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1. Fifteen newly appointed judges of the Madras High Court assumed office.

i. Among them, five were appointed as permanent judges and ten as additional judges. Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, S. A. Dharmadhikari administered the oath of office to them.

ii. The President appointed 15 persons as judges of the Madras High Court, accepting the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium, to fill the vacant judicial posts in the High Court. Accordingly, the swearing-in ceremony for the 15 newly appointed judges was held at the auditorium on the High Court campus.

iii. Welcoming the newly appointed judges, Tamil Nadu Advocate General Vijay Narayan said:

- The sanctioned strength of judges in the Madras High Court is 75. With the appointment of these 15 judges, the total number of judges has increased to 66. The remaining nine vacancies should also be filled soon so that there are no vacant judicial posts.
- He further said that, with the appointment of the three women judges, the number of women judges in the Madras High Court has increased to 13. He said it was a matter of pride that the Madras High Court is now the High Court with the highest number of women judges in the country.

2. Tamil Nadu Law Commission reconstituted; former Chief Justice of Manipur High Court T. Krishnakumar appointed as Chairman.

i. The tenure of the Tamil Nadu Law Commission ended on June 18. Subsequently, the Law Commission has now been reconstituted, and its Chairman, full-time members and part-time members have been announced.

ii. T. Krishnakumar has been appointed Chairman of the State Law Commission. The full-time members are R. M. D. Teeka Raman, former judge of the Madras High Court; T. K.

Ramachandran, former Additional Chief Secretary; and A. Arunagiri, former Secretary of the Law Department. The part-time members are P. Mohandas, former District Judge, and R. Govindarajan, former District Judge. An officer holding the rank of Secretary to the Law Department will function as the full-time Member-Secretary.

iii. Functions of the Commission:

- The major functions of the Commission include recommending measures to rectify shortcomings in existing laws; making recommendations on social and economic legislation; making recommendations concerning Centre-State relations and inter-State relations; recommending measures to expedite judicial reforms; recommending the rationalisation of Central and State laws applicable in Tamil Nadu; and analysing and recommending changes to the laws and rules in force in Tamil Nadu.
- The tenure of the present Chairman, full-time members and part-time members will be three years from the date of assuming office.

3. Kandaleru Dam- Andhra Pradesh

4. The 81st anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan, by the United States was observed.

i. Following the observance, Nagasaki Mayor Shiro Suzuki stressed that Japan should continue to uphold the three principles that nuclear weapons are inherently harmful and should never be possessed, produced or introduced.

ii. He also said that other countries should understand that excessive dependence on nuclear weapons increases the risk of a nuclear war breaking out.

iii. During World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. Around 70,000 people died in the attack. Earlier, an atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6 claimed around 1.40 lakh (140,000) lives. Subsequently, Japan surrendered on August 15, 1945, bringing World War II to an end.

5. The Central Government is considering raising the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) threshold requiring approval from the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) to ₹15,000 crore.

i. According to informed sources, the Central Government is planning to raise the existing threshold of ₹5,000 crore with the objective of attracting more investments.

ii. The CCEA is a high-level committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It includes Cabinet Ministers such as the Home Minister and Finance Minister.

iii. Under the existing rules, foreign direct investments exceeding ₹5,000 crore in India require approval from the CCEA. Investments below ₹5,000 crore are decided upon by the respective ministries.

iv. This threshold has remained unchanged since November 2015.

v. Against this backdrop, informed sources said that the Central Government is considering raising the FDI threshold requiring CCEA approval from ₹5,000 crore to ₹15,000 crore, taking into account the prevailing inflation and business environment.

vi. $1.16 trillion in foreign investment:

- Earlier, the issue was also reportedly discussed at a meeting of secretaries of various departments.
- Similarly, the Central Government is considering exempting companies that have already received approval for FDI in manufacturing from the requirement of obtaining approval for FDI in distribution activities.
- At present, prior approval from the Central Government is mandatory only for indirect FDI in sectors where FDI is under the government approval route and for investments originating from countries that share a land border with India.
- India attracted a cumulative $1.16 trillion in FDI between April 2000 and April 2026.
- Mauritius, Singapore, the United States, the Netherlands, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates are among the major investors in India.

6. The Central Government has extended Enforcement Directorate Director Rahul Navin’s tenure by one year.

i. Rahul Navin, a 1993-batch Indian Revenue Service officer, has 30 years of experience in taxation and investigations into financial irregularities.

ii. He has been serving as the Director of the Enforcement Directorate since August 14, 2024. In this context, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of his tenure until August 13 of the following year.

iii. Under the rules, a person can be appointed as the Director of the Enforcement Directorate for an initial period of two years. Thereafter, the tenure can be extended up to three times, one year at a time.