

The Achievers IAS Academy

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1. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga.



- The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga under Ayush Ministry is offering online Yoga training programmes. These online Yoga training programmes are health-promotive and anxiety-relieving.
- They offer a positive pathway to overcome the activity crisis faced by many people who are constrained to stay at home due to the pandemic.
- Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) is an autonomous Institution fully funded by Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India.
- MDNIY aims to promote deeper understanding of Yoga philosophy and practices based on classical Yoga amongst people. MDNIY is a focal Institute for Planning, Training, Promotion and Coordination of Yoga Education, Training, Therapy and Research in all its aspects.
- The Institute was started in 1970, in the form a hospital, opened by the now defunct Central Council for Research in Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, under the Vishwayatan Yogashram.
- In 1998, the institute was further renamed as the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga with expanded mandates.

2. Jio Platforms, Byju's 100 most influential companies in the world.



- Reliance Industries' subsidiary Jio Platform and e-learning startup Byju's have made it to the list of 100 most influential companies in the prestigious 'Time' magazine.

- Time magazine said on its website that companies building the future are at the center of 'TIME100 Most Influential Companies'. This list includes the name of Jio Platforms for Digital Transformation in India.
- Jio Platforms Limited has been placed in the category of innovators for digital transformation in India. Jio Platform is the only company in the country that has made its way into this category. Companies like Moderna, Netflix, The Lego Group and Nintendo have found a place in this category.
- Byju's is included in the category of 'Disruptors'. This category includes companies such as Tesla, Huawei, Shopify, Airbnb and DiDi Chuxing.
- **About Byju's**
- Byju's is an Indian multinational educational technology company, headquartered in Bangalore, India. It was founded in 2011 by Byju Raveendran and Divya Gokulnath. Byju's is the world's most valuable education technology company.

3. Government of National Capital Territory (GNCT) of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021.



- The Ministry of Home Affairs issued a gazette notification stating that the provisions of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021, would be deemed to have come into effect from April 27.
- The Bill amends the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991. The Act provides a framework for the functioning of the Legislative Assembly and the government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.
- The Bill amends certain powers and responsibilities of the Legislative Assembly and the Lieutenant Governor.
- Restriction on laws passed by the Assembly: The Bill provides that the term "government" referred to in any law made by the Legislative Assembly will imply Lieutenant Governor (LG).
- Rules of Procedure of the Assembly: The Act allows the Legislative Assembly to make Rules to regulate the procedure and conduct of business in the Assembly. The Bill provides that such Rules must be consistent with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha.
- Inquiry by the Assembly into administrative decisions: The Bill prohibits the Legislative Assembly from making any rule to enable itself or its Committees to:
- consider the matters of day-to-day administration of the NCT of Delhi and conduct any inquiry in relation to administrative decisions.

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➤ Assent to Bills:

- The Act requires the LG to reserve certain Bills passed by the Legislative Assembly for the consideration of the President.
- The Bill requires the LG to also reserve those Bills for the President which incidentally cover any of the matters outside the purview of the powers of the Legislative Assembly.

➤ LG's opinion for executive actions:

- The Act specifies that all executive action by the government, whether taken on the advice of the Ministers or otherwise, must be taken in the name of the LG.
- The Bill adds that on certain matters, as specified by the LG, his opinion must be obtained before taking any executive action on the decisions of the Minister/ Council of Ministers.

4. Shri Manoj Das died.



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has condoled the demise of Shri Manoj Das, a noted educationist, popular columnist and prolific writer.

Manoj Das (1934 – 2021) was an Indian author who wrote in Odia and English.

In 1971, his research in the archives of London and Edinburgh brought to light some of the little-known facts of India's freedom struggle in the first decade of the twentieth century led by Sri Aurobindo for which he received the first Sri Aurobindo Puraskar (Kolkata).

Important Info :-

Awards:

In 2000, Manoj Das was awarded the Saraswati Samman.

He was awarded Padma Shri in 2001 and Padma Bhushan in 2020 for his contribution in the field of Literature & Education.

Kendra Sahitya Akademi has bestowed its highest award (also India's highest literary award) i.e Sahitya Akademi Award Fellowship.

5. NTIPRIT conducts webinar on "NavIC — Opportunities for the Telecom Industry" in collaboration with ISRO and telecom industry.



- National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT), the apex training institute of Department of Telecommunications, Government of India conducted a webinar on April 28, 2021 on the topic "NavIC — Opportunities for the Telecom Industry" in collaboration with ISRO and Telecom Industry.

➤ About NavIC:-

- NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) is an autonomous regional satellite navigation system established and maintained by ISRO. It covers India and a region extending up to 1,500 km beyond Indian mainland (primary coverage area). It provides position accuracy better than 20 m (20) and timing accuracy better than 50 ns (20). The actual measurements demonstrate accuracy better than 5 m and 20 ns respectively.

- NavIC based applications are being used in various civilian sectors, including, transport, map applications, and timekeeping. Today major mobile chipset manufacturers like Qualcomm, MediaTek and Broadcom already support NavIC across various chipset platforms. A few mobile phone OEMs have also released handsets which can be enabled to receive NavIC through Over the Air firmware update. Some examples for NavIC enabled mobile phones include the Redmi Note 9 series from Xiaomi, the Realme 6 series, the OnePlus Nord, etc.

- NavIC is an indigenous positioning system that is under Indian control. There is no risk of the service being withdrawn or denied in a given situation.

➤ About NTIPRIT:-

- National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT) is the apex training institute of Department of Telecommunications involved in conduction of induction Training for probationary officers of Indian Telecommunication Service Group — A (ITS Group A) recruited through All India based Engineering Services Examination conducted by UPSC. Apart from Induction Training, NTIPRIT also conducts various In-Service Trainings, Management Development Programmes, Regional and International Trainings, Capacity Building workshops for Officers of Government of India in various aspects of Information and Communication Technology Administration in India.

