

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to explain its “mechanism” against fake news and bigotry on air, and to create one if it did not already exist. Inability on the government’s part may well see the job go to an “outside agency,” the court said.
- The Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) to find out what happened to the circus animals which were missing when inspection was carried out at circuses across the country.
- Leaders of the Mizoram Bru refugees have demanded commencement of their permanent rehabilitation in Tripura in the light of the quadripartite agreement signed in New Delhi in January.
- Terrorism is the biggest problem facing the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday. Addressing the 12th BRICS summit, he said there was a need to confront the countries that supported and sponsored terror.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully tested the indigenous under development Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system for the second time in five days, off Odisha coast.
- President Donald Trump asked senior advisers in an Oval Office meeting whether he had options to take action against Iran’s main nuclear site in the coming weeks. The meeting occurred a day after international inspectors reported a significant increase in the country’s stockpile of nuclear material.
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has inflamed Scottish discontent with his Conservative government by reportedly saying that giving governing powers to Scotland had been a “disaster.”

## 2 MORE WETLANDS IN INDIA ADDED TO LIST OF RECOGNISED SITES UNDER RAMSAR CONVENTION

1. New Sites are **Lonar lake in Maharashtra and Sur Sarovar, Uttar Pradesh**. This takes the total number of Ramsar sites in India to 41, from 27 in 2019, the highest in South Asia.
2. **Kabartal Wetland(Bihar) and Asan conservation reserve( Uttarakhand)** Were also designated as 38th and 39th Ramsar site respectively in October, 2020.
3. Ramsar convention on wetlands is an intergovernmental Treaty for preserving ecological character of wetlands.

## DIPAM SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH WORLD BANK FOR ADVISORY SERVICES ON ASSET MONETIZATION

1. It is aimed at analysing public assets monetisation in India and Benchmarking its institutional and Business models against International best practices.
2. Department of investment and public Asset Management(DIPAM) Mandated with facilitating monetization of non-core Assets of government CPSE’s.
3. **Asset monetization involves creating new sources of revenue by unlocking Underutilized or unutilized public assets.**

## FAKE GST INVOICES ISSUERS, BENEFICIARIES MAY BE BOOKED UNDER COFEPOSA

1. Ministry of Finance indicated that **issuers Beneficiaries of a fake GST invoice can be detained under the COFEPOSA(Conservation of foreign exchange and prevention of smuggling activities act).**
2. COFEPOSA Act, 1974 provides for preventive detention Pattern cases for the purposes of conservation and Augmentation of foreign exchange and prevention of smuggling activities And for matters connected.

## TRISTAN DA CUNHA

1. Recently, **Tristan da Cunha declared the Largest fully protected Marine reserves in the Atlantic ocean to Safeguard wildlife in an area of South Atlantic.**
2. This will ban harmful activities such as bottom-trawling fishing, sand Extraction and deep sea in there Waters.
3. **Tristan da Cunha Isolated United Kingdom Overseas territory, which is home to Most remote human settlement and is an Important seabird Island.**

## PROGRESS TOWARDS REGIONAL MEASLES ELIMINATION REPORT

1. Report was released by WHO and United States centres for Disease Control and prevention.
2. **Highlight-India was among six countries with the highest Number of infants who had not received the vaccine against Measles.**
3. 1.2 million children did not receive the first dose of measles containing vaccines(MCV1) In 2019 in India.

## ARIEL (ATMOSPHERIC REMOTE-SENSING INFRARED EXOPLANET LARGE-SURVEY) SPACE MISSION

1. It is a **Space Telescope planned for launch in 2029 Under European space agency cosmic vision program.**
2. It will perform a larger scale survey of over a thousand planets over a period Of 4 years and will study of the Nature, formation and evolution of exoplanets.
3. **Exoplanets extrasolar planets are planets that lie outside of the solar system Orbit around stars other than the sun.**