

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- With economic activity picking pace after the easing of lockdown measures, the recovery has thrown up some paradoxes: revival in employment amid a fall in labour force participation, surging inflation rate despite disinflationary impact from weak demand, and improvement in future outlook surveys even as the situation worsens in households.
- The Union government amended the election rules to increase the campaign expenditure limit by 10 per cent for all future elections.
- More than half of Indian farmers oppose the three farm reform laws passed by Parliament last month, while only 35% support them, according to a new survey in 16 States conducted by Gaon Connection Insights.
- The Union Home Ministry has asked Assam and Mizoram to maintain peace and display “no aggressive posturing” after violent clashes took place on the border between the two States on Saturday night.
- Amid the ongoing standoff with China, the Ministry of Defence announced that Australia will join the Malabar 2020 naval exercise, consisting of India, Japan and the U.S.
- Six current and former Russian military officers sought to disrupt through computer hacking the French election, the Winter Olympics and U.S. hospitals and businesses, charged for cyberattacks in U.S.
- In what could be seen as an attempt to repose the narrative on Kashmir from the perspective of raids by Pakistan, the atrocities committed by the raiders and circumstances under which Kashmir chose India, the government is planning a string of cultural activities to mark October 22— the day of the raid in 1947.

## COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DEVELOPS SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE(MSW) PROCESSING FACILITY

- 1.CSIR developed facility has not only helped achieving decentralised decimation of solid wastes, but has also helped create **value-added end-products from abundantly available redundant stuffs such as Dry Leaves,Dry Grass etc.**
- 2.It is that about 62 million tonnes of waste are generated annually in the country. Only about 75-80% of the municipal waste gets collected and out of this only 22-28% is processed and treated and rest is dumped in landfill sites.
- 3.It is **projected that by 2031 MSW generation shall increase to 165 million tonnes.**

## FDI CAP IN DIGITAL NEWS

- 1.Recently. Government’s **capped 26% foreign direct investment(FDI) in digital news** which will apply to news aggregators, entities uploading streaming news on websites apps and other platforms as well as news agencies.
- 2.It is intended **to check foreign influence and interference in India’s domestic affairs**, check Chinese and other overseas funding in news sites.
- 3.The new rules provide a level playing field for Indian news publishers on digital media with those funded by foreigners.

## THAILAND STUDENTS PROTEST

- 1.Recently,Thailand government declared state of emergency to tackle students protests.
- 2.The roots of the current discontentment go back to the 2014 coup which brought **Prayuth(Present Prime Minister)** to power.
- 3.Students are now **calling for systematic democratic reforms-dissolution of parliament**, an end to harassment of opponents, amendments to the constitution-as well as **curbs on the King’s powers.**

## BULDHANA PATTERN AND TAMASWADA PATTERN

- 1.These are **patterns of water conservation in Maharashtra**. NITI Aayog is in the process of formulating National Policy on water conservation based on Buldhana Pattern.
- 2.Buldhana pattern of water conservation seeks to **synchronise national highway construction and water conservation**. It uses the soil/murum from water bodies,drains and rivers for construction of Highways.
- 3.In Tamaswada Pattern adopted in Wardha and Nagpur districts water harvesting, conservation and groundwater recharge works are done in order to increase the water storage capacity of natural water bodies.

## BEPICOLOMBO

- 1.It is a joint endeavour between the European Space Agency(ESA) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency(JAXA).
- 2.It is first European mission to Mercury and is the **first to send two spacecraft to make complementary measurements of Mercury and its dynamic environment at same time.**

## SLINEX-20

- 1.It is an annual **bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy.**