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6. ARTICLE 217 (1)



- The President of India, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, appointed Smt. Justice Vimla Singh Kapoor, Additional Judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court, to be a Judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court, with effect from the date she assumes charge of her office.

About Article 217:-

- Title: Appointment and conditions of the office of a Judge of a High Court
- Every Judge of a High Court shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, the Governor of the State, and, in the case of appointment of a Judge other than the chief Justice, the chief Justice of the High court, and shall hold office, in the case of an additional or acting Judge, as provided in Article 224, and in any other case, until he attains the age of sixty two years Provided that
- a Judge may, by writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign his office
- a Judge may be removed from his office by the President in the manner provided in clause (4) of Article 124 for the removal of a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- the office of a Judge shall be vacated by his being appointed by the President to be a Judge of the Supreme Court or by his being transferred by the President to any other High Court within the territory of India.

7. Finance Minister Inaugurates India's First 3D Printed House At IIT Madras.



- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on April 27 inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras campus. The house has been constructed by Tvasta Manufacturing Solutions, a startup founded by IIT Madras alumni, which is a part of the new incubator of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) established at IIT Madras.
- The 600 square feet single-story house has been constructed using indigenous concrete 3D printing technology and in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity's Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter, the institute said. Using this technology, a house can be built in five days.
- Sharing the startups' vision, Adithya VS, Co-Founder and CEO, Tvasta Manufacturing Solutions, said, "This technology can enable deep personalization of construction for the ultimate target segment - the individual. 3D Printing can ensure that affordable, good quality housing is available to all Indians with a technology that is built in India and symbolizes Atmaribhar Bharat..
- Co-founded by three IIT Madras Alums of the 2016 Batch — Adithya V.S., Vidyashankar C. and Parivarthan Reddy, Tvasta is part of the new incubator of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs established at IIT Madras called Asha Incubator.

8. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.



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- Agriculture Infrastructure Fund has crossed the Rs. 8000 crore mark after receiving 8,665 applications worth Rs. 8,216 crores. The largest share of the pie is contributed by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) (58%), agri-entrepreneurs (24%) and individual farmers (13%).
- These investments are for a wide range of projects which will unlock value for farmers across the country. States leading the front are Andhra Pradesh (2,125 applications), Madhya Pradesh (1,830), Uttar Pradesh (1,255), Karnataka (1,071) & Rajasthan (613). While most of these states are leveraging their strong cooperatives network to take the lead, Madhya Pradesh stands out with the highest non-PACS applications. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund will bring together the collective power of all stakeholders in the Agriculture ecosystem.
- The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund is a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and credit guarantee.
- The duration of the scheme is from FY2020 to FY2029 (10 years).
- Under the scheme, Rs. 1 Lakh Crore will be provided by banks and financial institutions as loans with interest subvention of 3% per annum and credit guarantee coverage under CGTMSE for loans up to Rs. 2 Crores.
- Eligible beneficiaries include farmers, FPOs, PACS, Marketing Cooperative Societies, SHGs, Joint Liability Groups (JLG), Multipurpose Cooperative Societies, Agri-entrepreneurs, Start-ups, and Central/State agency or Local Body sponsored Public-Private Partnership Projects.

9. Global Immunization Agenda 2030.



IA2030 IMMUNIZATION AGENDA 2030

- We are proud to support the launch of the Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030), marking a new era for vaccines and immunization.
- Immunization is the foundation of the world's health care systems and an indisputable human right. Despite the progress made over the years, equitable access to vaccines remains an issue in many countries, which threatens to undermine past achievements.
- Within the next 10 years, IA2030 aims to reduce the number of children who have never received a vaccine dose by 50% (as measured by the first dose of DPT containing vaccines), support the introduction of 500 new or under-utilized vaccines across low- and middle-income countries, and achieve 90% coverage for basic childhood vaccines.

- COVID-19 has reminded us of the power vaccines have to prevent disease, save lives, and create a healthier, safer, and more prosperous future.
- JSI staff have been advisors and contributors to the IA2030 advisory group, including leading the multi-expert and geographically diverse technical working group for Strategic Priority #2 on Commitment and Demand. We will continue our support for implementing this strategy for a world where everyone, everywhere – regardless of age, location, and income – can fully benefit from vaccines to avoid 50 million preventable deaths.
- Our work on immunization creates and strengthens systems that enable people around the world to receive vaccines through locally-driven, sustainable programs to meet a variety of needs.

10. Supply Chain Resilience Initiative.



- The Supply Chain Resilience Initiative aims to create a virtuous cycle of enhancing supply chain resilience with a view to eventually attaining strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth in the Indo-pacific region.
- In a move to counter China's dominance of supply chain in the Indo-Pacific region, trade ministers of India, Japan and Australia on Tuesday formally launched the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) in a virtual trilateral ministerial meeting.
- The SCRI aims to create a virtuous cycle of enhancing supply chain resilience with a view to eventually attaining strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth in the region. The ministers consented that expansion of the SCRI may be considered based on consensus, if needed, in due course," the three trade ministers said in a joint statement.
- In 2019, the cumulative GDP of the three countries was \$9.3 trillion, while cumulative merchandise goods and services trade were \$2.7 trillion and \$900 billion, respectively.
- Initially, SCRI will focus on sharing best practices on supply chain resilience and holding investment promotion events and buyer-seller matching events to provide opportunities for stakeholders to explore the possibility of diversification of their supply chains. The ministers instructed officials to implement the initial projects and further develop the initiative.