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NATIONAL

1) 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi'

- Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, launched the 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi' programme.
- It was launched in 2021, now it was extended to additional 126 cities across 14 States/UTs.
- The schemes aims to provide loans to street seller and help them develop holistically and economically. 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi' programme was established to provide social security benefits to street sellers.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Samathuva Naal'

- MK Stalin, chief minister of Tamil Nadu, announced that the birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar (April 14th) will be commemorated as 'Samathuva Naal' (Equality Day).
- MK Stalin also stated that a demand to this effect was made during State Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meeting on behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, adding that the idea is to commemorate the day in the same way that Periyar's birthday is commemorated as "Social Justice Day."

2) 'Him Prahari' Scheme

- Uttarakhand Government is set to implement the 'Him Prahari' Scheme which is for ex-servicemen and youngsters.
- The main of the scheme is to focus on areas where migration occurs at a rapid phase so that people stay put, and not move out.

3) Bohag Bihu

- Bohag Bihu or Rongali Bihu, one of the festivals of Assam, falls in the second week of April every year, marking the beginning of the harvest period.
- In 2022, Bohag Bihu is being observed from April 14 to April 16.
- Rongali means joy in Assamese and the festival indeed is the time to rejoice and make merry with family and community.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Kotak FYN

- Kotak FYN, a new enterprise platform designed specifically for Business Banking and Corporate clients was launched by Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- Kotak Mahindra customers can utilise the portal to conduct all trade and service transactions.
- The portal also have a dashboard that consumers can personalise, real-time tracking of transaction limits, access to prior transactions, and upcoming transaction events, among other things.

2) “South Asia Economic Focus”

- The World Bank has reduced the GDP growth forecast for India in FY2022-23 to 8 % in its bi-annual “South Asia Economic Focus” report, due to the negative impact of the war in Ukraine on FY23 growth.
- Previously, in January 2022, the growth forecast for FY23 was estimated at 8.7 %.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy, 2021

- M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India, has presented the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy, 2021 to Dr Bhushan Kumar in individual category and Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat under the institutional category.
- They have been working to remove the social stigmas that are associated with the leprosy.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Art Day

- Every year on 15th April, World Art Day is observed to emphasize the importance of art that nurtures creativity, innovation and cultural diversity for all peoples across the globe
- The day was declared by the International Association of Art.
- The day was first observed on April 15, 2012.

2) Himachal Day

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- In Himachal Pradesh, Himachal Day is observed on the 15th of April as the state become a full-fledged state on this day.
- It was on this day in 1948 that Himachal Pradesh was created as a province of India.
- In 1971, Himachal Pradesh became the 18th state in India with Shimla as its capital.

SPORTS

1) New Zealand Cricket Awards 2022

- In the recently announced New Zealand Cricket Awards 2022, New Zealand bowler Trent Boult and White Ferns captain Sophie Devine won the “T20 International Player of the Year”.
- New Zealand pace bowler Tim Southee has been awarded the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal at the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) Awards.

