

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- About 20% of rural children have no textbooks at home, according to the Annual State of Education Report (ASER) survey conducted in September, Only 1 in 10 had access to online classes, finds ASER.
- The Joint Committee of Parliament on the Data Protection Bill sought an affidavit from Twitter Inc., asking them to explain why it had shown Ladakh as a part of China, a panel member said.
- The Central Asian republics joined India in demanding destruction of “safe havens” of terrorism. The second meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue jointly expressed support for the peace negotiations in Afghanistan.
- Boundary issue with India is bilateral, China tells U.S. It accuses U.S. Secretary of State of ‘repeating old lies’.
- India would launch its latest earth observation satellite EOS01 and nine international customer spacecraft onboard its Polar rocket PSLVC49 from the spaceport of Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on November 7.
- Suu Kyi, Once celebrated as democracy champions, an elite group of elderly former political prisoners at the helm of Myanmar’s ruling party now stands accused of oppression, discrimination and censorship.
- The United Kingdom has entered into a strategic partnership to develop India’s fledgling international financial services centre GIFT City, and agreed to set up a new Fund of Funds to be managed by the State Bank of India (SBI) group in order to route the U.K.’s future capital investments into India.
- IT Ministry working to comply with CIC(Chief Information Commissioner) orders on Aarogya Setu.

ASAN CONSERVATION RESERVE(ACR) BECOMES UTTRAKHAND`S FIRST RAMSAR SITE.

- 1.ACR is declared as a site of international importance. With this, the number of Ramsar sites in **India goes up to 38, the highest in South Asia.**
- 2.ACR is **located on the banks of Yamuna river near Dehradun** districts in Garhwal region of Uttarakhand.
- 3.ACR hosts many species like **white-rumped vulture, ruddy shelduck, red-headed vulture** etc.
- 4.Ramsar convention, 1971 is an **intergovernmental treaty, signed in Ramsar(Iran) to preserve ecological character of selected wetlands** across the globe.

INCREASING LEGAL AGE FOR WOMEN`S MARRIAGE HAS ENORMOUS SOCIAL, ECONOMIC BENEFITS: SBI REPORT

- 1.Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech announced that government will soon take a decision on the age of marriage of women.
- 2.Prohibition of Child Marriage Act(PCMA), 2006, Sets minimum age of marriage at 18 years for women and at 21 for men.
- 3.As per the report, mean marriage age in India is already above 21 years(i.e.22.3 years).
- 4.Benefits of increasing marriage age- **Lowering Maternal Mortality Ratio, Infant Mortality Ratio as well as improvement of nutrition levels, To pursue higher education and careers and become financially empowered.**

COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH(CSIR) PUBLISHES RESULTS OF INDIGEN PROGRAM

- 1.CSIR initiated the IndiGen(2019) to fill the gap of whole genome sequences from different populations in India.
- 2.The objective is **to enable genetic epidemiology and develop public health technologies applications** using population genome data.
- 3.**Genome is an organism`s complete set of DNA,** including all of its genes. Each genome contains all of the information needed to build and maintain that organism.

BRICS PARLIAMENTARY FOURM

- 1.Recently, sixth BRICS Parliamentary Forum meeting was held.
- 2.BRICS Parliamentary Forum was established **to boost coordination, communication and interaction between BRICS countries(Brazil, China, India, Russia and South Africa)**
- 3.It facilitates inter-parliamentary dialogue and Parliamentary Diplomacy among the Parliaments of BRICS countries with a view to strengthening the role of Parliaments on a range of contemporary global issues.

KERALA GOVERNMENT FIXES BASE PRICE FOR VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

- 1.It is designed to protect farmers from adverse price fluctuations.
- 2.**Sixteen agricultural produce would be covered in the first phase. Base price would be 20% above the production cost.**
- 3.Scheme also envisaged setting up of supply chain process such as cold-storage facilities and refrigerated vehicles.