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Kerala Regional News

<p><b>State to establish Senior Citizen Commission</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Kerala government is set to establish a <b>State Senior Citizen Commission</b> to address the specific needs and concerns of the elderly population.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This commission will work towards ensuring the well-being and dignity of senior citizens, providing them with adequate healthcare, social security, and other essential services.</li> <li>The commission will also play a crucial role in creating a senior-friendly environment and promoting age-friendly policies.</li> <li>The commission's primary mandate will be to safeguard the rights and welfare of senior citizens.</li> <li>It aims to address issues such as rehabilitation, social inclusion, and utilizing the skills of the elderly for societal benefit.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Global Women's Conference on Gender Inclusive and Responsible Tourism</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Global Women's Conference on Gender Inclusive and Responsible Tourism</b> is set to commence on November 30th, 2024, in the picturesque hill station of Munnar, Kerala.</li> <li>This significant event, organized by the Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, aims to bring together global leaders, experts, and organizations committed to fostering inclusivity and sustainability in the tourism sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The conference, being <b>organised by the Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society (KRTMS)</b> on behalf of Kerala Tourism and UN Women, will deliberate on the current scenario of participation and representation of women in the tourism sector and chart out a roadmap to take the initiative forward.</li> <li><b>Tourism Minister P.A. Mohamed Riyas will inaugurate the event at The Grand Cliff Resort.</b></li> <li>The Minister will also <b>release the Gender Audit Report.</b></li> <li>The highlight of the event will be the <b>Kerala Declaration on Gender Inclusive and Women-Friendly Tourism.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Kerala govt not to raise the retirement age</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Kerala government has <b>opted not to increase the retirement age for its employees to 60</b>, rejecting a major <b>recommendation made by the Fourth Administrative Reforms Commission.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p>



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- Earlier, the state government of Kerala was considering raising the retirement age of government employees from 56 to 57.
- This move was aimed at addressing the state's growing fiscal deficit and reducing its dependence on borrowing.
- The government estimated that this change could save around Rs 2,000 crore per year.

About:

- Kerala is the **only state where government employees retire at the age of 56.**
- During the tenure of Oommen Chandy (2011-16) to standardize the retirement age of all employees, it was decided to increase the retirement age from 55 to 56 years.
- As per a recent study by a committee, the state government will be able to divert more than Rs 5,000 crores if the retirement age is increased by one year as the retirement benefits including gratuity and end-of-service benefits for capital spending.

Vizhinjam seaport

Context:

- The Kerala government has **extended the timeline for the Vizhinjam Port project**, a major infrastructure development initiative

Key Points:

- Kerala has signed a supplementary concession agreement with Adani Vizhinjam Port Pvt Ltd to extend the project timeline by **five years.**
- **The project timeline was extended taking into account things such as the Covid-19 pandemic, cyclone Ockhi and floods**
- The port is now slated for **commissioning in December 2024.**

About:

- **Location:** Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- **Purpose:** Designed for **container transshipment**, multi-purpose cargo, and break bulk cargo
- **Development: Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** model with Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited as the concessionaire
- **Strategic Location:** Located 10 nautical miles from the busy international shipping route connecting Europe, the Persian Gulf, and the Far East

Advantages:

- Natural draft of 20-24 meters
- Minimal littoral drift
- Large-scale automation for quick vessel turnaround
- State-of-the-art infrastructure for handling Megamax containerships
- Capacity: **Phase 1 capacity of 1 million TEUs**, with potential for expansion to 6.2 million TEUs in subsequent phases.



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