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TAMIL NADU

Competition Commission of India's South Regional Office

- ❖ The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) Regional Office (South) in Chennai.
- ❖ The Chennai Office of CCI will act as an office to facilitate enforcement, investigation, advocacy function in coordination with Delhi office.
- ❖ This regional office will cater to the requirements of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and the Union Territories Puducherry and Lakshadweep.

Dr J Jayalithaa University in Villupuram

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu assembly passed the Dr J Jayalithaa University Bill 2021 to establish a new university.
- ❖ According to this the Thiruvalluvar University would be bifurcated and a new university would be established in Villupuram.
- ❖ The new university will start functioning from this academic year.
- ❖ Thiruvalluvar University was created by the former chief minister M Karunanidhi.

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One District One Focus Product

- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in consultation with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has finalized the products for One District One Focus Product.
- ❖ The products have been identified from agricultural, horticultural, animal, poultry, milk, fisheries and aquaculture, marine sectors for 728 districts across the country.
- ❖ The list of products has been finalized after taking inputs from the States/UTs and Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- ❖ These products will be promoted in a cluster approach through convergence of the Government of India schemes.
- ❖ This helps to increase the value of the products.

- ❖ It's main aim is also to increase the income of the farmers.
- ❖ These identified products will be supported under the PM-FME scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- ❖ Fruits have been identified for 226 districts, vegetables for 107 districts and spices for 105 districts.
- ❖ The chief food crop paddy has been identified for 40 districts while wheat for 5 districts.

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Mumbai Undersea Tunnel

- ❖ The undersea tunnels will be built as a part of the Mumbai Coastal Road Project.
- ❖ It comprises the land-filled roads on the areas that are reclaimed from the sea, tunnels, bridges.
- ❖ The Coastal Road project is an under construction 22.2-kilometre freeway.
- ❖ That would run along Mumbai's western coastline connecting Marine Lines in the south to Kandivali in the north.
- ❖ It is the first undersea road tunnel in the country.
- ❖ It will pass through the Arabian Sea near Girgaon Chowpatty.

First epigraphical reference to Krishnadeva raya's death



- ❖ Officials from Archaeological Survey of India discovered the first epigraphical reference to the death of Krishnadevaraya Nayaka.
- ❖ He was the third ruler from Tuluva dynasty.

- ❖ He was the emperor of Vijayanagara empire during 1509-1529.
- ❖ The inscription was found near Gopalkrishna temple at Honnenahalli of Tumkur district, Karnataka.
- ❖ As per this inscription, Krishnadevaraya died on October 17, 1529.
- ❖ He was one of the greatest emperors of India ruled from the South.

IMPORTANT DAYS

ZERO discrimination Day - March 1

- ❖ Zero discrimination Day is commemorated on March 1 every year by the United Nations and other international institutions.
- ❖ The day intends to eradicate mental boundaries like sex, gender, race, age, income class, ethnicity and religion.
- ❖ Zero Discrimination Day 2021 aims at ending inequalities, discrimination existing in the world, especially after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.



History

- ❖ The day was first observed in 2014.
- ❖ It was launched by Michel Sidibe, the executive director of UNAIDS.
- ❖ The day aims to create global solidarity towards ending all forms of discrimination.
- ❖ The day is particularly noted by organizations like UNAIDS that combat discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS.

World Civil Defence Day - March 1

- ❖ This day was integrated by the International Civil Defence Organisation in 1990.



- ❖ The Day symbolizes honour and prestige and signifies the importance of civil protection.
- ❖ The theme of the year 2021 is 'Civil Defence and the first aider in every home'.

International Civil Defence Organisation

- ❖ The International Civil Defence Organisation is an intergovernmental organisation.
- ❖ It contributes to the development and safety of citizens while safeguarding infrastructure and the surroundings.
- ❖ It has a total of 59 member states.

International Yoga festival

- ❖ The International Yoga Festival was inaugurated by the Agriculture Minister of Uttarakhand Subodh Uniyal, head of Akhil Bharatiya Akhada Parishad, Narendra Giri and Patanjali Yogpeeth chairman Acharya Balakrishna in Rishikesh.
- ❖ It was inaugurated on 1st March.
- ❖ It is a seven-day International Yoga Festival.
- ❖ The festival is being jointly organised by Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board and Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam.

Land Ports Authority of India's 9th Foundation Day

- ❖ The Land Ports Authority of India celebrated its 9th Foundation Day on March 1st.
- ❖ It is head quartered at New Delhi.
- ❖ The Land Ports Authority of India is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ It is responsible for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing border infrastructure in India.
- ❖ It manages several Integrated Check Posts all across Borders of India.

45th Civil Accounts Day - March 1

- ❖ The Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) observes the "Civil Accounts Day" every year on March 01.
- ❖ The year 2021 marks the 45th Civil Accounts Day celebrations.

- ❖ ICAS is one of the Civil Services of India, under the Department of Expenditure, Union Ministry of Finance.

ICAS

- ❖ The Union Government initiated a major reform in Public Financial Management in 1976.
- ❖ The Audit and Accounts functions were separated by relieving the Comptroller and Auditor General of his responsibility of preparation of Union Government accounts.
- ❖ Consequently, the Indian Civil Accounts Service was established.

3rd Jan Aushadhi Diwas Celebrations

- ❖ The Third Jan Aushadhi Diwas celebrations began on 1st March.
- ❖ It will go on till 7th of March.
- ❖ Jan Aushadhi Kendra conducted Health Check-up Camps across the country.
- ❖ The health check-up activities include Sugar level check-up, blood Pressure check-up, free doctor consultation and free medicine distribution.
- ❖ Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is celebrating 3rd Janaushadhi Diwas on 7th March, 2021.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2021 is “Seva bhi – Rozgar bhi”.
- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana is a noble initiative by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India.
- ❖ It is now making an impact on masses in its endeavour to provide quality medicines at an affordable price.

