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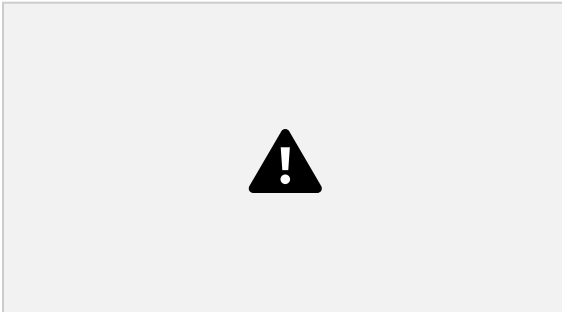
<p><b>The Central Excise Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Central Excise Day commemorates the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act of 1944, which laid the foundation for India's indirect tax system.</li><li>• It celebrates the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in mobilizing revenue for the nation's development.</li><li>• This act was a combination of 11 acts regarding excise duties, and it was passed to make changes in the law related to salt and central duties.</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On 24 February 1944, the Central Excise and Salt Act was passed, and Central Excise Day is celebrated to commemorate this legislation.</li><li>• In 1966, the act was renamed The Central Excise Act 1944, and Schedules 1 and 2 of the act were related to the values and rates of the duties</li></ul> <p><b>Do you Know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBIC) is responsible for administering indirect taxes in India.</li></ul>
<p><b>T.N. draft policy bans breeding of cold-climate dogs</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Tamil Nadu government's draft dog breeding policy proposes a ban on breeding nine cold-climate dog breeds, including Siberian Huskies, Saint Bernards, and French Bulldogs.</li><li>• The policy cites concerns about the welfare of these dogs in India's hot climate, arguing they struggle to adapt and suffer health issues.</li><li>• It also aims to promote ethical breeding practices, control indiscriminate breeding, and protect native dog breeds.</li></ul>
<p><b>Scheme offering free Wi-Fi at 500 public places launched in Chennai.</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TN CM launched a scheme offering free Wi-Fi at 500 public places in Chennai.</li><li>• This initiative marks a significant step towards bridging the digital divide and fostering a more connected city.</li></ul>



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	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Phase 1:</b> The initial rollout covers 500 hotspots in locations like parks, bus stands, and beaches.</li><li>● <b>Expansion plans:</b> The scheme aims to ultimately provide Wi-Fi access at 3,000 locations across Chennai.</li><li>● <b>Partnership:</b> The project is implemented in collaboration with internet service provider ACT Fibernet.</li><li>● <b>Benefits:</b> This initiative aims to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Improve internet access: Provide free and easy internet connectivity for residents and visitors.</li><li>○ Boost digital literacy: Encourage broader use of digital tools and services.</li><li>○ Support economic growth: Facilitate online businesses and entrepreneurship.</li><li>○ Bridge the digital divide: Ensure equitable access to technology, especially for underprivileged communities.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>13th century stone inscription found at Maruthur anicut in TN</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● An archaeology student has unearthed a stone inscription dating back to the 13th century, offering valuable insights into the Pandyan dynasty's rule.</li></ul> <p><b>Key Findings:</b></p> <p><b>Belongs to King Kulasekarapandian's reign (1190-1216):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The inscription reveals details about the construction of a temple on the banks of the Thamirabarani River by this Pandyan king.</li></ul> <p><b>Mentions a "mandapam":</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● This structure, likely a pillared hall, suggests the temple's grandeur and potential use for religious ceremonies.</li><li>● <b>Possible connection to anicut:</b></li><li>● Experts speculate the inscription's stones might have been repurposed for the anicut's construction, hinting at a later destruction of the mandapam, possibly during the Chola conflicts or floods.</li></ul>