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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde along with Supreme Court Justice D.Y. Chandrachud inaugurated Nyay Kaushal, the country's first resource centre, at the Judicial Officers Training Institute in Nagpur.
- Armenia's leader urged Russia to consider providing security assistance to end more than a month of fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh.
- Unrest erupts over police killing of Black man in U.S. Tensions flared between left and rightwing protesters.
- Amazon has complained to India's markets regulator that its local partner Future Retail misled shareholders by incorrectly saying it was complying with its contractual obligations to the U.S. ecommerce giant.
- The pandemic triggered Work from home (WFH) model has been flattening the socio-economic curve through wealth distribution and job creation in small towns and villages, said a senior official of Cisco India.
- In several districts of Jharkhand, minority students are being duped of a Centrally funded scholarship by a nexus of bank staff, middlemen, school and govt employees.
- Enough laws to tackle pollution, political will lacking: M.C.Mehta, Noted Environmentalist.
- Officials have evacuated almost a million residents in the southern part of the Philippines' main island of Luzon as a category 5 storm — the world's strongest this year — makes landfall.
- Following a call by separatist conglomerate Hurriyat Conference, the Kashmir valley observed a complete shutdown against the new land laws allowing any Indian citizen to purchase land in Jammu and Kashmir.

LA NINA IS BACK AFTER NEARLY A DECADE'S ABSENCE, SAYS WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION(WMO)

1. In its latest Global Seasonal update, **WMO said that La Nina weather phenomenon is back in central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean and is expected to last into next year.** Horn of Africa and central Asia will see below average rainfall.
2. Southeast Asia, some Pacific Islands and northern region of South America are expected to receive above-average rainfall.
3. **La Nina refers to large-scale cooling of sea Surface Temperature in central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean,** coupled with changes in tropical atmospheric circulation, namely winds, pressure and rainfall.

GREEN SIGNAL FOR TRANSLOCATING THE CORALS OFF THE COAST OF MUMBAI

1. **Small colonies of corals along Mumbai's coastline will be translocated to make way for Coastal Road project.**
2. Translocation of corals is at a nascent stage along the Indian coastline.
3. **Under various pilot projects corals were cultivated- fragments of corals were taken and attached to concrete frames with the help of nylon threads-** and then left on ocean beds at a depth suitable for their growth.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION, INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH(ICSSR) SIGN NEW PACT

1. Arrangement is **to enhance scientific cooperation encouraging top Indian social scientists** to join research teams in Europe, funded by European Research Council(ERC) on a temporary basis.
2. Founded in 2007, ERC aims to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields.
3. ERC is a flagship component of Horizon 2020, European Union's(EU) Research Framework Programme for 2014-2020.

SUPREME COURT(SC) ISSUES 'MIRROR ORDER' IN CHILD CUSTODY CASE

1. Judgement was based on a petition regarding custody of a child whose father is based in Kenya and mother is in India.
2. **A mirror order is ancillary or auxiliary in character. It supports order passed by the court which has exercised primary jurisdiction over custody of a child.**
3. It is passed to ensure that courts of the country where the child is being shifted are aware of the arrangements which were made in the country where he had ordinarily been residing.

DOING BUSINESS IN INDIA REPORT 2020

1. It was recently released by UK India Business Council(UIBC).
2. According to report- 66% of the UK businesses believe that India's business environment is improving.
3. Top four regulatory irritants are Foreign exchange regulation, GST process issues, high import tariffs, lack of alignment with international standards.