

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Arunachal Pradesh, considered a sleeping hydropower giant, is likely to become India's prime producer of vanadium, a high value metal used in strengthening steel and titanium.**
- **Nepal wants "equality based friendship" with India, Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli said on Sunday. Addressing an extraordinary session of the Upper House of Parliament, Mr. Oli said Foreign Minister would visit India on January 14 to discuss the dispute related to the border and several other issues.**
- **Schools must relax detention norms in order to prevent dropouts in a year when COVID19 has disrupted the teaching and learning process, according to an Education Ministry directive Issued.**
- **Konchok Stanzin, a councillor from Chushul in Eastern Ladakh, says Chinese infrastructure that could not be seen from border villages earlier is now clearly visible as China continues to hold positions in areas within India's perception of the Line of Actual Control.**
- **A continued rise in private investments in the third quarter (Q3) of 2020-21, led by a 102% surge in manufacturing investments, helped India register a healthy 10.3% increase in fresh project spending in Q3 over the previous quarter.**
- **The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Immunisation Division) has issued a Standard Operating Procedure for the Ministry of Home Affairs in case of Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).**
- **Two flight surgeons will soon fly to Russia where they will get a hands-on-experience in space medicine from their Russian counterparts for the Gaganyaan mission, an Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) official said.**

## CARCALS

- 1.National Board of wildlife includes carcal into the list of critically endangered species.
- 2.It will enable taking up conservation efforts under Centrally sponsored Scheme-Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat(IDWH).
- 3.Now, there are 22 wildlife species under recovery programme for critically endangered species.
- 4.**Carcals is a medium size wild cat found in some parts of Rajasthan and Gujrat.** IUCN status is Least Concern mainly because of their large numbers in Africa.

## PATHALIC ANHYDRIDE(PA)

- 1.Directorate General of Trade Remedies has recommended continuation of anti-dumping duties on PA, imported from Russia, for another five years.
- 2.**PA is a white crystalline compound used to manufacture plasticizers, pigments, dyes and resins.**
- 3.Application of PA spans from the plastics industry to the synthesis of resins, agricultural fungicides and amines.

## DELHI GOVERNMENT NOD TO SET UP KONKANI LANGUAGE ACADEMY

- 1.Konkani an Indo-European language is spoken in Goa(State language) and coastal areas of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala.
- 2.It is **written in five scripts-Roman,Nagari, Kannada,Persian-Arabic and Malayalam.**
- 3.It was included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution in 1992, alongside Manipuri and Nepali.

## SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

- 1.Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- 2.**Its Objectives is to take industrial development to the block level in Union Territory (UT) of J and K,** which is the first time in any Industrial Incentive Scheme of the Government of India and attempts for a more sustained and balanced industrial growth in the entire UT.
- 3.Scheme envisages a greater role of the UT of J&K in the implementation of the scheme while having proper checks and balances by having an independent audit agency.

## NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION OF THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROJECT

- 1.Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of the Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) India Forum-2021 is being organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- 2.The NCAVES Project, funded by the European Union, has been jointly implemented by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD).
- 3.Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) is an **umbrella term covering efforts to make use of an accounting framework to provide a systematic way to measure and report on stocks and flows of natural capital.** Natural capital is another term for the stock of renewable and non-renewable resources.
4. Just like the compilation of national accounts of a country is guided by the System of National Accounts (SNA), for natural capital accounting, the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) is taken.