

12th August, 2021

International Youth Day

The theme of the International Youth Day 2021 is - Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health which highlights the success of such a global effort will not be achieved without the meaningful participation of young people.

In the year 1999, in its resolution, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth that 12 August be declared International Youth Day.

Parliament passes Constitution (127th Amendment) Bill

Parliament has unanimously passed the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2021 with the Rajya Sabha approving it. The Rajya Sabha has passed the bill with the majority of the strength of the House and not less than the two-third majority of members present in the House during voting. 187 members voted in favour of the bill while none against.

The Bill allows states and Union Territories to prepare their own list of OBC. Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar said it will empower the state in preparing their own OBC lists so that various communities can be given social and economic justice. He said, the legislation will also help strengthen the federal structure of the country. Dr Kumar reiterated government's commitment for the welfare of OBC community citing recent decision of allowing 27 percent OBC quota in NEET. He said, the government is committed to social justice and the legislation will help OBC community to get the benefits in education, jobs and welfare schemes being implemented by the State governments.

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat: Several activities & events organized in Goa for paired states Goa and Jharkhand

Under 'Ek Bharat -Shrestha Bharat' initiative, many activities are happening in Goa. These activities of paired states Goa and Jharkhand are taking place at various levels.

Schools and colleges are also engaged in organizing events to make students aware about the history, culture and other aspects of Jharkhand. Headmistress of Shree Susenashram Vidyalaya, Murgao, Sunita Pawar gave details about the programmes held in their school under 'Ek Bharat-Shrestha Bharat'.

Due to COVID pandemic, these activities were controlled. Right now literature from both the states is being translated by experts to bridge the gap of literary divide. Art and Culture Department of Goa Government is pro-active to take this initiative to new heights.

130th Edition of Durand Cup Football Tournament scheduled to be held at Kolkata from Sept 5

130th Edition of Durand Cup Football Tournament is scheduled to be held at Kolkata from 5th of September to 3rd of October this year.

Defence Ministry has said that sixteen teams from across the country, including four from the Services will participate in the tournament.

Durand Cup is the world's third oldest and Asia's oldest football tournament. It was first held in 1888, at Dagshai, Himachal Pradesh.

It is named after Mortimer Durand, who was then the Foreign Secretary in- Charge of India. The tournament was a conscious way to initially maintain health and fitness amongst the British troops, but was later opened to civilians. Currently, it is one of the leading sports event in the world.

Indian and US bodies ink deal to improve weather and monsoon forecasts

Indian and American bodies have signed an agreement on monsoon data analysis and cooperation to improve weather forecasts in the region. The agreement was signed by India's National Institute of Ocean Technology Director G A Ramadass and the US Assistant Administrator for Research and Acting Chief Scientist Craig McLean of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Monday.

As a result of this, the two bodies would enhance technical cooperation in the development of the Research Moored Array for African-Asian-Australian Monsoon Analysis and Prediction (RAMA) and the Ocean Moored buoy Network in the northern Indian ocean (OMNI) for improving weather and monsoon forecasts between NOAA and India's Ministry of Earth Sciences.

CEC inaugurates 11th Annual Meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for 2021

Chief Election Commissioner of India and current Chairman, FEMBoSA Shri Sushil Chandra inaugurated the 11th Annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2021. The meeting in Virtual mode was hosted by the Election Commission of Bhutan. Along with India, delegations from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in the day-long meeting.

Theme of the meeting was 'Use of Technology in Elections'. Shri Sushil Chandra mentioned that keeping pace with the rapid strides of Technology, ECI has digitized many processes. Technology driven processes became all the more important in view of Covid 19 situation by helping minimize person-to-person contact.