

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Any tariff protection to promote local manufacturing in India will come with an inbuilt sunset clause, NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar asserted that the country's self reliance mission must not be equated to it becoming a 'protectionist' and closed economy.
- A policy to promote usage, ownership and manufacture of electric vehicles (EVs) as well as encourage setting up of allied infrastructure, such as charging stations through a bouquet of incentives and facilitation measures, was unveiled by the Telangana government.
- The first phase of the Malabar Naval exercise with Australia, Japan and the U.S. is scheduled to be held next week off the Visakhapatnam coast.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has "insisted" that the Ministry of Railways devise a modern environmental management plan to control air, water and noise pollution at major railway stations.
- The central cooperative, NAFED, will soon begin importing onions in a bid to tame soaring prices, Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal said.
- China's ruling Communist Party concluded a key annual conclave outlining new long term targets for boosting innovation and military strength, eyeing what it called "an important strategic period" for fulfilling its ambitions at home and abroad.
- Fourteen people were killed in Turkey and Greece after a strong earthquake struck the Aegean Sea.
- Three years after it was constituted, the Fifteenth Finance Commission has finalised its report for fund devolution from the Centre to States for the five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Fifteenth Finance Commission to hand in report on Nov. 9.

CABINET APPROVES MECHANISM FOR PROCUREMENT OF ETHANOL BY PUBLIC SECTOR OIL MARKETING COMPANIES(OMCs)

1. Government has notified administered price of ethanol since 2014 which has significantly improved of ethanol.
2. Ethanol procurement by Public Sector OMCs has **increased from 38 crore litre in Ethanol Supply Year(ESY) 2013-14 to contracted over 195 crore litre in ESY 2019-20.**
3. Ethanol is an alcohol **produced from fermentation of carbohydrate and cellulosic material of crops** and other plants and grasses.

NITI AAYOG RELEASES DRAFT ACT, RULES FOR STATES ON LAND TITLING

1. Draft Act provides for a state government to order establishment of title registration for any type of immovable properties.
2. It is **aimed at reducing land-related litigations and improved land acquisitions for infrastructure projects.**
3. Land title is a document that determines the ownership of land or an immovable property. In India, land ownership is determined through various records such as sale deeds.

CABINET APPROVES EXTENSION OF NORMS FOR MANDATORY PACKAGING IN JUTE MATERIALS

1. The decision mandates that **100% of foodgrains and 20% of the sugar shall be mandatorily packed in diversified jute bags.**
2. The jute industry is predominantly dependent on the Government sector which purchases jute bags for packaging foodgrains.
3. The approval **will benefit nearly 3.7 lakh workers and several lakh farm families** who are dependent for their livelihood on the jute sectors.

NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL(NPC)

1. NPC has been granted accreditation conforming to ISO 17020:2012 by National Accreditation Board for certification Body, Quality Council of India for undertaking inspection and audit work **in the area of Food Safety Audit and Scientific Storage of Agricultural products.**
2. It will enable NPC to undertake Independent Third-Party Audits of Food Business Operators.
3. NPC is autonomous organization to promote productivity culture in India.

MALDHARI TRIBE

1. It is being reported that project lion has proposed **relocation of Maldhari settlements from within the Gir conservation Areas.**
2. Maldhari community is a **tribe of herdsmen in Gujrat.** They live in settlements called ness and make their living by selling milk from their water buffaloes.
3. The Maldharis have lived in the Gir National Park, in the Banni Grasslands Reserve area, for the past thousand years.

INDIAN RAILWAYS LAUNCHES OPERATION MERI SAHELI

1. The objective of this initiative is to provide safety and **security to lady passengers travelling by trains for their entire journey from starting station to destination station.**