



The ACHIEVERS IAS ACADEMY

LANGUAGE - ENGLISH

CURRENT AFFAIRS BOOSTER

06-04- 22

WEDNESDAY



LANGUAGE - ENGLISH

• • •

• • •

• • •

WORKSHOP ON... GEOGRAPHY FOR 68th BPSC PT



1ST APRIL, 2022
(12:00PM)



+918434931877, +917250667974

Email: achieversiaspatna@gmail.com

www.achieversiaspatna.co.in

THE ACHIEVERS IAS ACADEMY

Delhi government launched scheme to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in government schools



The **Delhi government** has set up **Hobby Hubs** for government schools in Delhi after school hours to promote extra-curricular activities. This project will implement in the single shift government school. A project to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in government schools in Delhi with after-school dance, music, arts and crafts activities during this new academic session is in the works.

For the **2022-2023 academic session**, this project will only be implemented in single shift government schools. The idea is to make optimum use of school infrastructure and to use it after school hours to promote these extra-curricular activities.

Private academies, individuals and NGOs will be roped in to provide free training in fields selected by the schools. They will also be allowed to train private students during these sessions and charge them, but government school students will have to make up 50 per cent of the total students enrolled and no student of the concerned school will be denied admission into hobby classes being conducted in their own school.

RBI fixed WMA limit for States/UTs at Rs 47,010 crores

The Reserve Bank reduced the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for states and union territories to Rs 47,010 crore from Rs 51,560 crore.



The Reserve Bank reduced the **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** for states and

union territories to **Rs 47,010 crore from Rs 51,560 crore** on Friday, citing an improvement in the economic scenario. **WMAs** are short-term loans provided by the **RBI** to the government to help it deal with any discrepancies between **receipts and payments**.

KEY POINTS:

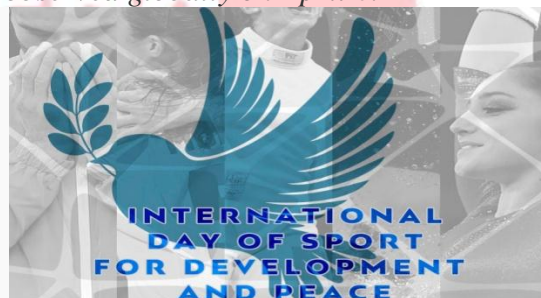
- Due to the uncertainty surrounding **COVID-19**, the **RBI increased the WMA limit** for all states to **Rs 51,560 crore**. The new **WMA** was in effect until **March 31, 2022**.
- **RBI** stated it has decided to revert to the **WMA** limitations and deadlines for **Over Draft (OD)** for **state governments / UTs**, as recommended by the **Advisory Committee on Ways and Means Advances to State Governments**, following a review of the limits and in light of the gradual easing of **COVID-19** restrictions.
- The **Special Drawing Facility (SDF)** used by state governments and UTs would continue to be linked to the amount of marketable securities issued by the government of India, such as **Auction Treasury Bills**, according to the **RBI (ATBs)**.
- The interest rate on **SDF, WMA, and OD** will continue to be linked to the Reserve Bank's policy rate, the repo rate.

The central bank further stated that interest will be charged for all days the advance is outstanding.

The Government of **India's WMA** limit for the first half of fiscal year 2022-23 has been set at **Rs 1,50,000 crore**.

• International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2022

- *The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed globally on April 6.*



- The **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)** is observed globally on **April 6**. To raise awareness of this potential, 6 April was declared as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) by the UN General Assembly. The adoption of this Day signifies the increasing recognition by the UN of the positive influence that sport

can have on the advancement of human rights, and social and economic development.

- Sport has the power to change the world; it is a fundamental right and a powerful tool to strengthen social ties and promote sustainable development and peace, as well as solidarity and respect for all.
- **What is the theme of the day:**
- The global theme of IDSDP 2022 is, “**Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport,**” which creates an opportunity for the Day’s celebrations to promote the use of sport as a tool to advance human rights and sustainable development. Under this theme, UN Headquarters in New York will recognize the role of sport in addressing the climate crisis and will highlight actions to lower greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate against climate change.

YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister inaugurates

13 districts in Andhra Pradesh

YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated 13 new districts in the state via video conference.



YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated 13 new districts in the state via video conference on Monday, April 4 in **Tadepalli, Guntur district**. As a result, there will be a total of **26 districts in the state**.

The new districts were created using Parliamentary constituencies as a guide. With the addition of **13 new districts, Andhra Pradesh** now has a total of **26 districts**.

The following is a list of the new districts and their **headquarters**:

1. Alluri Sitharama Raju District – Paderu
2. Annamayya District – Rayachoty
3. Anakapalli – Anakapalli
4. Bapatla – Bapatla
5. Eluru – Eluru
6. Kakinada – Kakinada

THE ACHIEVERS IAS ACADEMY

7. Kona Seema – Amalapuram
8. Manyam District – Parvathipuram
9. Nandyal – Nandyal
10. NTR District – Vijayawada
11. Palnadu – Narsaraopeta
12. Sri Balaji District – Tirupati
13. Sri Satyasai District – Puttaparthi

As part of the **26 districts of Andhra Pradesh**, there will now be **23 revenue divisions**.

The **CM** added that people have accepted and liked the **decentralised system of government** because the initiatives are given straight to their doorstep, and that the same is now being extended to the districts.

The **CM** further mentioned that previously, one district served **38 lakh 15 thousand people**, but today, with the establishment of **26 districts**, each district will serve **19 lakh 7 thousand people**.

