

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- India and Denmark began a new era of partnership in the form of a “far reaching Green Strategic Partnership” that will give the Scandinavian country a special place in delivering sustainable solutions to India.
- Amnesty International India said the government had frozen all its bank accounts, leading to all of its work in the country coming to a halt.
- Around 7% or 60 mn Indians population may have been exposed to the novel coronavirus till the last fortnight of August, according to the second national sero-survey by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- How long will Mehbooba be under detention, asks Supreme Court Court, hears habeas corpus petition filed by Iltija Mufti seeking her mother’s release.
- India rejects China’s ‘unilateral’ claims on LAC. China questions Ladakh status, opposes infrastructure projects in U.T.
- The 300th Advanced Light Helicopter (ALHDhruv) was rolled out from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- Personnel of the Border Security Force seized 30 sophisticated rifles, 29 of them automatic Kalashnikovs, from near the Mizoram-Bangladesh border.
- ‘Forces ready for any eventuality’ Uneasy ‘no war, no peace’ status along the northern border, says Air Chief Marshal (ACM) R.K.S. Bhadauria.
- Centre to hold talks with States to curb pollution, Environment ministry will convene a “virtual conference” of Environment Ministers of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and officials in the State departments as well as from city corporations.

ESG FUNDS

- 1.ESG Funds factor in the **environment, social responsibility and corporate governance aspects of a company** during investment.
- 2.In India, the concept is new, but several big lenders have rolled out their ESG funds.
- 3.The first ESG fund was launched by the **State Bank of India-SBI Magnum Equity ESG Fund**.

FOOD FORTIFICATION

- 1.FSSAI is aiming **to make fortification of edible oil with vitamins A,D mandatory**, which will help in boosting immunity.
- 2.Fortification is the addition of key vitamins and minerals such as Iron,Iodine,Zinc,Vitamins A&D to staple foods such as rice,wheat,oil,milk and salt to improve their nutritional content.
- 3.Food Fortification is a scientifically proven, cost-effective,scalable and sustainable global intervention that **addresses the issue of micronutrient deficiencies**.

HIMALAYA CHANDRA TELESCOPE(HCT)

- 1.The **optical-infrared telescope that aims to study solar system bodies and star formation in external galaxies**.It is installed at Indian Astronomical Observatory(IAO),Ladakh.
- 2.It is **named after Indian-born Nobel laureate Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar**.

DESTINATION NORTH EAST-2020

- 1.It is an annual festival organised by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- 2.**Objective is to take the north-eastern region to other parts of the country and bringing them closer together in order to strengthen national integration**.
- 3.For this year, theme is **“The Emerging Delightful Destinations”**.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MoRTH) NOTIFICATION TO ALLOW USE OF H-CNG

- 1.It is aimed at promotion of green fuels for automobiles in the country.**MoRTH has been notifying various alternate fuels(such as bio-CNG,Methanol,Ethanol) under Clean Fuels for transportation**.
- 2.Hydrogen enriched CNG(H-CNG) is a blend of hydrogen and CNG, the ideal hydrogen concentration being 18%. CNG is compressed natural gas.
- 3.As natural gas is mainly composed of methane,CNG emits less air pollutants-carbon dioxide,carbon monoxide,nitrogen oxides and particulate matter-than petrol or diesel.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF INDIA(EDII)

- 1.**EDII, an autonomous and not-for-profit institute, set up in 1983**, is sponsored by apex financial institutions-IDBI Bank Ltd.,IFCL Bank Ltd. And State Bank of India.
- 2.It **aims to promote entrepreneurship, augment the pool of entrepreneurship in different sectors**, assist in capacity building and training in entrepreneurship etc.
- 3.EDII has been selected by Ministry of Education to establish institution Innovation Council with an aim to systematically foster the culture of Innovation.