

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- A deluge that resulted from a glacial melt on Nanda Devi flooded Rishiganga river in Uttarakhand and washed away at least two hydroelectric power projects — the 13.2 MW Rishiganga hydroelectric power project and the Tapovan project on Dhauliganga river, a tributary of the Alakananda. Experts point to climate change impact Glacier retreat, permafrost thaw are projected to decrease the stability of mountain slopes, say reports.
- Seventy per cent of callers to a mental health rehabilitation helpline launched, in September 2020 by the Social Justice and Empowerment (SJE) Ministry, were men according to an internal report of the Ministry.
- The protesters camping at the Singhu border were a happy lot as mobile internet services were restored after several days.
- The government will adopt a 'squeaky clean process' for the privatisation of public sector enterprises as per the new policy unveiled in the Budget.
- India has transgressed more times than China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), but the government does not announce it, Union Minister of State for State Transport and Highways V. K. Singh said.
- Ukraine is looking to procure some military hardware from India in addition to efforts to deepen its presence in the Indian defence market.
- Tens of thousands of protesters poured onto the streets across Myanmar in the biggest anti-coup rallies yet, as an Internet blackout failed to stifle growing outrage at the military's ouster of elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi.
- The first Arab interplanetary mission(United Arab Emirates) is expected to reach Mars' orbit in what is considered the most critical part of the journey to unravel the secrets of weather on the Red Planet.

## WHO SCORE ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT

- 1.SCORE is a technical package of essential interventions, recommended actions, tools, and resources that aim **to support countries in addressing challenges in meeting health information system needs.**
- 2.SCORE's five key strategies are:survey populations and health risks, count births, deaths, and cause of death, optimize health service data, review progress and performance, and enable data use for policy and action.
- 3.As per this, only 10% deaths in Africa are registered.

## MCA21 VERSION 3.0

- 1.MCA21 is an e-governance initiative of Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA) that enables an easy and secure access of MCA services to the corporate entities, professionals and citizens of India.
- 2.During 2021-22, MCA21 3.0 would be launched. It is a technology-driven project **envisioned to strengthen enforcement, promote Ease of Doing Business, enhance user experience,** facilitate seamless integration and data exchange among Regulators.
- 3.It will have additional modules for e-Adjudication,e-Consultation and Compliance Management.

## DIRECT ACCESS TO G-SEC MARKET FOR RETAIL INVESTORS:RBI

- 1.The Reserve Bank of India has proposed to allow retail investors to open gilt accounts with the central bank to invest in Government securities (G-secs) directly and without the help of intermediaries.
- 2.Retail Investor is a non-professional investor who buys and sells securities or funds that contain a basket of securities.
- 3.A **G-Sec is a tradable instrument issued by the Central Government or the State Governments.** It acknowledges the Government's **debt obligation.**
- 4.Background: The g-sec market is **dominated by institutional investors** such as banks, mutual funds, and insurance companies. So, there is no liquidity in the secondary market for small investors.

## PARIVAR PEHCHAN PATRA AND PRIVACY CONCERNS

- 1.There has been a privacy concern with respect to Haryana's Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) Scheme. Although enrollment under the scheme is voluntary, but the precondition of linking it to get the benefit of many essential services has raised serious concerns about the scheme.
- 2.Contradictory Position: Although the enrollment under the PPP is voluntary, but in case a citizen or a family wishes to apply for a service delivered by the Haryana government, the **PPP ID would be required, which leaves very little choice before the residents.**
- 3.Data Abuse: In the absence of privacy laws in India, or any indication of data protection Standard Operating Procedures being followed for this exercise, there is **strong possibility of potential abuse of the data collected under the PPP.**

## LINKING ALL FARMERS TO INSTITUTIONAL CREDIT

- 1.Government has **enhanced the agricultural credit target to Rs 16.5 crore in FY22 focusing more on ensuring increased credit flows** to animal husbandry, dairy, and fisheries.
- 2.Institutional credit has been conceived to play a pivotal role in the agricultural development of India.
- 3.A large number of formal institutional agencies like Co-operatives, Regional Rural Banks, Scheduled Commercial Banks(SCBs), SHGs, etc are involved in providing credit.