March 2022: GoI had collected an all-time high of Rs 1.42 lakh crores as GST

The greatest ever GST was collected in March, which is a silver lining for the economy. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection totaled Rs 1,42,095 crore.



The greatest ever **GST** was collected in **March**, which is a very good for the **economy**. The **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** collection totaled **Rs 1,42,095 crore**, breaking the previous high of **Rs 1,40,986 crore** set in **January 2022**.

KEY POINTS:

- The **March 2022** revenues are **15% greater** than the same month last year and **46% higher** than the **March 2020** revenues.
- Revenues from imports of products were 25% higher during the month, while revenues from domestic transactions (including imports of services) were **11% higher** than in the same month last year.
- In the month of **March 2022**, the gross **GST** revenue collected was **Rs 1,42,095 crore**, with **Central GST** at **Rs 25,830 crore**, state **GST** at **Rs 32,378 crore**, integrated **GST** at **Rs 74,470 crore**, including **Rs 39,131 crore** collected on imports of goods, and cess at **Rs 9,417 crore**, including **Rs 981 crore** collected on imports of goods.

The government has paid **Rs 29,816 crore** to the **CGST** and **Rs 25,032 crore** to the **SGST** as normal settlement from the **IGST**, according to

official data. This month, the Centre also settled **Rs 20,000 crore of IGST** on an ad hoc basis in a 50:50 split between the Centre and the states/Union Territories.

United Nations International Day of Conscience 2022

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 5 April to be observed as an International Day of Conscience every year.



The United Nations General Assembly has designated **5 April** to be observed as an **International Day of Conscience** every year. The resolution was adopted on 31 July 2019 by the UN General Assembly. The year 2022 marks the third edition of the celebrations. This day serves to remind people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things. This Day is observed every year on the 5th of April and the first

International Conscience Day was observed in 2020.

Importance of Conscience: Conscience refers to a person's inner self that is abstract a virtual entity, but it plays an important role in the actions of a person. A human being cannot ignore the mystic side of his personality that usually becomes the chief motivator behind every action a person performs. Psychologists also confess that human beings are highly influenced by thoughts and feelings. These thoughts are governed by conscience and history proves that the nations who regarded conscience were just and those who did not regard it became cruel. Morality, ethics, and virtue are guided by conscience and conscience stops people and nations from exploiting others. When conscience becomes inactive, people become materialistic, cruel, senseless, and scoundrels. Eventually, jungle law starts prevailing in the society which leads to the absolute damnation of society.

Dharmendra Pradhan releases book titled

"Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak"

Union Minister of Education and Skill Development, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released a book titled "Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak".



Union Minister of Education and Skill Development, Shri **Dharmendra Pradhan** released a book titled "**Birsa Munda – Janjatiya Nayak**". The book has been written by **Prof. Alok Chakrawal**, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. This book is a comprehensive attempt to bring to the fore the struggle of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the contribution of forest dwellers in the freedom movement.

Gol appoints Vinay Mohan Kwatra as new foreign secretary

The Government of India has appointed IFS Vinay Mohan Kwatra as the new Foreign Secretary of India.



The Government of India has appointed IFS **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** as the new Foreign Secretary of India. He is currently serving as India's envoy to Nepal, from March 2020. He will replace the current foreign secretary, **Harsh Vardhan Shringla**, who will superannuate on April 30, 2022. Kwatra is a 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, having more than 32 years of experience in foreign service. He has also worked in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's office (PMO) from 2015 to 2017, as well as India's ambassador to France from August 2017 to February 2020.

SBI tie-up with BSF to offer curated benefits through CAPSP Scheme

The State Bank of India (SBI) has tied up a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Border Security Force (BSF).



The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has tied up a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Border Security Force (BSF)** to provide solutions for financial security to BSF personnel through the **Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme**. The MoU will offer a bouquet of benefits to the serving security forces, retired personnel as well as family pensioners.

These may include complimentary Personal and Air Accidental Insurance (Death) cover, additional cover in case of on-duty death, and Permanent Total Disability / Partial Disability cover, support in child education and the marriage of girl children of deceased BSF personnel among other benefits.

The Environment Minister announces the launch of the 'Prakriti' green initiative

mascotto 'Prakriti' was launched today to raise public awareness about small changes that can be made to our lifestyle for a better environment.



In the presence of **Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav**, the mascotto 'Prakriti' was

THE ACHIEVERS IAS ACADEMY

launched today to raise public awareness about small changes that can be made to our lifestyle for a better environment. As well as various green initiatives taken by the **Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change** and the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)** to ensure effective **Plastic Waste Management (PWM)** in the country.

KEY POINTS:

- To combat the problem of plastic pollution, India's Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi**, pledged to eliminate **single-use plastics (SUPs)** by **2022**.
- The Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change also administered the '**Swachh Bharat Harit Bharat Green Pledge**' to the crowd, carrying the momentum forward and emphasising the importance of active citizen engagement.
- Plastic has emerged as one of the most important environmental concerns of our day. India produces over **3.5 million tonnes** of plastic waste each year, with per capita plastic waste creation nearly doubling in the last five years.
- Our ecosystems are harmed by plastic pollution, which is also linked to air pollution.

ONE LINER

- **Delhi Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal;**
- **Delhi Governor: Anil Baijal;**

• **Delhi Heritage site: Humayun's Tomb, Qutb Minar and its Monuments;**
SBI Founded: 1 July 1955;

SBI Headquarters: Mumbai;

SBI Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara.