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Kerala Regional News

16th Finance Commission	 Why in news? The 16th Finance Commission should consider increasing local body grants and reinventing the criteria for distribution among states to enhance governance and promote equitable development.
	 Key Points: The Government of India, in adherence to Article 280(1) of the Constitution, has established the Sixteenth Finance Commission, appointing Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog and Professor at Columbia University, as its Chairman. Specific terms of reference have been outlined, including the distribution of tax proceeds between the Union and States, principles governing grants-in-aid to States, and measures to bolster State funds for local bodies like Panchayats and Municipalities.
Chhatrapati Shivaji Statue	 Why in news? A contract has been invited to replace the fallen statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji in Sindhudurg fort with a height of 60 feet at a cost of Rs 20 crore.
	 Key Points: Shivaji Bhonsle I, also known as Chhatrapati Shivaji, was an Indian ruler who belonged to the Bhonsle Maratha clan. From the declining Adilshahi sultanate of Bijapur, Shivaji carved out his own independent kingdom, laying the groundwork for the Maratha Empire. At Raigad Fort, he was formally crowned Chhatrapati of his realm in 1674.
Nehru Trophy Boat Race	 Why in news? Alappuzha district prepares to host the 70th edition of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) on Punnamada Lake on September 28.
	 Key Points: The Nehru Trophy Boat Race is an annual vallam kali held in the Punnamada Lake near Alappuzha, Kerala. The most popular event of the race is the competition of



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Chundan Vallams (snake boats). Hence the race is also known as Snake Boat Race in English.

Other categories of boats which participate in various events of the race are Churulan Vallam, Iruttukuthy Vallam, Odi Vallam, Veppu Vallam (Vaipu Vallam), Vadakkanody Vallam and Kochu Vallam.

Person in news: Justice Nitin Madhukar



Why in news?

Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Kerala High Court at Raj Bhavan.

Key Points:

- The President of India appoints the Chief Justice of a High Court in India after consulting with the Chief Justice of India and the Governor of the relevant state.
- The constitutional provisions for the appointment of High Court judges are outlined in Articles 124 and 217 of the Indian Constitution.

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