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National Manuscripts Bill 2023

India's rich cultural heritage is encapsulated in its **ancient manuscripts**, which hold invaluable knowledge and historical significance. However, the **loss and dispersal of many of these manuscripts**, even beyond the country's borders, have raised concerns. In a significant move, the Indian government is gearing up to address this issue through the introduction of the **National Manuscripts Bill, 2023**.

- The primary objectives of the Bill include **documenting and cataloguing Indian heritage texts worldwide**, maintaining accurate information, and specifying consultation conditions.
- The bill proposes the establishment of a **10-member National Manuscripts Authority (NMA)**, chaired by the **Culture Minister and including representatives from Culture, Finance, Education, and private agencies**.
 - The NMA will oversee **digitization, conservation, preservation, editing, and publication of manuscripts**.
 - The NMA will possess civil court powers to regulate manuscript access, investigate thefts, and ensure protection against damage or theft.
 - The NMA can acquire manuscripts from private owners based on content importance, with compensation determined by an expert committee.
- Manuscripts is a handwritten composition on materials like palm leaf, paper, cloth, and bark, in Sanskrit and regional languages, dating back at least 75 years.
- India possesses approximately **10 million manuscripts in 80 ancient scripts, with the [National Mission for Manuscripts \(NMM\)](#)** responsible for preservation.
 - The **Bakhshali manuscript**, an ancient mathematical text, showcases the early use of zero and dates back to the third or fourth century A.D.

India's ODOP Wall

Recently, through a collaborative effort between **[One District One Product \(ODOP\)](#)** and **[Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna - National Rural Livelihoods Mission \(DAY-NRLM\)](#)**, the 'ODOP Wall' has been introduced. This initiative aligns with highlighting India's exceptional craft heritage globally.

- 'ODOP Wall' aims **to showcase India's craft uniqueness worldwide**.
- ODOP initiative focuses on **promoting one unique product from each district, fostering balanced regional development**.
- Diverse range of products covered, including **handlooms, handicrafts, and agricultural products**.
- Collaboration identifies and promotes products with cultural significance and unique qualities.
- **Boosts sales, and supports rural [self-help groups \(SHGs\)](#) and indigenous crafts.**

Read more: [One District One Product \(ODOP\)](#)

The Centrifugal Force

The **centrifugal force, an outward force** experienced by an object that is in **motion** along a **curved or circular path**, is not a **true force but a result of inertia**, the tendency for an object to maintain its

state of motion.

- This perceived force arises when an object moves along a curved path, **always pointing away from the center of rotation.**
- While not a genuine force like gravity or magnetism, it emerges from **an object's resistance to altering its direction.**
 - This principle finds ingenious applications in various fields. Industries like [pharmaceuticals](#), [dairy](#), and [nuclear energy](#) **utilize centrifuges to exploit this resistance.**
 - Washing machine, which dries clothes in the spin cycle by expelling water from them using the centrifugal force.

Vindhyagiri

On **17th August 2023**, the President of India will launch the **Vindhyagiri, a Project 17A Frigate**, at the **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited in Kolkata.**

- This vessel, the **sixth in the [Project 17A Frigate series](#)**, takes its name from the **Karnataka mountain range.**
- These frigates are an evolution of the Project 17 Class Frigates (Shivalik Class), featuring enhanced **stealth capabilities, advanced weaponry, sensors, and platform management systems.**
 - The technologically sophisticated Vindhyagiri pays tribute to its predecessor, the **former INS Vindhyagiri, a Leander Class ASW Frigate.**
- In line with the nation's commitment to self-reliance, a significant **75% of equipment and system orders for the Project 17A ships are from indigenous firms, including [Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises \(MSMEs\)](#).**

Read more: [Project 17A](#)

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