

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Four Bollywood industry associations and 34 leading producers have moved the Delhi High Court seeking to restrain Republic TV, Times Now and other social media platforms from publishing irresponsible and defamatory remarks against Bollywood as a whole.
- Hoping to spur fresh demand of about ₹1 lakh crore in the second half of the year, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a mini stimulus of sorts, comprising incentives for the government and public sector employees to spend more on consumer durables and services.
- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council failed again to reach an agreement on the contentious issue of borrowings to meet shortfalls in cess collections used to recompense the States for revenue losses from the indirect tax implementation.
- India and China held the 7th round of Corps Commander talks at Chushul on the Indian side to work out a schedule for disengagement and de-escalation along the disputed border in Eastern Ladakh.
- India's consumer price inflation surged past the 7% mark, hitting 7.34% in September, with food price spikes reaching 10.7% compared with 9.05% in August.
- India welcomed the release of seven nationals who had been abducted in September by fighters in wartorn Libya.
- U.S. economists Paul Milgrom and Robert Wilson won the Nobel Economics Prize for work on commercial auctions, including for goods and services difficult to sell in traditional ways such as radio frequencies.
- Climate change to blame for doubling of disasters', 7,348 natural disasters since 2000:UN
- Sri Lanka in talks to secure \$500 mn in Chinese loans.

## COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION(CA)

- 1.To clear its CA backlog, **Uttrakhand is mulling a plantation drive in Uttar Pradesh's Bundelkhand region and parts of Rajasthan.**
- 2.States with over 75% forest cover, looking to divert forest land for non-forestry projects,can carry out CA in other states.
- 3.**CA is done against the transfer of forest land for non-forestry purposes** like the development of dams,mining and construction of industries or Roads.CA has been provisioned by **Forest Conservation Act,1980.**

## GUJRAT STATE FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS INDIA LTD LAUNCHED INDIGENOUS VARIETY OF CALCIUM NITRATE AND BORONATED CALCIUM NITRATE

- 1.**Calcium nitrate and boronated calcium nitrate is being manufactured for the first time in India.**Till now, it was imported from other countries.
- 2.Calcium nitrate is used as a **water-soluble fertilizer in agriculture**, in wastewater treatment and to increase the strength of cement concrete.
- 3.Boronated calcium nitrate is vital for the growth,physical strength,flowering fertilization and fruit set of the plants.

## GLOBAL NITROUS OXIDE(N<sub>2</sub>O) BUDGET RELEASED BY GLOBAL CARBON PROJECT(GCP)

- 1.GCP, jointly with the International Nitrogen Initiative(INI), have created a new activity and International consortium of scientists to establish improve global N<sub>2</sub>O budget, trends and variability.
- 2.N<sub>2</sub>O is a **long-lived greenhouse gas (GHG) and an ozone-depleting substance**, with an atmospheric lifetime of 116 ±9 years.
- 3.Key highlights- N<sub>2</sub>O is accumulating at an increasing rate,with **10% greater global emissions in 2016 than in 1980s.**Dominant cause of increase is use of Nitrogen fertilizers in agriculture.**Agricultural production contributed almost 70% to global anthropogenic N<sub>2</sub>O emission** (2007-2016).

## GOVERNMENT'S RS 40,000 CRORE BET ON CLEANER COAL

- 1.Government has put a **Rs 40,000 crore for new technologies to decarbonise India's vast reserves of coal.**
- 2.In one such initiative **to find cleaner use for coal**, Coal India Ltd. Is in the process of setting up projects to make methanol, or methyl alcohol, from coal using CTL (coal-to-liquid) technology.
- 3.CTL technology, also called Coal liquefaction, is the process of making a liquid fuel from coal.

## MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (MHA) ISSUES ADVISORY TO STATES FOR ENSURING MANDATORY ACTION POLICE

- 1.MHA directed to ensure that police follow Standard Operating Procedure in crimes against women.
- 2.Key directions include-**Compulsory registration of FIR or a Zero FIR in case of cognisable offences including sexual assault.**Zero FIR is the type of FIR which can be filed in any Police station irrespective of any kind of jurisdictional area.
- 3.Victim shall be examined by a registered medical practitioner under consent within 24 hours from the time of receiving the information relating to the commission of such offence.