

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pillalamarri**, the great banyan tree of Telangana, has got a new lease of life and is now back in healthy germination thanks to the tireless efforts of the Mahabubnagar district administration, whose 'modern organic' treatment boosted the immunity of the centuries old giant.
- Attorney General K.K. Venugopal has said it is "open" to the Supreme Court to initiate *suo motu* contempt proceedings against Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy for his October 6 letter to the Chief Justice of India containing allegations against sitting Supreme Court judge N.V. Ramana.
- Pledging to be the President of all Americans, President elect Joe Biden has sought an immediate end to the "grim era of demonisation" in the deeply polarised nation.
- At the eighth round of Corps Commander level talks between India and China, the two sides had a "candid, in depth and constructive exchange of views" on disengagement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and agreed to continue the talks, a joint statement issued.
- A Kerala based NGO for farmers moved the Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional a draft notification of the Centre demarcating 56,825 sq. km spread across six States as the 'Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area'.
- U.S. President elect Joe Biden will work towards providing a road map to American citizenship for nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants, including over 5,00,000 from India, and will also establish a minimum admission number of 95,000 refugees annually.
- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said the next U.S. administration has an opportunity to "compensate for its previous mistakes" following Joe Biden's victory in the presidential election.

## LARGE NON-BANKING FINANCE COMPANIES(NBFCs) SHOULD CONVERT INTO BANKS OR SHRINK BIZ: RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR

1. It is also stated that **there cannot be a one-size-fits-all regulatory approach for NBFCs, and systemically important NBFCs(whose asset size is of Rs.500 cr or more) must be identified and subjected to a higher degree of regulation.**
2. Presently, RBI does not regulate all NBFC. Other institutions such as SEBI, IRDAI etc, are also involved depending on type of NBFC.
3. NBFC is a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 engaged in the business of loans and advances, acquisition of shares etc.

## MAKE INDIA AN ELECTRIC VEHICLES(EV) HUB BY 2025: MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

1. Centre has reiterated that EVs should be promoted in the country while diesel must be stopped from usage in automobiles.
2. **The Indian industry has also now been asked to work towards making India an EV hub by 2025.**
3. Potential of EV in India-Reduce primary oil consumption in transportation. Manufacturing of efficient oil consumption in transportation.
4. Manufacturing of efficient EVs can create more jobs and provide opportunities for exports.

## IMPACT OF RIGHTFUL TARGETING OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT(NFSA)

1. As per government data, **4.39 crore bogus ration cards have been weeded out since 2013 for rightful targeting of beneficiaries under NFSA.**
2. It is a part of technology-driven PDS reforms across the country to modernise the Targeted Public Distribution System(PDS) and to improve the transparency and efficiency.
3. Various **PDS reforms include-Digitization of ration cards/beneficiaries databases, Aadhar seeding, detection of ineligible/bogus ration cards, de-duplication of digitised data.**

## SUPREME COURT(SC) ASKS TRIAL COURTS TO CONSIDER WITNESS PROTECTION IN CASES AGAINST MPs, MLAs

1. SC has asked trial courts hearing criminal cases against sitting and former legislators to consider providing protection to witnesses under the witness Protection Scheme, 2018 even without making any specific application for the same, keeping in mind their vulnerability.
2. **SC has also asked HCs to urgently take up cases in which they had stayed long pending trials in criminal cases against sitting and former MPs and MLAs.**

## BREACH OF PRIVILEGE

1. Supreme Court recently gave relief to Arnab Goswami in breach of privilege case for making derogatory remarks against the CM of Maharashtra.
2. **A breach of privilege is a violation of any of the privileges of MPs/Parliament(Article 105) or MLAs/Both the houses of State Legislators(Article 194).**
3. Any act that obstructs or impedes either House of the state legislatures in performing its functions is treated as breach of privilege.