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'Selfie', 'drones' 'metaverse', and 'Artificial intelligence' are among the new technical English words that have become part of Indian psyche and culture but have no formal translation into Indian languages. Unable to find standardised vernacular versions of these words in common usage, the government body responsible for their coinage in Indian languages is turning to crowd sourcing. The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), which has the mandate to evolve technical terminology in all Indian languages, will soon launch Shabd Shala, a website which will invite suggestions for translation of words that are recent additions to the English language and are used widely in the country.

On November 9, French president Emmanuel macron announces the end of the decade-long operation Barkhane in Africa. French operation had two objectives in the Sahel. First to liberate Mali from the insurgency in the north and second, to see through counter-terrorism operations in West Africa, including neutralization of key terrorists. Since Operations Barkhane was widely perceived as a failure, anti-French sentiments and questions over France's intentions flared up, with a further demand for France's withdrawal from the region.

More than 200 Chinese fishing vessels have been monitored in the Indian Ocean in the first half of this year, according to the Indian Navy, even as illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing continues to rise beyond India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Most of the illegal activities are found in the Northern Indian Ocean region (IOR).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Bali on Monday to attend the G-20 summit on November 15 and 16. Food and energy Security and post-COVID health issues will be at the top of the agenda in session at the summit in the Indonesian City. Officials said Mr. Modi will be with several G20 leaders but would not confirm who they were. He will also address the Indian community in Bali and visit a mangrove forest.

Democrats kept control of the US Senate on Saturday, repelling Republican effort to retake the chamber, and making it harder for them to thwart President Joe Biden's agenda. The fate of the house of representatives was still

REPORT ON MUNICIPAL FINANCES

1.Recent RBI report on municipal corporations highlighted that there has been no appreciable improvement in their functioning despite the institutionalization of the structure of local governance in India showing their inefficiencies.

2.Findings: Most municipalities only prepare budgets and review actuals against budgeted plans but do not use their audited financial statements for balance sheet and cash flow management, resulting in significant inefficiencies. State governments have not set up state financial commissions (SFCs) in a regular and timely manner even though they are required to be set up every five years.

3.Municipal Finance is dominated by Property tax collection (about 50% of total collection). Capital expenditures of municipalities are minimum while revenue expenditures rising.

4.Recommendations by RBI: Should adopt sound and transparent accounting practices. MCs should explore different innovative bond and land-based financing mechanisms to augment their resources. Municipalities in India need to balance their budgets by law (similar to FRBM). Any municipal borrowing needs to be approved by the State government. Create pooled financing mechanism and credit rating system.

DYNAMIC GROUND WATER RESOURCE ASSESSMENT 2022 REPORT

1.An assessment report on groundwater by the Central ground water board and States/UTs was released recently. (Under Ministry of Jal Shakti).

2.**Key findings: India is the largest user of Groundwater (GW) (accounting for 1/4th of total withdrawal) 87% of GW is used for Irrigation Status: GW extraction has declined and the number of over-exploited units (extraction > recharge) has decreased.** Currently, 67% of GW units are safe (extraction < 70% of recharge), 14% Overexploited and 4% at the Critical Extraction is very high in Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan etc.

3.Reasons for use of ground waters in irrigation; - Erratic monsoon; - Successive droughts and erratic rainfall have led to excess extraction of groundwater. Subsidy: Low prices or free electricity offers an incentive for the unchecked lifting of groundwater. Most groundwater pumps are unmetered, and if charged, are billed at a flat, non-volumetric, and highly subsidized tariff. Green revolution: Green Revolution caused the overuse of groundwater.

4.Water-intensive crops: Government encourages farmers to produce water-intensive crops like rice and sugarcane through increased minimum support prices (MSP). Problems associated with such rampant use: - Lowering of the water table: The World Bank predicts that by 2032, around 60 per cent of aquifers in the country will be in a critical state.

5.Reduction of water in streams and lakes: A substantial amount of the water flowing in rivers comes from the seepage of groundwater into the streambed. Depletion of groundwater levels may reduce water flow in such streams. Land subsidence: A lack of groundwater limits biodiversity and dangerous sinkholes result from depleted aquifers.

6.Increased costs for the user: As the depleting groundwater levels lower the water table, the user must delve deep to extract water. This will increase the cost of water extraction. Deterioration of water quality: Groundwater that is deep within the ground often intermingles with saltwater that we shouldn't drink. Saltwater contamination can occur.

NADAPRABHU KEMPEGOWDA

1.Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda installed at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru. Called the Statue of Prosperity, it weighs 220 tonnes and has a sword with a weight of 4 tonnes. The structure has been termed the "first and tallest bronze statue of a founder of a city" by the World Book of Records.

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uncertain as republicans struggled to pull together a slim majority there.

Rs.10 lakh crore, the amount spent by the centre during the last eight years to provide affordable fertilizers to farmers, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said 5 big fertilizer plants that were lying closed for years are being restarted towards achieving self-reliance in urea production and expected to provide 60 lakh tonnes of urea.

