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CENTRAL REVENUES CONTROL LABORATORY (CRCL)



Central Revenues Control Laboratory (CRCL), New Delhi was recognized as a Regional Customs Laboratory (RCL) of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) for Asia-Pacific Region.

About:

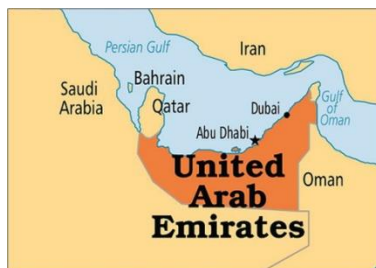
Central Revenues Control Laboratory (CRCL), New Delhi is under the administrative control of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs. Established in 1939, CRCL is the headquarters of 14 Revenue Laboratories, including 2 laboratories working at Government Opium & Alkaloid Works, Ghazipur & Neemuch. With its recognition as RCL, CRCL joins a select group of Customs Laboratories in the region like those in Japan & Korea.

Important Info :

The World Customs Organization (WCO), established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC) is an independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations. It is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.

EXERCISE DESERT FLAG VI

The Indian Air Force is participating for the first time in Exercise Desert Flag along with air forces of United Arab Emirates, United States of America, France, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Bahrain.



About:

Exercise Desert Flag is an annual multi-national large force employment warfare exercise hosted by the United Arab Emirates Air Force. Exercise Desert Flag VI is scheduled from 03 Mar 21 to 27 Mar 21 at Al-Dhafra airbase, UAE. The IAF is participating with six Su-30 MKI, two C-17 and one IL-78 tanker aircraft. The aim of

the exercise is to provide operational exposure to the participating forces while training them to undertake simulated air combat operations in a controlled environment.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1951

Registration of political parties is governed by the provisions of section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

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About:

A party seeking registration under the said section with the Commission has to submit an application to the Commission within a period of 30 days following the date of its formation as per guidelines prescribed by the Commission in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 324 of the Constitution of India

and Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

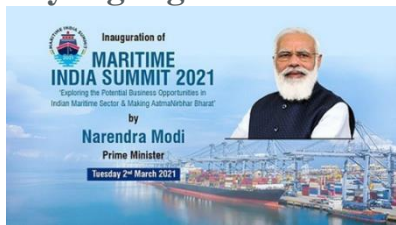
- As per existing guidelines, the applicant association is, inter-alia, asked to publish proposed Name of party in two national daily newspapers and two local daily newspapers, on two days for submitting objections, if any, with regard to the proposed registration of the party before the Commission within 30 days from such publication.

Important Info :

Recent development: The Commission has announced the General Elections for the Legislative Assemblies of West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry on 26.02.2021. The Election Commission has given a relaxation and has reduced the notice period from 30 days to 7 days for the parties who have published their public notice on or before 26.02.2021.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the 'Maritime India Summit 2021'.

Key highlights of the summit:



He informed that capacity of major ports have increased from 870 million tonnes in 2014 to 1550 million tonnes now. Mega ports with world class infrastructure are being developed in Vadhavan, Paradip and Deendayal Port in Kandla. India aims to operationalise 23 waterways by 2030.

India has as many as 189 lighthouses across its vast coastline and has drawn up a programme for developing tourism in the land adjacent to 78 lighthouses. Steps are also being taken to introduce urban water transport systems in key states and cities such as Kochi, Mumbai, Gujarat and Goa. To encourage domestic shipbuilding, approval has been given to the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy for Indian Shipyards. The Ministry of Port Shipping and Waterways has created a list of 400 investable. These projects have an investment potential of \$ 31 billion or Rs 2.25 lakh crores. The Maritime India

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Vision 2030 outlines the priorities of the Government.

The Sagar-Manthan: Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre has been launched. It is an information system for enhancing maritime safety, search and rescue capabilities, security and marine environment protection. Government is in the process of installing solar and wind-based power systems at all the major ports across the country and aims to increase usage of renewable energy to more than 60% of total energy by 2030 in three phases across Indian ports.