

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- A library movement developed in a short span of time in Jharkhand's Jamtara district, which has the dubious distinction of being the "phishing capital of India" is receiving a steady flow of students and helping them turn a new page.
- The number of farmers' crop insurance claims that were rejected by insurance companies under the Centre's flagship Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) multiplied 10 times in just two years, according to data provided by Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Twenty one MPs cutting across party lines have sought an answer from the government about the content on over the top (OTT) platforms such as Netflix and Amazon Prime, asking whether the Centre was aware that such platforms were full of content with "sex, violence, abuse, vulgarity and disrespect to religious sentiments".
- The Jammu and Kashmir administration restored high speed mobile Internet, which was cut since August 5, 2019, when the Centre ended its special status.
- The *chakka jam* (road blockade) planned by farm unions will exclude Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to ensure that the kind of violence that marred their tractor parades on Republic Day is not repeated.
- The aero components sector in the country is set to double from ₹ 30,000 crore today to ₹ 60,000 crore by 2024, according to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The contribution reports of only 78 (3.39%) of the total 2,301 registered unrecognised political parties are available in the public domain for 2018-19, uploaded on the respective State Chief Electoral Officers' websites, according to the Association For Democratic Reforms (ADR).

## SQUARE KILOMETER ARRAY OBSERVATORY(SKAO)

- 1.SKAO Council held its maiden meeting and approved the establishment of the world's largest radio telescope.
- 2.Unlike optical telescopes, **radio telescopes can detect invisible gas** and, therefore, they can reveal areas of space that may be obscured by cosmic dust.
- 3.The proposed telescopes will be located in Africa and Australia whose operation, maintenance and construction will be overseen by SKAO.
- 4.SKAO is intergovernmental Organisation dedicated to radio astronomy and is headquartered in the UK.Members of SKAO include **Australia, Canada, China, India, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, the Netherlands and the UK.**

## ONE DISTRICT ONE PRODUCT SCHEME

- 1.Under this, Department of Commerce through Directorate General of Foreign Trade is engaging with State and Central government agencies to promote One District One Product.
- 2.Objectives-**Convert each District of the country into an Export Hub by identifying products with export potential in the District**, Addressing bottlenecks for exporting these products, Supporting local exporters/manufacturers to scale up manufacturing, Find potential buyers outside India.
- 3.For this District Export Promotion Committee(DEPC) have been constituted in all Districts of India, except in West Bengal.

## SMART WALL FOR BORDERS

- 1.Recently, an alternative Smart Wall has been proposed to replace the physical and armed patrolling with advanced surveillance technology at the USA-Mexico border.
- 2.Earlier in 2019, the USA declared a national emergency to fund construction of a border wall along the USA-Mexico Border citing "invasion" of drugs and criminals from Mexico.
- 3.About Smart Wall: There is no one single definition for this recently-conceived solution, however **It is a collection of discrete technologies that work together to prevent illegal entry, smuggling**, and all the various threats posed by a porous border.

## INCREASED FARM EXPORTS

- 1.According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, farm exports have registered 9.8% growth for the period of April-December 2020.
- 2.Previously, the government of India launched the Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product (RoDTEP) scheme replacing Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) to further improve exports.
- 3.Reasons For Growth in Farm Exports: **Rising International Prices: Normalisation of Demands: Due to steady normalisation of demand with most countries unlocking their economies** after May 2020 and, at the same time, restoration of supply chains post-Covid not keeping pace.

## BARGI

- 1.The term is a reference to Maratha invasions of West Bengal between 1741 and 1751, which resulted in looting, plundering and massacres.
- 2.The word comes from the Persian "**bargir**", **literally meaning "burden taker"**.
- 3.Today the term is used while referring to large troops of marauders coming in from outside to cause harm.