

# KSG:NEWSPAPER CRUX

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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- Only private investment is 'missing in action' at a time when all engines of aggregate demand are starting to fire to boost economic growth, according to a Reserve Bank article. Observing that there is little doubt today that a recovery based on a revival of consumption is underway.
- Sri Lanka said it will develop the West Container Terminal (WCT) at the Colombo Port, along with India and Japan. The decision comes a month after the Rajapaksa government ejected the two partners from a 2019 tripartite agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal (ECT), citing resistance to "foreign involvement".
- A Himalayan mammal, somewhere between a goat and an antelope, has been confirmed as the newest creature to be spotted in Assam. A couple of nature guides had spotted the Himalayan serow, a goat-antelope, in the Manas Tiger Reserve.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs's "cybercrime volunteers" plan targets to rope in around 500 persons to flag unlawful content on the Internet for "improvement in the cybercrime ecosystem of India". The programme will include 200 "cyber awareness promoters" and 50 "cyber experts", according to the output outcome monitoring framework of the MHA's budget 2021-22.
- Pakistan will have to make further legislation on at least two counts to meet three outstanding benchmarks of the 27-point action plan of the FATF.
- The share of cess and surcharge in the gross tax revenue (GTR) of the Centre has almost doubled to 19.9% in 2020-21 from 10.4% in 2011-12, leading to the 15th Finance Commission (FC) recommending a higher grant-in-aid and lower tax devolution to the States, as per a report.

## PLACES IN NEWS

**Pompeii, Italy**-At this site, a large ceremonial chariot, was discovered. This city was completely buried by volcanic ash after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius over 2,000 years ago.

**Madagascar**-Recently, India decided to send humanitarian assistance to the East African country to deal the humanitarian crisis triggered by a severe drought.

**Angul, Odisha**-It is recorded hottest temperature in the country at 40.1 degree Centigrade on February 28, 2021. The hottest it has been in 10 years.

Fire incidents in several parts of Simlipal National Park in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district and forests in Angul are seen as the reasons for the rising temperatures.

## LAND PORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA(LPAI)

1.LPAI is a statutory body under Ministry of Home Affairs, to develop, sanitize and manage facilities for cross-border movement of passengers and goods at designated points along the international borders of India.

2.Main Function includes-To address security imperatives at integrated check posts(ICP), Construct roads, terminals and ancillary buildings at ICP,Provide appropriate space and facilities for immigration, customs, security, taxation authorities, animal and plant quarantine, warehouses, cargo etc.

## MASTER OF THE ROSTER

1.It is the exclusive power of the Chief Justice of India(CJI) to constitute Benches to hear cases.

2.Earlier, a Constitutional Bench of Supreme Court declared that **CJI alone has the prerogative to constitute Benches of the court and allocate cases to those Benches.** It further said that no Judge can take up the matter on his own, unless allocated by the CJI, as he is the master of the roster.

3.Cases related to Master of the Roster-In Ashok Pande v. Supreme Court of India (2018). Shanti bhushan V. Supreme court of India(2018).

## REVISING NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT,2013:NITI AAYOG

1.NITI Aayog, through a discussion paper, has recommended reducing the **rural and urban coverage under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, to 60% and 40%, respectively.** It has also proposed a revision of beneficiaries as per the latest population which is currently being done through Census- 2011.

2.National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013-Objective: To provide for food and nutritional security in the human life cycle approach, by ensuring access to adequate quantities of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity.

3.Significance of the NITI Aayog's Recommendations: If the rural-urban coverage ratio remains the same (67% of all population), then the total number of people covered **will increase from the existing 81.35 crore to 89.52 crore - an increase of 8.17 crore (based on the projected 2020 population).**

## St. GEORGE'S ORTHODOX CHURCH AT CHEPPAD, KERALA

1.It is believed that the church was built in AD950, but some experts put the year of construction at AD 1050.

2.This church has a **rich legacy of murals belonging to the pre-Renaissance period and is a blend of Kerala mural art and Persian art.**

3.It is set to be declared a Centrally Protected Monument of National Importance by the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI).