

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Assam's border row with its neighbours in the Northeast has shifted from areas adjoining Mizoram to Nagaland. Days after a semblance of normalcy returned to the Assam-Mizoram border, five organisations based in Assam's Karbi Anglong district have threatened to impose an economic blockade against Nagaland on November 20.
- A prospective employer has discretion not to appoint a candidate who may have a "higher qualification", but not the one prescribed for the job vacancy, the Supreme Court has held.
- Democratic nominee Joe Biden has won Arizona, U.S. networks said, further cementing his lead in the Electoral College and flipping the state Democratic for the first time since 1996.
- Rajasthan has bagged third prize among the top States under the National Water Awards 2019 for its outstanding work in the field of water resources management.
- A team of researchers from the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), after extensive sampling across peninsular India, have discovered new species of vine snakes in the region. Most common snakes in peninsular India.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) will set up a Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India, it announced.
- Surat became the first city to finalise a project under the affordable rental housing scheme for migrant workers announced by the Centre in May.
- The ruling party of Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi has won enough parliamentary seats to form the next government.
- The deadlock between the Centre and Punjab's farmer unions continued, with daylong talks ending inconclusively.

PARLIAMENTARY PANEL SEEKS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ON DEFINING OFFICE OF PROFIT

- 1..A Parliamentary panel has sought Centre's response to a **long-pending demand for amending the Constitution to clear ambiguity over definition of office of profit.**
- 2.Office of profit has not been defined in the constitution or under Representation of People Act(RPA), 1951 **but different courts have interpreted it to mean a position with certain duties that are more or less of public character.**
- 3.Essence is that legislators should be able to carry out their duties in a free manner without any obligation to government of the day.

WHO DESIGNATES 2021 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF HEALTH AND CARE WORKERS

- 1.It was **designated by 73rd World Health Assembly recognizing the dedication and sacrifice of the millions of health and careworkers at the forefront of the Covid-19 pandemic.**
- 2.World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of WHO. Its main functions are to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed programme budget.

INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPITAL GOODS(CG) SECTOR

- 1.**Government has set up a 22-member inter-ministerial committee to look into issues pertaining to CG sector,** including technology development, mother technology development, global value chains etc.
- 2.CG refers to products that are used in the production of other products but are not incorporated into the new product(like industrial machinery, printing and packaging machinery etc).

NEW GENUS OF TREE FROG DISCOVERED

- 1.Researchers have found a **new genus of frogs in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and northeast.**
- 2.Genus has been **named Rohanixalus after Sri Lankan taxonomist Rohan Pethiyagoda.**
- 3.Frogs from the genus are characterised by a small and slender body(about 2 cm to 3 cm long), a pair of contrastingly coloured lateral lines on either side of the body.

ENERGY EFFICIENT SMART SCREENS

- 1.It will help in **preserving privacy and energy conservation by controlling light and heat passing through it and reducing air conditioning load.**
- 2.It has been developed from cellulose-based smart screen from discarded ground nutshells.
- 3.It was developed by **Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences(CeNS), Bangalore,** an autonomous institute of Department of Science & Technology.

INDIA MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN ITS VACCINATION COVERAGE

- 1.Findings are part of a new report released by International Vaccine Access Centre.
- 2.Key highlights- India's **coverage of the rotavirus vaccine (for diarrhea) increased** to 53% in 2019(35% in 2018).
- 3.Immunisation **coverage against pneumococcal pneumonia increased** to 15% in 2019(6% in 2018).
- 4.India exceeded targets for exclusive breastfeeding, with its exclusive breastfeeding rate at 58%.