

Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024

- ❖ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has announced the Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024 (also known as DTVSV, 2024)

Key Points

- ❖ It shall come into force with effect from 1st Oct. 2024.
- ❖ **Purpose:** It is to resolve pending appeals in the case of income tax disputes.
- ❖ Scheme provides for lesser settlement amounts for a 'new appellant' in comparison to an 'old appellant'.
- ❖ It also provides for lesser settlement amounts for taxpayers who file declarations on or before 31.12.2024 in comparison to those who file thereafter.

Central Board of Direct Taxes is a statutory body established under the "Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963". It is a part of the Department of Revenue in the **Ministry of Finance**.

Koodiyattam

- ❖ Cholliyattam is a collection of young Koodiyattom artists in Kerala, for preserving the art form and sharing techniques from various Koodiyattam schools.

Key Points

- ❖ Koodiyattam is one of the oldest traditional theatre forms of Kerala and is based on Sanskrit theatre traditions.
- ❖ **Recognition:** In 2001 it was recognized as a UNESCO Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.
- ❖ In this dance focus remains on the thoughts and feelings of the main character.

ASOSAI

- ❖ On 24th September 2024, President of India inaugurated the 16th Assembly of ASOSAI in New Delhi

Key Points

- ❖ The Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institution (ASOSAI) is one of the regional groups of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).
- ❖ It focuses on promoting cooperation and improving public auditing standards in Asia.
- ❖ **Establishment:** ASOSAI was established in 1979 with 11 member countries.
- ❖ The first ASOSAI Assembly and Governing Board meeting was held in New Delhi in May 1979.
- ❖ India is a member of ASOSAI.

Mpox

- ❖ The first case of the Clade 1b strain of Monkeypox (Mpox) has been confirmed in India.

Key Points -

- ❖ Only two cases have been confirmed in India so far.
- ❖ **Clade 1b strain of Mpox** has been confirmed in a 38-year-old man from Kerala who recently returned from UAE. Due to this strain, there has been a rapid increase in Mpox cases in African countries, after which **WHO declared a public health emergency**.
- ❖ **Clade 2 strain of Mpox** was confirmed in a 26-year-old youth from Hisar at LNJP Hospital in Delhi.

- ❖ More cases of Clade 1b have been reported in many countries of Africa. In July 2022, there was a Clade-2 strain of Mpox, in which the mortality rate was 0.1 percent and this time the mortality rate in Clade-1 is being estimated to be up to 3 percent.

Monkeypox Transmission:

- ❖ **Person-to-Person Contact:** Mpox spreads mainly through close physical interactions, including skin-to-skin contact, kissing, and sexual activity. This can occur through direct contact with the rash, sores, or bodily fluids of an infected person.
- ❖ **Respiratory Droplets:** The virus can also be transmitted through respiratory droplets when an infected person talks, breathes, or coughs in close proximity to others.
- ❖ **Contaminated Objects:** Mpox can spread through contact with contaminated materials such as clothing, bedding, towels, and other objects that have been in contact with an infected person's bodily fluids or rash.
- ❖ **Animal-to-Human Transmission:** The virus can be transmitted from infected animals to humans through bites or scratches, or by handling the blood or bodily fluids of an infected animal. Certain species of rodents and primates are known carriers of the virus.

Symptoms of Monkeypox:



Short News

- ❖ Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently unveiled a 6 feet high bronze statue of **Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay** in Lucknow. The event was organized on the occasion of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay's birth anniversary.



Summit/Conference

10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference

- ❖ The 10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Conference began in New Delhi on 23 September.
- ❖ Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed it.
- ❖ 46 Presiding Officers, 25 Speakers and 14 Deputy Speakers from States and Union Territories are participating in the conference.
- ❖ **Theme of the conference:** "Role of Legislative Bodies in Achieving Sustainable and Inclusive Development."
- ❖ This is the **second occasion** when the CPA India Region Conference is being held in New Delhi.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

- ❖ The CPA India Region was created in 2004 from the then CPA Asia Region as one of the nine regions of the CPA.

- ❖ It comprises the Parliament of India and the legislatures of 30 states and union territories.

Person In News- Worldwide

Anura Kumara Dissanayake



Sri Lanka's new President Anura Kumara Dissanayake dissolved the 225-member Parliament.

He appointed Harini Amarasuriya as Prime Minister, becoming Sri Lanka's third female Prime Minister.

Person In News- Awards

Pratyasha Ray



Rising swimming star Pratyaksha Ray has been selected for the prestigious **Ekalavya Award** for 2024.

She won **six medals** – four gold, one silver and one bronze – at the Khelo India University Games in Guwahati in February 2024.

Person In News-

Sunita Williams



The US space agency NASA has handed over the command of the **International Space Station** to Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams.

This is her second time commanding the orbital space laboratory.

Nirmala Sitharaman



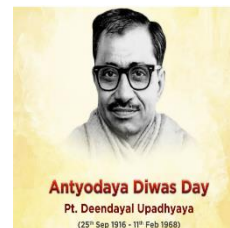
Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will visit Uzbekistan on an official visit from September 24 to 28, 2024.

During the visit, Nirmala Sitharaman will attend the 9th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** to be held in Samarkand on September 25 and 26.

Important Days/Dates

25 September

Antyodaya Diwas



- ❖ Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 25 September to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**.
- ❖ Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was **born on 25 September 1916 in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**. He was a great Indian thinker, organizer and political leader.

- ❖ This day marks his dedication towards the upliftment of the poor and underprivileged in Indian society.
- ❖ Antyodaya means "the rise of the last man", i.e. to bring the poorest and most backward person of the society into the mainstream of society.

Important News- Other State

Goa

- ❖ The '**55th International Film Festival of India' (IFFI)** will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2024.
- ❖ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced the new category. The title of this category is **Best Debut Indian Film Section 2024**.

About IFFI -

- ❖ **Established - 1952**
- ❖ IFFI is the only film festival in South Asia to be recognized by the International Film Producers Association (FIAPF) in the **competitive feature film category** at the 44th International Festival of India.

- ❖ It aims to provide a single platform to aspiring filmmakers, cinema lovers and industry professionals to access the best cinema from around the world.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ The central government is going to implement a **risk-based strategy** to monitor the quality of incoming medical equipment. The risk-based approach allows authorities to assess products based on their potential impact on public health, with stricter measures for high-risk items such as **vaccines, diagnostic kits and critical medical supplies**.

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