

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
2. To grow growing in value to over 12% of India GDP and
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.
2. To make the Indian Automotive Industry a significant contributor to the “Skill India” programme.
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.
4. To seek increase of net exports of the Indian Automotive industry several fold.
5. Promote comprehensive and stable policy dispensation for all regulations impacting the industry.

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