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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, **Nirmala Sitharaman launched a new IT initiatives called ICEDASH** for improved monitoring and pace of Customs clearance of imported goods.
  - ICEDASH would be key drivers for further improvement in Customs especially as it would reduce interface and increase transparency of Customs functioning.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - ICEDASH and ATITHI are expected to be key drivers for further improvement.
    - It will also reduce interface and increase the transparency of Customs functioning.
    - ATITHI would create a tech-savvy image of India Customs. It also aims to encourage tourism and business travel to India.
- As part of Union Government's '**Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat**' initiative, the state of Odisha is tagged with Maharashtra to organize different programmes to promote art, culture and tourism of their respective states.
  - Accordingly, a large contingent of Maharashtra will be hosted by Bhubaneswar (Odisha capital) to showcase the culture and art of Maharashtra.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - Odisha is also known as Utkala .
    - It means 'the land of excellent art and culture.'

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- India and Uzbekistan signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoU), for enhancing bilateral cooperation in fields of Military Medicine and Military Education between the Armed Forces of the two countries.
  - The **MoUs were signed** during the **three-day visit by Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh to Tashkent** (Uzbekistan capital) from 1-3 November 2019. This was the first visit by an Indian Defence Minister to Uzbekistan in nearly 15 years.
- **The biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference is being held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 4-7 November 2019.** India will be represented at the

conference by Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad.

○ **Related Keys:**

- **Theme** for 2019 CLM Conference is- 'Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law'.
- **Objective:** The Conference seeks to address challenges faced by millions of people seeking to resolve legal disputes.

## SCIENCE & TECH UPDATES

- **The Ministry of Science & Technology is organizing a Science and Technology Media Conclave.** The fest will be held at India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 in Kolkata on 6-7 November 2019.
  - The media conclave will be inaugurated by the Chairman of Prasar Bharati, Shri A. Surya Prakash and Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar, President, Vigyan Bharati.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - The conference is aimed to bring together science and environment journalists from India and abroad.
    - Discussion regarding issues like science communication in the age of convergence, creating a science niche in the media, the art of science storytelling, research papers, and popular content, social media influencers, regional media, among others.

## AWARDS

- **The 27-year-old, Madhuri Vijay has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel 'The Far Field'.** She has been selected from a shortlist featuring novels from five accomplished writers. She is also a recipient of Henfield Prize and the Pushcart Prize.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - It is an annual Indian literary award founded in 2018.
    - It is the richest literary honour in the country.
    - It is awarded to a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian writer working in English or to a translated fiction by an Indian writer.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed globally on 5 November 2019.** The day was observed to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.

- The 2019 World Tsunami Awareness Day focuses on promoting targets on the Sendai Seven Campaign. It focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and the disruption of basic services.
- **Related Keys:**
  - In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) marked 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day.
  - The observation of the day was initiated by Japan. Japan has experienced destruction because of the Tsunami over the years.

### Words of the Day:

- **Imbroglia** - an Extrremely confused
  - Similar Words : Complication, Predicament
  - Antonyms : Simplicity, ease, agreement
  
- **Dismantling** - Take a piece
- Similar Words : Deconstruct, Disassemble
- Antonyms : Build, Construct



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