

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- According to a study by LibTech India released, MGNREGS workers are forced to make multiple trips to the bank, adding travel costs and income losses, and face repeated rejections of payment, biometric errors and wrong information, just to get their hands on their wages.
- The 15th Finance Commission has mooted a greater role for public private partnerships to ramp up health infrastructure and scale up public spending on health from 0.95% of the GDP to 2.5% by 2024, N.K. Singh, Chairperson of the panel, Said.
- As India and China continue deliberations on a proposed disengagement and de-escalation plan to end the standoff* in eastern Ladakh, the Army has completed building extreme weather habitats for thousands of additional troops to remain deployed through the harsh winter.
- The office of the Registrar General of India (RGI) has said the schedule, or the questionnaire, of the National Population Register (NPR) is "being finalised" and the information about the expected date of the first phase of Census 2021 is "not available".
- Eight Ministers recently sworn in to the Bihar Cabinet have declared criminal cases against themselves, a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms said.
- As the dust settles on the U.S. presidential election and a change in administration is imminent, Senate India Caucus Co-Chairs Mark Warner (Democrat) and John Cornyn (Republican) emphasised the role of China in their discussion on the India-U. S. partnership.
- Iran will "automatically" return to its nuclear commitments if U.S. President-elect Joe Biden lifts sanctions imposed over the past two years, its Foreign Minister said.

LACK OF CONSENT WON'T INVALID ATE CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION(CBI) PROBE: SUPREME COURT(SC)

1. In a corruption case investigated by the CBI, **SC observed-CBI cannot exercise its power and jurisdiction over state and consent for the same.**
2. However, failure to give such consent will not vitiate the probe if post-facto consent is obtained provided did no prejudice has been caused to the accused due to lack of such prior consent.
3. Supreme court also reiterated that **section 6 of Delhi special police Establishment Act(DSPE Act)** and its consent of state for CBI is in consonance with Federal character of constitution.

RBI SETS UP RESERVE BANK INNOVATION HUB(RBIH) FOR FINANCIAL SECTOR

1. It has been set up **under the chairmanship of Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder of Infosys.**
2. Mandate of RBIH -**promote innovation across the financial sector by leveraging technology In financial And financial inclusion, efficient banking services, strengthening Consumer Protection etc.**
3. Develop internal infrastructure to promote fintech research and facilitate Engagement with innovators and startups.

APFC VIRTUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING, 2020 HELD

1. Meeting was chaired by Malaysia and 3 priority Areas were outlined- improving the narrative of trade and investment, inclusive economic participation through digital economy and Technology, driving innovative sustainability.
2. Efforts were made on finalising APEC's post 2020 reason on the lines Of successful Bogor goals.
3. **Bogor goals were announced in 1994 for free and open trade and investment in Asia Pacific by 2010 for industrialised economy and 2020 for developing economies**

ADDITIONAL JUDGES ELEVATED TO PERMANENT JUDGES

1. Recently, president, in exercise of powers **Under article 217, appointed the additional judges as permanent Judges in the Allahabad High Court.**
2. **Article 217 deals with appointment and conditions of Office of a judge of a High Court.**
3. An additional judge is usually elevated as a permanent judge after 2 years based on performance.

RECIPROCAL ACCESS AGREEMENT(RAA)

1. This agreement was **recently signed between Japan in a bid to counter China growing influence In South China Sea and over Pacific Island Nations.**
2. Framework to allow their Troops to visit each others countries and Conduct training and joint Operations. It will enhance interoperability and cooperation.

TEAM HALO

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.**