Prelim Bits 22-03-2017

Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)

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- Ministry of AYUSH has setup CCRAS as an apex body for formulation, coordination, development and promotion of research in Ayurveda and Sowa-Rigpa on scientific lines and research activities in India.
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- Under literary Research, about 3500 palm leaf /paper manuscripts including rare books have been digitized by CCRAS from the different parts of India.
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- There are 30 research institutes running all over India under CCRAS and the funds are provided to CCRAS directly under Central Sector Scheme.
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- Sowa-Rigpa (Science of healing) commonly known as Amchi system of medicine is one of the oldest, Living and well documented medical tradition of the world.
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- It has been popularly practiced in Tibet, Magnolia, Bhutan, some parts of China, Nepal, Himalayan regions of India and few parts of former Soviet Union etc.
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World Water Day

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- World Water Day is an annual event celebrated on 22 March.
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- The day focuses attention on the importance of universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities in developing countries.
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- UN-Water, an inter-agency entity of the United Nations selects a theme for each year.
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- The theme for 2017 is 'Why waste water?'
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Automotive Mission Plan 2026

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- Automotive Mission Plan 2026 has been finalized jointly by the Government of India and Indian Automotive Industry.
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- **Aim –**
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1. To bring the Indian Automotive Industry among the top three of the world in engineering, manufacture and exports of vehicles & components
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2. To grow growing in value to over 12% of India GDP and
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3. To generate an additional 65 million jobs.
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- **Objective -**
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1. To propel the Indian Automotive industry to become the engine of the “Make in India” programme.
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2. To make the Indian Automotive Industry a significant contributor to the “Skill India” programme.
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3. Promote safe, efficient and comfortable mobility for every person in the country, with an eye on environmental protection and affordability through both public and personal transport options.
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4. To seek increase of net exports of the Indian Automotive industry several fold.
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5. Promote comprehensive and stable policy dispensation for all regulations impacting the industry.
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