

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 16, 2021

### TAMIL NADU

- Union minister of consumer affairs, food and public distribution, Piyush Goyal - inaugurated the country's first food museum through video conferencing on November 15



- ✓ It is established by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Thanjavur district on an 1,860-square feet area.
- ✓ The food museum has been co-developed by FCI and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museums, Bengaluru at a cost of Rs 1.10 crore
- ✓ Thanjavur is the birthplace of FCI where its first office was inaugurated on January 14, 1965.
- ✓ The museum displays the evolution of man from the nomadic hunter groups into the settled agriculture procedures leading to the beginning of civilization.
- ✓ The museum is the first one-of-its-kind effort to depict India's food story from the beginning to India becoming the largest food gain exporter in the country.

- ✓ It also displays various ancient grain storage methods, both global and indigenous, challenges in storage, food grain production scenarios across the world as well as in India.
  - ✓ The museum also digitally displays informative content about the journey of FCI, its present operations and the journey of the food grains from farm to plate through FCI.
  - ✓ The entry to the museum is free.
  - ✓ Currently, India is the fifth largest agricultural exporter in the world
- **On November 15, Tamil Nadu government - announced the withdrawal of the proposal to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) to establish a petrochemical cluster in Nagappattinam.**
- ✓ The MSME Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (M-TIPB) announced the cancellation of the bid for preparing the DPR due to administrative reasons
  - ✓ The objective of the ₹31,580 crore cluster is to set up petroleum and chemical related business units around a refinery under construction in Nagappattinam
  - ✓ The 90 lakh tonnes capacity refinery is being constructed by Chennai-Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- **The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) - has framed regulations for solar power generation plants and fixed tariffs for low tension (LT) consumers and high tension (HT) consumers**
- ✓ The regulations were issued by TNERC on November 15
  - ✓ The new regulations are aimed at boosting solar power installations in the state and to encourage small land holders to get into solar power generation.
  - ✓ As per the new regulations, the tariff has been fixed for three categories.
    - ✓ The domestic consumers with roof top and ground mounted models would have net metering arrangement
    - ✓ The industrial and other category consumers with roof top and ground mounted models will be having net billing (or) net feed-in arrangement.
    - ✓ For HT consumers and generators with ground mounted models, gross metering arrangement has been fixed.
  - ✓ For domestic and other consumers of low tension power, the feed-in tariff up to 10KW has been fixed at ₹3.61 and the tariff for 11 to 150KW has been fixed at ₹3.37.
  - ✓ For consumers of high-tension power and solar power generators other than consumers, the tariff has been fixed at ₹3.1 for power consumption between 151KW and 999KW.
  - ✓ Under net metering arrangement, energy exported to the grid is deducted from energy imported from the grid to arrive at the net imported and consumed units.
  - ✓ The net imported units are billed on the basis of retail tariff.
  - ✓ If the export is more than the import, the net export shall be credited and carried over to the next billing cycle.

# APPOINTMENTS

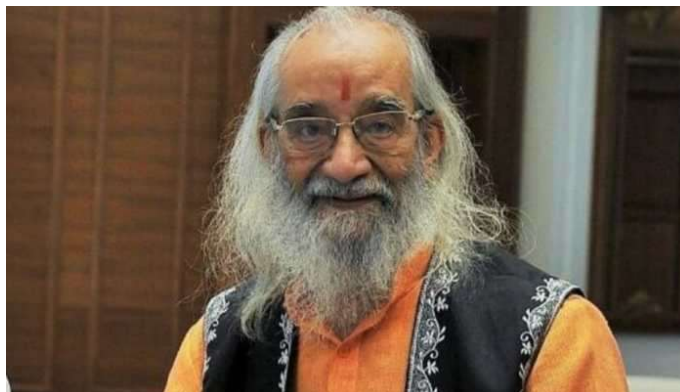
- On November 15, senior IPS officer Sheel Vardhan Singh - took charge as Director-General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).



- ✓ Singh served as special director, Intelligence Bureau, before becoming the 29th DG of CISF.
- ✓ Singh had joined IPS in 1986 at the age of 23 and was allotted Bihar cadre.
- ✓ In between, he held many crucial positions in both Bihar and during central deputation to the Government of India.
- ✓ On central deputation, Singh has served in the ministry of external affairs at the Indian High Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh, as first secretary.
- ✓ Later, on deputation to Intelligence Bureau, he served as additional and special director.
- ✓ He has been awarded the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2004 and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 2010.

## OBITUARY

- Respected writer, historian and theatre personality, Balwant Moreshwar, popularly known as Babasaheb Purandare - died at a private hospital in Pune on November 15 following a brief illness



- ✓ Purandare (99), popularly called 'Shiv Shahir' (Shivaji's Bard), was famous for his work on 17th century Maratha warrior king, Chhatrapati Shivaji
- ✓ Raja Shivchhatrapati, Purandare's hugely popular two-part magnum opus on Shivaji, written in Marathi, was first published in the late 1950s
- ✓ Born on 29 July 1922 in Pune, Maharashtra, Babasaheb Purandare started writing stories related to the period of Shivaji's reign at a very young age, which was later compiled into the book titled, 'Thinagya'.
- ✓ Over his writing and theatre career, Purandare delivered more than 12,000 lectures on Chhatrapati Shivaji, studied all the forts and history of the Maratha Empire, making him an authority on the subject
- ✓ He penned and directed a historical play 'Jaanta Raja' (1985), a theatrical magnum opus performed by over 200 artists, translated and enacted in five languages
  - ✓ The play has clocked over 1,250 stage shows in Maharashtra, Goa, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, and the USA.
- ✓ Among his prominent works are the monumental two-volume "Raje Shivchhatrapati", "Jaanta Raja", "Maharaj", "Shelarkhind", "Gadkot Kille", "Agra", "Lal Mahal", "Purandar", "Rajgad", "Panhalgad", "Sinhagad", "Pratapgad", "Purandaryanchi Daulat", "Mujaryache Mankari", "Fulwanti", "Savitri", "Kalawantinicha Sajja" among others
- ✓ He was conferred the Maharashtra Bhushan award in 2015 and the country's second-highest civilian honour Padma Vibhushan on 25 January 2019.
- ✓ He has also been awarded the Kalidas Samman by the Madhya Pradesh government for the year 2007-08 for his contribution to the field of drama.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ International Day of Tolerance - November 16



- ✓ The International Day for Tolerance is observed every year to raise awareness of the effects of intolerance and encourage mutual understanding among different cultures
- ✓ The United Nations declared November 16 as the International Day for tolerance in 1995
- ✓ On this day in the year 1995, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) formulated the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance.
- ✓ In the same year, Unesco created a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence and to mark the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ The prize was named after Madanjeet Singh who sponsored the celebrations in the year.
- ✓ The prize is titled Unesco-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence
- ✓ It is given to individuals with significant activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication fields aimed at the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and non-violence.
- ✓ The prize is awarded every two years on November 16.
- ✓ In 2000, Singh also became the UN's goodwill ambassador and contributed immensely to bringing communal harmony among communities.
- ✓ Last time, the Unesco-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence was awarded in 2020 to the nongovernmental Centre Résolution Conflits (Centre for Resolution of Conflicts - CRC) in the Democratic Republic of Congo

