATION IN GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING(CCRGA)

1. CCRGA was setup by centre on direction of Supreme Court(SC) to look into content regulation of Government funded advertisements in all media platforms.
2. It is empowered to address complaints from the general public and take suo-moto cognizance on violation of the supreme court guidelines.