

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- The Border Security Force and the Odisha police have set up a Company Operating Base (COB) at Gurasethu, dubbed the “ideological headquarters” of the outlawed CPI(Maoist), in Swabhiman Anchal along the Odisha Andhra Pradesh border. This is considered a milestone in the fight against the leftwing extremists.
- India slammed Pakistan for its attempt to accord provincial status to the “so called Gilgit-Baltistan”, saying it is intended to camouflage the “illegal” occupation of the region by Islamabad. India “firmly rejects” the attempt by Pakistan to bring material changes to a part of Indian territory which is under Islamabad’s “illegal and forcible occupation”.
- Revenues from the Goods and Services Tax surpassed ₹1.05 lakh crore in October, up 10% from a year ago, and the highest recorded since February 2020.
- Hizbul Mujahideen ‘operation chief’ SaifullIslam Mir, who succeeded Reyaz Naikoo, was killed in an encounter in Srinagar.
- The Union Home Ministry has written to all States to examine and register FIRs based on the complaints received on the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal, [www.cybercrime.gov.in](http://www.cybercrime.gov.in)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Will virtually inaugurate a Ropax Ferry Service between Ghoghain Bhavnagar of Saurashtra region And Hazira in Surat on November 8.
- China is all set to begin the construction of the strategic Sichuan- Tibet Railway between Ya’an in southwest Sichuan province and Linzhi in Tibet, close to the Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh. The Sichuan-Tibet Railway is the second such project in Tibet after the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. It will go through the southeast of the Qinghai-Tibet-Plateau.

## PALAGORNITHIDS

- 1.They were **giant bird that lived about 50 million years ago.**
- 2.They had wingspans of up to 21 feet and travelled widely over Earth’s oceans for at least 60 million years.
- 3.Recently, their fossils were identified which were earlier **recovered from Antarctica.**

## PRODUCTION LINKED INCENTIVE(PLI) SCHEME FOR PROMOTING DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING OF MEDICAL DEVICES

- 1.Objective- To **boost domestic manufacturing of medical devices in four target segments, like Cancer care/Radiotherapy medical devices, Radiology & imaging medical devices etc.**
- 2.Revised Guidelines- Replacement of the criteria of ‘minimum threshold’ investment with committed investment by the selected applicant. The tenure of the scheme has been extended by one year.

## AIR INDIA(AI) DISINVESTMENT

- 1.In a key change in AI disinvestment process, Government will not pre-determine the level of debt that AI will carry. The bidders will be given the option to decide on the quantum of debt on the AI books that they’d like to absorb.
- 2.The airline’s accumulated **debt is estimated to be more than Rs 69,000 crore.**
- 3.This restructuring has been done **to attract more bidders.** Government had decided to sell its 100% shareholding in Air India.

## NEW WAGE CODE BARS BONUS FOR THOSE FACING SEX ABUSE CHARGES

- 1.Among other things, the Code on Wages lays down norms for annual bonus dues that accrue to employee.
- 2.The **new code includes ‘conviction for harassment’ as a ground for denying bonus payouts to employees.**
- 3.As per the extant law, bonus dues are barred only in case of employees dismissed for fraud, violent conduct and theft or sabotage.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS INDEX(PAI), 2020

- 1.**PAI is a data driven platform to rank States/UTS on governance.** PAI has been developed by the not-for-profit Public Affairs Centre(PAC).
- 2.Governance performance is analysed in the context of sustainable development defined by **three pillars of equity, growth and sustainability.**

## SERB-POWER(PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN EXPLORATORY RESEARCH)

- 1.Science and Engineering Research Board(SERB)- **POWER scheme is launched by Department of Science and Technology.**
- 2.It will **mitigate gender disparity in science and engineering research funding** in various S&T programs in Indian academic institutions and R&D laboratories.
- 3.According to the United Nations, 40% of STEM(science, technology, engineering and math) graduates in India are women against 35% of the global average, However India employs only 14% women researchers as against 30% of the global average.