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Puducherry celebrates its De Jure Transfer day: 16th August, 2021

Puducherry celebrated its De Jure Transfer day; it is the day it really got independence. The then Pondicherry was under French control well after 1947, even when the other parts of India were free. Soon protests rose demanding a free government, culminating in Indo-French dialogues on the issue. March 13, 1954, the talks on settlement of French territories began, and the process ended with the signing of a treaty for cessation of French control, in May 1956. The treaty was cemented in the French parliament in May 1962. On 16th August 1962, there was a complete surrender of Indian territories after the exchange of instruments of ratification between the two nations.

Kizhur, a remote village under the Puducherry, was chosen by the then French Rulers for negotiations with Indian Authorities. It was the only border place of Puducherry that was completely under French Control. All other places shared intermittent borders with Tamil Nadu.

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates world's 2nd-largest refurbished National Gene Bank

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished National Gene Bank at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa in New Delhi.

The Gene Bank was established in 1996 to preserve the seeds of Plant Genetic Resources for future generations.

It has the capacity to preserve about ten lakh germplasm in the form of seeds. Presently, it is protecting four lakh 52 thousand accessions, of which over two lakh are Indian germplasm.

Supreme Court pulls up government on new tribunals, seeks logic

The Supreme Court quizzed the government over the enactment of a new law dealing with the tenure and criteria for selection of members of tribunals despite the court striking down some provisions dealing with the same in an earlier Ordinance.

Last week, Parliament passed the Tribunal Reforms Bill, 2021, which seeks to lay down terms for service and tenure of members of various tribunals. The new law contained the same provisions as the Tribunal Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021, which the Supreme Court struck down last month in a 2:1 verdict.

Police questioning kids prima facie violated rights, says Karnataka HC

The interrogation of children by armed policemen in uniform at a school in Bidar region of Karnataka last January in a sedition case was prima facie a “serious case of violation of the rights of children” and provisions of the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, Karnataka High Court observed.

The case was filed over a play opposing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

“Prima facie this is a serious case of violation of the rights of children and provision 86 (5) of JJ Act 2015,” a division bench of the High Court observed in the course of hearing a petition against the questioning of children over the play against CAA, staged in January 2020 at a primary school run by Shaheen Education Society in Bidar.

Ten more Handloom Design Resource Centres to be set up in country: Ministry of Textiles

Ministry of Textiles has said that ten more Handloom Design Resource Centres will be set up in the country with aim to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom sector. It will also facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers access design repositories for sample and product improvisation and development. These Design Resource Centres will be set up by National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) at Weavers’ Service Centres of Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kannur, Indore, Nagpur, Meerut, Bhagalpur and Panipat. The Ministry has roped in NIFT keeping in view the fact that it is an in-house organization of Ministry of Textiles of which Handloom also is a part. It said, the expertise of NIFT in fashion and design trends can be utilized by Handloom sector for greater market linkage.