

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- When tradition meets modernity, the result can sometimes be amazing. A puppet with robotic movements may not sound very charming but in a melding of traditional art and cutting edge technology, a shadow leather puppet in Kerala's famous temple art Tholpavakkoothu is being animated by a robot.
- The disengagement on the south bank of Pangong Tso (lake) will see Indian troops moving to their post in Chushul and Chinese troops to the Moldo garrison. In the next phase, additional Indian troops will move further down, around 40 km, to Tara Rhongo post and Chinese troops to Dorjo, a senior government official told. Not conceded any territory, says government.
- Educated youngsters are showing the way forward to reduce caste and community tensions in India by tying the knot in intermarriages, the Supreme Court said in a recent judgment.
- As many as 93% of Ministers in the Chief Minister Nitis Kumar's Cabinet are millionaires and criminal cases are pending against 64% of them, said the latest Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) report.
- Excessive alcohol consumption can cause irreversible changes to the DNA and these can persist even when alcohol is no longer consumed, revealed a study conducted by a team of researchers at NIMHANS.
- Biden to allow asylum seekers into U.S. Move is part of a plan to roll back immigration policies started under the Trump administration.
- The United Nations human rights investigator for Myanmar urged the UN Security Council to consider imposing punitive sanctions, arms embargoes and travel bans in response to a military coup.

## SPECIALITY STEEL

1. Government has approved inclusion of 'speciality steel' under the Production Linked Incentive(PLI) Scheme.
2. Speciality Steel is a steel containing alloys that provide special properties, **such as resistance to corrosion or to heavy load. It is also called alloy steel.**
3. Earlier, PLI scheme across 10 key specific sectors was launched to attract investment, enhance exports etc.

## SAKSHAM PORTAL AND SEAWEED MISSION:TIFAC

1. The Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) has launched two new initiatives - **SAKSHAM (Shramik Shakti Manch) Job Portal and a Seaweed Mission.**
2. TIFAC is an autonomous organization set up in 1988 under the Department of Science & Technology **to look ahead in the technology domain, assess the technology trajectories,** and support innovation by networked actions in select areas of national importance.
3. SAKSHAM Portal: About: It is a dynamic portal for jobs/mapping the skills of Shramiks (workers) vis-a-vis requirements of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and other industries all across the country.
4. About the Seaweeds Mission: It has been launched for commercial farming of seaweeds and its processing for value addition towards boosting the national economy.

## NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE (NSE) CO-LOCATION CASE

1. **NSE is facing allegations that some brokers got preferential access through the co-location facility, early login and dark fiber,** which can allow a trader a split-second faster access to the data feed of an exchange.
2. NSE co-location facility allows stock brokers to take on rent specific racks and co-locate their servers and systems within the exchange premises.
3. Recently, Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)imposed a penalty of Rs 1 Crore on NSE in connection with its three-year investigation in the co-location case.

## MGNREGS PRAISED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR

1. The **Parliamentary Standing Committee** on Labour in its report **"Social Security and Welfare Measures for Inter-State Migrant Workers"** **praised Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)** for providing sustainable livelihood to the unskilled workers including the inter-state migrant labourers.
2. Standing Committees Observation: MGNREGS: The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 provides for a specific and significant welfare provision, constitutive of the very idea of citizenship. There is no "better scheme" to provide "sustainable livelihood" to unskilled workers.
3. **Over 7 crore households (10.43 crore individuals) have already availed of the scheme and 330 crore person days** have been created till February 2021.

## JALABHISHEKAM CAMPAIGN

1. **57,000 water structures constructed under the scheme** were inaugurated recently.
2. Jalabhishek campaign was community driven **water conservation** campaign of Madhya Pradesh launched in 2006.
3. Its components include-Renovation of water conservation structures, construction of irrigation tank,river, revival etc.