

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Relentless rain over the past week in Hyderabad has ravaged the 500 year old Golconda Fort. It is a fortified citadel and an early capital city of the Qutb Shahi dynasty. Because of the vicinity of diamond mines, especially Kollur Mine Golconda flourished as a trade centre of large diamonds. The region has produced some of the world's most famous diamonds, including the Koh-i-Noor.
- Apparel exports logged double digit growth in September, which indicates the segment is on course to a V shaped Recovery(In a V-shaped recession, the economy suffers a sharp but brief period of economic decline), apparel exporters' body Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) said.
- New Zealand PM Ardern wins historic reelection. Labour party set to win 64 of 120 seats. voters rewarded her for a decisive response to the COVID19 pandemic.
- Three out of four rural Indians cannot afford a nutritious diet, according to a paper recently published in journal *Food Policy*.
- Bogibeel, India's longest rail and road bridge across the Brahmaputra, had in December 2018 brought the two "emotionally connected" banks of eastern Assam closer by more than seven hours.
- The Supreme Court has taken *suo motu* cognisance of a letter by Chardham High Powered Committee (HPC) Chairman Ravi Chopra about the Centre's "wilful non compliance" to comply with the top court's order against building full fledged roads cutting across the fragile Himalayan slopes.
- The Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC India) said its efforts on "combating infiltration" were focused on the individual(s) responsible for manipulating the TRP system.

NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES(NCD) BIGGER BURDEN THAN EARLY DEATH:GLOBAL BURDEN OF DISEASES(GBD) BY LANCET

- 1.Highlights of report-Disability caused by NCD and injuries have emerged as the largest contributor to global disease burden.
- 2.Deaths due to infectious diseases have fallen substantially.
- 3.India related findings-Air pollution, hypertension, tobacco use, poor diet and high blood sugar levels were the top-five risk factors for death in India in 2019.

INDIA ON ROAD TO BE TRANS-FAT FREE BY 2022:UNION HEALTH MINISTER

- 1.At present, Indian regulation limits the amount of Trans-fat in food to 5%.Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI) is committed to reducing it to less than 2% by the year 2022 in a phased manner.
- 2.In 2018, WHO released REPLACE, a step-by-step guide for the elimination of industrially-produced trans-fatty acids from the global food supply by 2023.
- 3.Trans-fat is a food toxin present in Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils, baked and fried foods.

SALE OF ELECTORAL BONDS AT AUTHORISED BRANCHES OF STATE BANK OF INDIA(SBI)

- 1.An electoral bond is like a promissory note that can be bought by any Indian citizen or company incorporated in India from select branches of SBI
- 2.Electoral bond scheme was announced in Union Budget 2017-18 in an attempt to curb black money and use of cash in political funding,eliminate fraudulent political parties,protects donor from political victimization.
- 3.Issues with Electoral bonds- Allowed possibility of corporate misuse, Lack of level playing field in terms of political funding.

COLLECTIVE SECURITY TREATY ORGANIZATION(CSTO)

- 1.It is a Russia-led military alliance which ensures the collective defence of any member that faces external aggression.
- 2.Collective defence means that an attack against one Ally is considered as an attack against all Allies.
- 3.It originates from the conclusion of the Collective Security Treaty, which was signed in Tashkent(Uzbekistan) in 1992. Members-Armenia,Belarus,Kazakhstan,Kyrgyz Republic,Russia and Tajikistan.

SHEATH BLIGHT DISEASE

- 1.Sheath blight is a fungal disease caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*. Infected leaves senesce or dry out and die more rapidly, thereby resulting in yield reduction.
- 2.Sheath blight occurs in areas with high temperature(28-32 degree centigrade) areas.
- 3.A recent study by National Institute of Plant Genome Research(NIPGR) has shown that modulating the functions of the pathogen can control this disease.

KALA SANSKRITI VIKAS YOJANA(KSVY)

- 1.KSVY is an umbrella scheme for the promotion of art and culture in the country i.e. Financial assistance for the promotion of Art and culture in the country and creation of cultural Infrastructure.