

KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for the 'New Anubhava Mantapa' in Basavakalyan, the place where 12th century poet philosopher Basaveshwara lived for most of his life.
- A committee would be constituted under Minister of State for Home G. Kishan Reddy to find an appropriate solution to the issues related to language, culture and conservation of land in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the Home Ministry said in a statement.
- Avian flu has been reported at 12 epicentres in four States — Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala.
- The Aurangabad bench of the Bombay High Court has declared that advertisement of any article using the name of any God and claiming that it has supernatural qualities, is "illegal" and falls under the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act.
- At a meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance headed by BJP MP Jayant Sinha to discuss the long term impact of the COVID19 pandemic on the global economy, trade flows and financial markets, NITI Aayog officials said China continued to outstrip India and, in fact, had managed to narrow the gap with the U.S. in the post pandemic scenario.
- The proposed Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) aims to establish system whereby all researchers in India can access research published in top international journals at no cost.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said it was "very disappointed" that China had not allowed a team of international experts to go ahead with a visit to study the origins of COVID19.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SEISMOLOGY(NCS)

- 1.NCS has started a **geophysical survey over the Delhi region for accurate assessment of seismic hazards, following tremors last year.**
- 2.Measurementnets are being conducted across three major seismic sources:Mahendragarh-Dehradun Fault, Sohna Fault and Mathura Fault.
- 3.NCS, under Ministry of Earth Science, is the nodal agency for monitoring of earthquake activity in the country.

CONFLICT OVER NILE

- 1.Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt have recently agreed to resume negotiations to resolve their decade-long complex dispute over the Grand Renaissance Dam hydropower project in the Horn of Africa.
- 2.**Horn of Africa is the easternmost extension of African land and includes the region that is home to the countries of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia,** whose cultures have been linked throughout their long history.
- 3.The Nile, Africa's longest river, has been at the center of a decade-long complex dispute involving several countries that are dependent on the river's waters.
- 4.**The Grand Renaissance Dam is being constructed by Ethiopia on the river Nile.**

YAKSHAGANA

- 1.Recently a Yakshagana artiste died while performing on stage.
- 2.**Yakshagana is a traditional theatre form of Karnataka.** It is a **temple art form that depicts mythological stories and Puranas.** It is performed with massive headgears, elaborate facial make-up and vibrant costumes and ornaments.
- 3.It is performed with percussion instruments like **chenda, maddalam, jagatta or chengila (cymbals) and chakratala or elathalam (small cymbals).**
- 4.Usually recited in Kannada, it is also performed in Malayalam as well as Tulu (the dialect of south Karnataka).

FREIGHT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PORTAL:RAILWAYS

- 1.The Ministry of Railways has launched an exclusive portal to promote and develop the railways' freight business - Freight Business Development Portal.
- 2.With passenger train services suspended due to the coronavirus crisis, the railways is banking heavily on freight revenues for its earnings.
- 3.The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a government enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Railways, is carrying out the construction of 3,342-km eastern and western freight corridors for exclusive movement of goods trains.

BIODIGESTER

- 1.Pune Metro will use biodigesters developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation **for treating human waste and recycling water consumed in Pune metro rail.**
- 2.Biodigester technology is an eco-friendly, cost-effective, decentralised, on-site human waste treatment technology.
- 3.The end product of biodigesters are fertilizer and biogas.
- 4.Biodigesters are **suitable for ambient as well as sub zero temperature of Himalayan region, glaciers, plains of north India and coastal regions.**