

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The coveted ecolabel 'Blue Flag' tag has been given to Kasarkod, Padubidri beaches in Karnataka. This eco-tourism model given by international agency "Foundation for Environment Education, Denmark". Tag given to those beaches which provides clean and hygienic bathing water, safe and healthy environment.
- The extended closure of schools amid the COVID19 pandemic could dent India's future earnings by anywhere between \$420 billion and \$600 billion, as depleted learning levels of students will translate into poorer productivity going forward, the World Bank has said.
- A citizens' committee, including former Supreme Court and High Court judges, has been constituted to inquire into the February communal riots in Delhi. It will examine media's role in fanning flames, steps taken by State machinery.
- The tide is finally turning for Kashmir's beleaguered tourism industry, Domestic footfall picks up; Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir has won bid to host tourism congress.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced the shifting of the metro car shed from Aarey forest area in the western suburbs to a government plot in Kanjurmarg in the eastern suburbs at "zero cost".
- Fifteen years after the Right to Information (RTI) Act came into force, more than 2.2 lakh cases are pending at the Central and State Information Commissions, which are the final courts of appeal under the transparency law.
- China backs Iran nuclear deal, calls for new West Asia forum. Support for the pact a precondition for entry to the group.

## SPECIAL ACCELERATED ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN NORTH EASTERN AREAS(SARDP-NE)

- 1.It is an initiative of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for development of Road network in the north eastern States.
- 2.It envisages **providing road connectivity to all the district headquarters in the north-east**, apart from providing road connectivity to backward and remote areas, areas of strategic importance and neighbouring countries.

## GOOGLE FACES NEW ANTITRUST CASE IN INDIA ON SMART TVs

- 1.Antitrust laws are those laws that prevent companies from working together to control prices unfairly or to create a monopoly.
- 2.**Competition Commission of India(CCI)** is examining a complaint that search giant Google abused its dominant market position in smart television operating systems.
- 3.CCI was established under Competition Act,2002 which **monitors any economic activity that monopolizes competition within the market.**

## BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE CAMPAIGN TO BEAT FESTIVE RUSH

- 1.It is a Intensive and Focussed COVID-19 Campaign for two months(October-November,2020)launched by Union government.
- 2.Shift in Communication Strategy-During lockdown,"Stay Home,Stay Safe", now New Strategy "Unlock with Precautions".
- 3.Message to focus on promoting the right way of-Wearing mask, Washing hands,Following social and physical distancing.

## BUREAU OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY(BCAS)

- 1.BCAS is a regulatory authority for civil aviation security in India under Ministry of civil aviation with headquarters in New Delhi.
- 2.The main responsibility is **to lay down standards and measures to ensure security of civil flights** at international and domestic airports in India.
- 3.It was set up on recommendation of the **Pande Committee.**

## MADHUCA DIPLOSTEMON(FAMILY SAPOTACEAE)

- 1.It is a tree species that, **long believed extinct**, has been rediscovered after a gap of more than 180 years from a sacred grove in Kollam district.
- 2.It is a **threatened species of the Western Ghats** whose specimen was first collected in 1835.

## NATIONAL AWARDS 2020 FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION

- 1.National Council for Science and Technology Communications(NCSTC), Ministry of Science and Technology has invited nominations for the Awards.
- 2.NCSTC is **mandated to communicate Science and Technology to masses, stimulate scientific and technological temper and coordinate and orchestrate such efforts through the country.**
- 3.Award is presented every year to an individual or an institution for outstanding contribution in the field of science and technology communication and for promoting scientific temper.