

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Shrinking spaces for winged visitors a cause for concern.** On World Migratory Bird Day(10th October), environmentalists and experts say habitat for flamingos and wetland birds has shrunk to 20% of what it was.
- **Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed to a Russia brokered ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh starting Saturday, but immediately accused each other of derailing the deal.**
- **'We need community based mental health services'. Dr. Soumitra Pathare noted psychiatrist said, there is a need to modify a host of laws that discriminate against people with mental health issues.**
- **Taiwan wants to have "meaningful dialogue" with China on an equal basis, President Tsai Ingwen Said. China claims the island as sovereign Chinese territory.**
- **The Tamil Nadu government has rebutted allegations made in the Supreme Court that the Supervisory Committee for Mullaperiyar dam "abdicated its duties" to evaluate the safety of the structure and water levels.**
- **Concerns raised over imports of mountain clothing for Army. Army vice-chief calls for domestic production.**
- **Assam's Group of Ministers has set October 30 as the deadline for submitting to the Centre its final report on ST status to six communities.**
- **The Navy is scheduled to hold a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier group on October 12, an official source said.**
- **China said it dispatched ships and planes to track the U.S. guided missile destroyer John S. McCain as it passed near Chinese held islands in the South China Sea.**
- **Reserve Bank of India has appealed to the country's top court to let banks classify loans as non-performing.**

KYRGYZSTAN

- 1.Kyrgyzstan **declared emergency** amid street protests in Capital,Bishkek.
- 2.Kyrgyzstan is a **landlocked country** in Central Asia.
- 3.It is bounded by Kazakhstan on the northwest and north, by China on the east and south, and by Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on the south and west.

KHARDUNGLA PASS

- 1.India Air force achieved a new record of highest skydive landing at Khardungla pass, Leh at an altitude of 17,982 feet.
- 2.**Khardungla is a mountain pass in Ladakh region.** It lies north of Leh and is gateway to Shyok and Nubra valleys.
- 3.It is strategically important to India as it is used to **carry supplies to Siachin Glacier.**

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION(NHRC) ISSUES ADVISORY ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS DURING PANDEMIC

- 1.Advisory was in response to the National Commission for women's finding that domestic violence cases had increased two-and-half-times during lockdown between February to May,2020
- 2.Key advisory-Setting up a **task force on gender-based violence**, Safe delivery at public health facilities, **Moratorium on all loans** taken by women workers.
- 3.Essential healthcare services should be uninterrupted for underprivileged women.Government to notify sanitary napkins and iron folic supplements as essential elements.

PRIME MINISTER TO LAUNCH PROPERTY CARDS UNDER SVAMITVA SCHEME

- 1.These beneficiaries are from villages across six states-Uttar Pradesh,Haryana,Maharashtra,Madhya Pradesh,Uttarakhand and Karnataka.
- 2.**SVAMITVA(Survey of villages and mapping with improvised technology in village areas)**scheme is a Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- 3.It aims to provide the record of rights to village household owners possessing houses in inhabited rural areas in villages and issuance of property cards to the property owners.

75th UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT(NAM)

- 1.Virtual ministerial meeting of NAM members was held on the occasion of-75th anniversary of founding United Nations and 65th anniversary of the landmark Bandung Conference that resulted in the adoption of the founding principles of the NAM.
- 2.**Key points highlights by India**-NAM had potential to take the lead in **addressing the primary issues of the current times**, **Misinformation and fake news** are wreaking havoc on social cohesion and collective security, Climate change has become an existential threat.

SITTWE PORT

- 1.India and Myanmar have agreed towards **operationalization of Sittwe port by early 2021.**
- 2.Sittwe is **located in Rakhine State in south-western Myanmar.**It is located at the mouth of Kaladan river,which flows into Mizoram in north-eastern India.
- 3.Port is being **financed by India as part of Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project** and is aimed at developing transport infrastructure in Myanmar and NE.