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National and International News

Kadamba inscription



Context

- An inscription written in Kannada and Sanskrit and said to be of **10th century A.D.** Kadamba period has been discovered in the **Mahadeva temple at Cacoda in southern Goa.**
- The inscription opens with an auspicious saying 'be it well' (**Swasthi Shri**), and records that when Talara Nevayya was administering the mandala, his son Gundayya having taken a vow to fulfil his father's desire of capturing a gopura of the port of Goa, fought and died after fulfilling his father's wish

History behind

- Kadambas of Goa were the subordinates of Chalukyas of Kalyana.
- Chalukya emperor Tailapa II appointed **Kadamba Shasthadeva as mahamandaleshwara of Goa** for his help in overthrowing the Rashtrakutas.
- Kadamba Shasthadeva **conquered the city of Chandavara** from the Shilaharas in 960 A.D.
- Later, he conquered the port of Gopakapattana (present Goa).
- **Gundayya, the son of Talara Nevayya,** may have participated in this battle, and won the port at the cost of his life.

Vice-Chief of Naval Staff

Context

- **Vice-Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi** took over as the Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS)

Key Points

- Vice-Admiral V. Srinivas took over as **30th FOCINC of the Southern Naval Command** at the Naval Base in Kochi
- Before taking over as the FOCINC, Vice-Admiral Singh served as the VCNS at Naval Headquarters.



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- He was commissioned in 1986 into the Executive Branch of the Navy.

New antibiotic for drug-resistant bacterium

Context

- Researchers have identified a new class of antibiotics with the potential to tackle a drug-resistant bacterium, **Acinetobacter baumannii**. **Zosurabalpin**
- The antibiotic was found to be effective against **CRAB (carbapenem-resistant Acinetobacter baumannii)**-induced pneumonia and sepsis in mouse models.
- The **identification and analysis of the antibiotic zosurabalpin** that can kill *Acinetobacter baumannii*, antibiotic-resistant strains of which are hard to treat in the clinic.

Govt. restrictions on imports

Context

The Commerce and Industry Ministry has issued a **Quality Control Order** for a slew of electrical accessories and put the imports of screws in the prohibited category from its current 'free' status.

Key points

- The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** mandated Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification for all products included under an Electric Accessories (Quality Control) Order, 2023
- The Centre also scrapped the 'free' import status for screws of various kinds that have a **CIF value of less than ₹129 per kilogram**.
- The CIF value refers to the landed cost of imported goods, including insurance and freight.

VIPER

- VIPER stands for **Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover**.
- It is a robot the size of a golf cart that NASA will



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- use to explore the moon's south pole.
- **Astrobotic, a private company**, developed it as part of the Commercial Lunar Payload Services program.
 - This **robotic mission is designed to search for volatiles**, which are molecules that easily vaporize, like water and carbon dioxide, at lunar temperatures.
 - These materials could provide resources for future human exploration on the moon.
 - The **VIPER robot will rely on batteries, heat pipes and radiators** throughout its 100-day mission, as it navigates everything from the extreme heat of lunar daylight — when temperatures can reach 224 degrees Fahrenheit (107 degrees Celsius) — to the moon's frigid shadowed regions that can reach a mind-boggling -240 degree Celsius.

Kerala Regional News

Kerala Guv signs ordinance amending state GST law on gambling



Context:

- **Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan** has signed an ordinance amending the state **Goods and Services Tax (GST) law** with regard to **gambling activities** like casinos, horse racing, and online gaming.

Key Points:

- The ordinance was promulgated by the state government **after the 50th Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council meeting had fixed 28 per cent GST on gambling** at casinos, horse racing and online gaming and **had also decided that the tax should be levied on the face value of the bet.**



Comprehensive insurance for milking cows in Kerala

Context:

- The Kerala government is planning to launch a comprehensive insurance project for the milking cows in the State.
- The project aims to achieve self-sufficiency in milk production in the State

Types of Coverage:

- **Mortality:** Covers death due to natural causes, accidents, diseases, etc.
- **Critical Illness:** Covers expenses for treatment of specific critical illnesses like mastitis, milk fever, etc.
- **Loss of Milk Yield:** Offers compensation for temporary or permanent reduction in milk production due to various factors.
- **Accidental Injury:** Covers treatment expenses for accidental injuries sustained by the cow.

Operation Amrith to check antibiotics abuse in Kerala

Context:

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ഭാരതീയ ചികിത്സാ വകുപ്പ്

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അവബോധ വാശാചരണം
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PREVENTING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE TOGETHER

HANDLE ANTIMICROBIALS WITH CARE

Antibiotics
Antivirals
Antifungals
Antiparasitics

ആന്റി ബയോട്ടിക് അബുസിലെ റെസിസ്റ്റൻസ് പ്രോഗ്രാം സെൽ (AMR)

- The State Drugs Control department will launch Operation Amrith (Antimicrobial Resistance Intervention for Total Health) to check antibiotics abuse in the State.
- This initiative will be implemented with public participation.
- People can pass on information on pharmacies selling antibiotics without prescription to the Drugs Control department,
- This initiative will be an example of participatory antimicrobial stewardship, wherein the public can play a major role

₹100 crore sanctioned for Kuttanad package

Context:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Indian government has sanctioned ₹100 crore for the second phase of the Kuttanad package• It is a major initiative aimed at revitalizing the ecologically fragile Kuttanad region in Kerala.• It brings the total investment in the project to ₹2,447.6 crore, signifying a significant commitment to the region's development and well-being. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kuttanad, also known as "the Venice of India," is a unique low-lying region in Kerala characterized by an intricate network of canals, paddy fields, and backwaters.
<p>Children's literature award for M. Venu Kumar</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pala K.M. Mathew children's literature award for 2022 has gone to M. Venu Kumar's "Thampuran Kunnile Cinema Visheshangal"• It was published by the State Institute of Children's Literature.• The award comprises a cash award and citation.• The award will be presented by Lok Ayukta Cyriac Joseph on Pala K.M. Mathew's birth anniversary.

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