

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Saeb Erekat, one of the most prominent veterans of the Palestinian cause died. In a death mourned far beyond the occupied territory.
- Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed on a deal with Russia to end fierce clashes over Nagorno-Karabakh, after a string of Azerbaijani victories in its fight to retake the disputed region.
- In an indirect reference to the Chinese infrastructure projects in PoK, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to respect “territorial integrity” and “sovereignty”.
- Banks must not shy away from lending, especially when the economy is facing major challenges, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Said.
- SEBI proposed extending the requirement of constituting a risk management committee to the top 1,000 listed entities from 500 at present. The risk management committee should meet at least twice a year from the current practice of minimum one meeting, SEBI said in a paper.
- The Centre extended a fresh invitation to Punjab farmer bodies protest in against the three agri laws for talks with a two-member ministerial delegation.
- Peru’s Congress ousted President Martín Vizcarra in an impeachment vote over corruption allegations, prompting immediate tensions in the Andean nation.
- The African Union called for a ceasefire in north Ethiopia where federal troops fighting local Tigrayan forces were reported to have captured an airport and the region’s leader accused Eritrea of sending soldiers across the border. In an escalating conflict some fear could slide into civil war given deep animosity between the Tigrayans and Eritreans.

## 20 MILLION BIGBASKET USER RECORDS AVAILABLE ON THE DARK WEB

1. The case follows past data breach incidents in Zomato, defence PSU BEML etc and over 1 lakh nationals IDs of Indians was put on Dark Web for sale.
2. Data being sold includes full names, email IDs, passwords hashes etc.
3. **Darknet/Darkweb refers to encrypted networks on the Internet that are not indexed by search engines such as Google, Yahoo or Bing.**
4. It is a layer of the Internet accessible only by using special software like Tor(The Onion Router), or I2P(Invisible Internet project).

## INTER-FAITH MARRIAGES, CONVERSION AND THE LAW

1. Several states of the country like UP, MP, Karnataka etc are mulling about introducing legal provisions to ban conversion for the sole purpose of marriage.
2. Under Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2019, marriage done solely for the purpose of conversion, can be declared null and void by a family court. Marriage and divorce are under concurrent list.
3. **In India, Interfaith marriage was facilitated by Special Marriage Act, 1954(SMA).** Any irrespective of religion can lawfully marry any one of opposite gender, under this act.

## SCIENTISTS STUDY GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST FLOOD (GLOF) IN THE HIMALAYA

1. Researchers have mapped the evolution of 2014 Gya glacial lake in Ladakh and cause of the GLOF. **Study found that flooding did not happen due to spill over because of avalanche or landslide, rather there was a thawing of ice cores in the moraine which drained through the subsurface tunnels.**
2. GLOF is a release of meltwater from a moraine or ice-dam glacial lake due to dam failure.
3. Glacial lakes are formed in the high elevation of glacierised basin.

## INFRA STATUS TO THE DATA CENTRE SECTOR: DRAFT DATA CENTRE POLICY 2020

1. **A data centre is a dedicated secure space within a building where computing and network equipment is concentrated for collecting, storing, processing, distribution or allowing access to large amounts of data.**
2. Key points in draft policy-Draft highlights the need for data centre infrastructure within the boundaries of the country due to: Data localisation provisions proposed in the Data Protection Act. Protection of the digital sovereignty of the country.
3. It aims to make India a Global Data Centre hub, **promote investment in the sector, propel digital economy growth etc.**

## HIGH BIODIVERSITY IN 49% OF GANGA MAIN RIVER

1. Alongside celebrations of Ganga Utsav to mark 12th anniversary of declaring Ganga a national river, Wildlife Institute of India highlighted findings of 2nd phase of Ganga survey.
2. Ganga and its tributaries flow through 11 states and cover 26.3% of the country’s total geographical area. But its main stem flows through five states-Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
4. **49% of the river high biodiversity sightings have increased in the river.**