Rs.19000 crore, the amount invested by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in Indian equities in November, primarily due to the moderating trend in U.S. inflation and softening of the dollar. This came following net outflow of just Rs. 8 crores in October and Rs.7624 crore in September.

\$5 million, India's additional contribution to the ASEAN-India science and technology to enhance cooperation and in sectors of Public Health, renewable energy, smart agriculture. Saurabh Kumar secretary (East) in the ministry of external affairs, said that both India and ASEAN vowed to advance maritime cooperation as well as Maritime security.

100 number of new medical colleges to be set up by 2027, according to the latest proposal by the Union Health ministry. The proposal aims to boost human resources for the health sector. The colleges will be set up under the centrally sponsored scheme for the establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district hospitals.

54 percentage of employees in business position laid off by Facebook owner Meta platforms, while the rest where from Technology roles, the company informed. Meta aggressively hired during the pandemic amid a surge in social media usage. But business suffered this year as inflation affected consumer's purchase capacity.

The Supreme Court has imposed cost of Rs 25,000 on the union government for failing to file counter affidavit in connection with a petition by a group of academics within a stipulated time period, asking for the framing of guidelines on the search and seizure of electronic devices by investigating

2.About Kempegowda: He was a 16th-century chieftain under the erstwhile Vijayanagara Empire. He is credited with laying the foundation of what is today known as Bengaluru city in 1537. He is revered in parts of southern Karnataka, especially by the Vokkaliga community which is dominant in the Old Mysuru.

3.His Achievements: Against Social Evils: Nadaprabhu Kempegowda abolished the practice of cutting the fingers of the left hand of an unmarried woman during a custom known as Bandi Devaru. Infrastructure: Kempegowda is also known to have developed around 1,000 lakes in the city to cater to drinking and agricultural needs. Literature: The ruler knew multiple languages, besides Kannada, and even authored a Yakshagana play in Telugu named Gangagaurivilasa.

4.About the Statue: Ram Vanji Sutar, renowned sculptor, and Padma Bhushan awardee, designed the statue. Mr Sutar had also built the Statue of Unity in Gujarat and the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Bengaluru's Vidhana Soudha.

RULE OF LAW INDEX 2022

1.World Justice Project released this report, saying the global Rule of Law has declined for the fifth year in a row. India has been ranked 77 (out of 140 countries), Topped by Denmark.

2.**Key observations: Authoritarian trends that predate the pandemic continue to erode the rule of law. Checks on executive power are weakening and respect for human rights is falling.** Rule of law is a key underpinning of democracy, which is faltering in many countries around the world.

3.The rule of law is the political philosophy that all citizens and institutions within a country, state, or community are accountable to the same laws, including lawmakers and leaders. The World Justice Project (WJP) is an independent, multidisciplinary organization working to create knowledge, build awareness, and stimulate action to advance the rule of law worldwide.

ARTICLE 142 OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

1.The Supreme Court, invoking its exceptional jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution, ordered the early release of all six remaining convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. Background: Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on the night of May 21, 1991, in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

2.In the case, the TADA or Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act trial court initially convicted 26 people to death. In 1999, a few years after the TADA Act was repealed, the SC upheld the conviction of only 7, releasing the rest.

3.The recent SC order noted that none of those convicted was a part of the nucleus of the assassination team.

CHILD-FRIENDLY POLICE STATIONS-KERALA

1.Kerala will shortly have over 142 full-fledged child-friendly police stations (CFPS), giving it a head start over the rest of the country in child-centric policing (similar initiatives have also been carried out in Odisha) An extensive training has been designed in association with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for enhancing skill sets and bringing about attitudinal and mindset changes in officers entrusted with managing the stations.

2.The idea is to bring a paradigm shift where it is supposed to fill five different roles as the situation demands — That of an enforcer of children's rights, A mentor, A promoter of child rights, A knowledge and reference centre for all activities related to the care and protection of children, A facilitator for inter-agency partnerships and civil society engagement.

UTTEJAM-IGNITING THE MINDS OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS & PARENTS

1.UTTEJAM is an initiative started by Dr A. Sharath to improve the quality of education in his then-district Jagtial (Telangana) for which he was awarded the Excellence award in 2019. Uttejам helps in motivating SSC students and teachers to enhance their performance.

2.**Students who are weak in subjects receive extra classes for one hour before school starts and one hour after school**

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agencies.

The Collegium system of appointment of judges to the Supreme court and High court is “perfect”, former Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said on Sunday. Justice Lalit, who retired on November 8, said the process of appointments should not go on indefinitely, adding that this has described the force of much-needed talent.

hours. To ensure that students do not remain hungry while they are in the extra classes after school hours, they are provided with some nutritious snacks like poha or upma or tomato Baath. It fuels up the students for the next one or two hours.