

19 January 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

Promotion & protection of ancient Indian Languages is need of the hour – Vice President

Context

- The Vice President visited the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) and International Institute of Tamil Studies (IITS), in Chennai.

Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT)

- The Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) is an autonomous Institute of higher research functioning under the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India.
- It has been focusing exclusively on the researches relating to the classical phase of the Tamil language, i.e., from the early period to the 600 A.D.

Sangam Literature

- Sangam literature is the name given to the earliest available Tamil literature.
- The word 'Sangam' literally means association. Here, it implies an association of Tamil poets that flourished in ancient southern India.

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Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020

Context

The Prime Minister will interact with a cross-section of Students, Teachers and Parents at "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020".

About Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020:

- This is an interaction programme of the Prime Minister with a cross-section of students and teachers from India and abroad.
- The idea behind the programme is to beat exam stress.
- The first such event was held in 2018. 2020 is the third such interaction programme.
- The event is held in an auditorium in New Delhi.
- In connection with the event, the HRD Ministry conducted an essay competition for students. Students were to send their responses online. They were also asked to send questions for the event as well. The winners of this contest will take part in the interaction programme.

14th Foundation Day of DFCCIL

Context

The 14th Foundation Day of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) was celebrated in New Delhi.

About DFCCIL

- The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited or DFCCIL is a business establishment operated by the Railways Ministry of the Government of India to work the dedicated freight corridors (DFCs).
- It engages in the planning and development, deployment of monetary resources, building, upkeep and the operation of the DFCs.
- DFCCIL has been assigned the status of 'special purpose vehicle' by the Indian government.
- **Objectives**
 1. To build a corridor with appropriate technology that enables Indian railways to regain its market share of freight transport by creating additional capacity and guaranteeing efficient, reliable, safe and cheaper options for mobility to its customers.
 2. To set up Multimodal logistic parks along the DFC to provide complete transport solution to customers.
 3. To support the government's initiatives toward ecological sustainability by encouraging users to adopt railways as the most environment-friendly mode for their transport requirements.