

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Chinese President Xi Jinping said he stands ready with Bangladesh leaders to better align the two countries' strategies and jointly promote the construction of his multi billion dollar Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to take the strategic partnership of the two countries to new heights.
- The South Pacific territory of New Caledonia chose to remain with France, narrowly rejecting independence in a referendum.
- India and China are scheduled to hold the 7th round of Corps Commander talks on October 12 to work out measures for disengagement and de-escalation along the disputed border in eastern Ladakh.
- Editors Guild slams curbs on media, Media was prevented by the law enforcement agencies of the Yogi Adityanath government from reporting on developments after the brutal assault on a woman in Hathras, leading to her death.
- Dialling things up a notch in the fight against Google, Paytm has announced the launch of its "mini app" store to "support Indian developers" in taking their products to the masses.
- The government indicated that about 25 crore individuals are likely to be inoculated with a double dose of the COVID19 vaccine by next July.
- Afghan woman leader(Afghanistan's first women Deputy Speaker in Parliament) makes it to Nobel frontrunner list. Fawzia Koofi is a negotiator in Doha talks with the Taliban.
- Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that Britain "can prosper mightily" without a post-Brexit trade deal with the European Union.
- Economy on recovery path,although the sustained spread of the covid-19 virus poses a downward risk to short and medium term growth rates, the finance ministry said.

## DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS RANKED 3<sup>RD</sup> AMONGST 65 MINISTERIES/DEPARTMENTS IN SURVEY REPORT ON DATA GOVERNANCE QUALITY INDEX(DGQI)

- 1.Survey was conducted by **Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office(DMEO)** to assess **Ministries/Departments performance on implementation of Central sector schemes** and Centrally Sponsored schemes.
- 2.DGQI exercise is a self-assessment based review of data preparedness levels across ministries/departments to drive healthy competition among them and promote cooperative peer learning from best practices.

## DENYING OVERTIME WAGES AFFRONT TO WORKER'S RIGHT TO LIFE:SUPREME COURT(SC)

- 1.SC was hearing a petition against notifications issued by Gujrat government granting temporary relaxations to employers related to working hours and payment of wages under the Factories Act,1948.
- 2.State sought to justify changes stating COVID-19 pandemic is a public emergency as defined in section 5 of the act.
- 3.SC quashed government's notification and made following observation-Notification is an **affront to worker's right to life and right against forced labour that are secured by Articles 21 and 23** of Constitution, Does not qualify as an internal disturbance threatening the security of state.

## MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MoRTH)PUBLISHES RULES FOR THE PROTECTION OF GOOD SAMARITANS(GS)

- 1.Motor Vehicles(Amendment) Act,2019,inserted a new section "**Protection of good Samaritans**" which provides for protection of GS from any civil or criminal action.
- 2.Now MoRTH has published the rules which includes: Right of GS to be treated respectfully without any discrimination on the grounds of religion,nationality,caste or sex.
- 3.**GS shall not be compelled to disclose his/her name,identity,address or any such other personal details.**Every public and private hospital shall publish a charter in Hindi,English and Vernacular language stating the rights of GS under the Act.

## ANDHRA PRADESH(AP) AND UTTAR PRADESH(UP) GRANTED AN ADDITIONAL BORROWING LIMIT

- 1.Due to Covid-19, **central government allowed additional borrowing limit of up to 2% of gross domestic product(GSDP)** to states for year 2020-21.
- 2.Implementation of One Ration Card System.Ease of doing business reforms,Urban Local body/utility reforms,Power Sector reforms.
- 3.UP and AP were granted additional borrowing permission for undertaking reforms in public distribution system and ease of doing business.

## IIT-MADRAS TEAM WORKING ON DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS HYPERLOOP TECHNOLOGY

- 1.The Avishkar project team has been working on developing India's first self-propelled Hyperloop Pod.
- 2.**Hyperloop is a high-speed train that travels in a near-vacuum tube.**It is considered 5<sup>th</sup> mode of transportation(other 4 includes railways,roadways,airways,waterways).