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National Museum of Indian Cinema

- Prime Minister inaugurated National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai recently.
- The “National Museum of Indian Cinema” will provide a store house of information to the laymen about Indian Cinema.
- It will also help film makers, film students, enthusiasts and critics to know and evaluate the development of cinema as a medium of artistic expression.
- Artefacts, equipments like Cameras, Editing, & Recording Machines, Projectors etc., Costumes, Photographs and other material are proposed to be kept in the Museum.
- The Purpose and Objectives of the Museum :

    1. To encapsulate the socio-cultural history of India as revealed through the evolution of cinema
    2. To develop as a research centre focusing on the effect of cinema on society
    3. To exhibit the work of the noted directors, producers, Institutions etc. for the benefit of visitors/film enthusiasts
    4. To arrange seminars, workshops for film makers & film students
    5. To generate interest in the future generation in the field of film movement

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019

- It is celebrated once in every two years to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots.
- It sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai on 9th January 1915.
- During the Convention, selected overseas Indians are also honored with the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award to recognize their contributions to various fields both in India and abroad.
- The 15th PBD was held in Varanasi.
- The theme was "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India" and PM of Mauritius was the Chief Guest.

Chowmahalla Palace

- Chowmahalla Palace in Hyderabad is restored to its grandeur by painstaking conservation work.
- The place is named chowmahalla, which means four palaces.
- The palace is located in the old city in Hyderabad near the Charminar.
- The structure dates back to late 18th century when construction began in 1750.
- The magnificent Chowmahalla Palace was the seat of the Asaf Jahi dynasty.
- This is the palace where the Nizams entertained their official guests and royal visitors.
- The highlight of the palace is the Grand Khilwat, the Durbar Hall.

Defense Manufacturing

- Manufacturing of items of defense aerospace and warships will now be covered by Industries (Development and Regulation Act).
- A government notification also intimated that it will not require any license from the commerce and industry ministry.
- The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has issued a notification clarifying the defense products' list requiring compulsory license under Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 (IDRA) and Arms Act, 1959 in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs and Department of Defense Production.
- The DIPP is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- In May 2017, the DIPP was allowed to process applications for grant of licence for manufacture of defence items.
- Earlier, the Home ministry was carrying out this exercise.
- The DIPP is mainly responsible for formulation of polices with regard to promotion of foreign investment and manufacturing industries.

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