

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- China's media reported on Sunday that authorities have given the go ahead for a Chinese hydropower company to construct the first downstream dam on the lower reaches of the Brahmaputra river, or Yarlung Zangbo as it is known in Tibet, marking a new phase in China's hydropower exploitation with potential ramifications for India.
- National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval met senior Sri Lankan Tamil leader R. Sampanthan, before wrapping up his two day visit for a trilateral discussion on maritime cooperation and security.
- India 'strongly' rejected the criticism of its Kashmir policy by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).
- Disturbing new research published in *Diabetologia* (journal of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes) shows that more than half of men (55%) and some two thirds (65%) of women aged 20 years in India will likely develop diabetes, with most of those cases (around 95%) likely to be type 2 diabetes.
- China's Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe met Nepal's Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli and held talks with Nepal Army chief on various issues of bilateral interest, aimed at bolstering bilateral military cooperation.
- Iran will give a "calculated and decisive" response to the killing of its top nuclear scientist.
- The Ethiopian government launched a manhunt for leaders of a rebellious faction in the northern region of Tigray after announcing troops had taken over the regional capital Mekele and military operations were complete Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has been trying to quell a rebellion by the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

GIANT METREWAVE RADIO TELESCOPE(GMRT)

- 1.GMRT has been selected as a Milestone facility by U.S.-based Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers(IEEE).
- 2.It is operated by Pune-based National centre for Radio Astrophysics, which is part of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.
- 3.GMRT is a low-frequency radio observation for investigating a variety of radio astrophysics problems ranging from nearby Solar systems to the edge of observable Universe.

GEMS, JEWELLERY INDUSTRY

- 1.Ministry of Commerce and industry informed that Gems, Jewellery industry's suggestions related to duties under consideration.
- 2.Earlier, suggestion was given for cutting import duty on gold to 4.5% from 12.5%, and on diamond to 2.5% from 7.5%.
- 3.Gems, jewellery industry contributes about 7.5% to the country's GDP, 14% to the nation's exports and provides employment to over 5 million people.
- 4.India's gems and jewellery sector is one of the largest in the world, contributing 29% to the global jewellery consumption.

KALPAKKAM ATOMIC POWER PLANT(KAPP)

- 1.KAPP also known as Madras Atomic Power Station recently activated the cyclone protection machinery against Cyclone Nivar.
- 2.KAPP is one of the operational nuclear plant in the country situated in Tamil Nadu.
- 3.It was the first indigenously built nuclear power station in India.
- 4.It has two Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors of 170MWe each.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION(WHO) GUIDELINES ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- 1.WHO has updated physical activity guidelines for first time in 10 years.
- 2.It aims to prevent the menace of non-communicable diseases as people are confined to their homes owing to covid-19
- 3.WHO statistics show 5 million deaths a year could be averted if the global population was more active.
- 4.Guidelines-At least 150 to 300 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity per week for all adults. Older adults to focus on balance and coordination exercises.

NEGATIVE YIELD BOND

- 1.These are instruments that offer to pay the investor a maturity amounts lower than the purchase price of the bond.
- 2.These are generally issued by central banks or government, and investors pay interest to the borrower to keep their money with them.
- 3.Negative-yield bonds attract investments during times of stress and uncertainty as investors look to protect their capital from significant erosion.

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