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GS Paper 2-Governance

Telangana becomes first State to notify sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes

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The Telangana government has notified the implementation of the Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservations) Act 2025. The State has issued a gazette notification with April 14, 2025 as the appointed day for categorisation of Scheduled Castes (SC) into three groups.

Telangana has become the first State into the country to operationalise the classification of the Scheduled Castes after the Supreme Court's landmark judgment on August 1



A. Revanth Reddy

rate quotas for the most marginalised groups within these communities.

Multiple factors

The government took into consideration the contents of the top court's verdict.

into three groups for implementation of the rule of reservation. Accordingly, 15 sub-castes categorised as most backward had been classified as Group-I with 1% reservation. Though these groups constituted 0.5% of the population, the government had decided to provide them with 1% reservation with a view to provide educational and employment opportunities to the most backward among the Scheduled Castes. In all, 18 sub-castes of the total 59 which received marginal benefits have been placed under Group-II with 9% reservation while 26 sub-

The Cabinet sub-committee headed by Minister for Irrigation N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and co-chaired by Minister for Health C. Damodar Rajanarsimha handed over the first copy of the gazette notification to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday.

Mr. Rajanarsimha said 33 of the 59 sub-castes were continuing in the same group in which they were placed in the past and there was shuffling of only 26 sub-castes constituting 3.43% of SC population.

Recruitment to government jobs would forthwith be based on the categorisation of the SC communi-

KEY POINTS

- Telangana became the first state to notify SC sub-categorisation, dividing 59 sub-castes into three groups based on backwardness.
- Backed by the 2024 Supreme Court ruling, the move aims for fairer reservation benefits. Supporters cite equity; critics warn of political misuse and legal overreach.





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GS Paper 1-Culture

Bihu beats



KEY POINTS

- Bihu is a vibrant festival celebrated with great enthusiasm in Assam, with three main festivals: Bohag Bihu (April), Magh Bihu (January), and Kati Bihu (October).
- Each has its own significance and traditions. Bohag Bihu, or Rongali Bihu, marks the Assamese New Year and the arrival of spring.





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GS Paper 3-Cyber Security

Amid 'GPS spoofing' claims, IAF says Myanmar 'missions were achieved' as planned

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NEW DELHI

A day after sources in the military establishment suggested that the Indian Air Force's transport aircraft carrying relief materials to earthquake-hit Myanmar late last month faced "GPS spoofing", the IAF on Monday said its crew were capable of handling such situations, and "every mission was achieved as planned".

GPS (global positioning system) spoofing can be considered to be a form of cyberattack that includes generating false GPS signals to mislead an aircraft. The false signals result in misleading the navigation equipment, posing a significant risk to the aircraft.



India sent a total of six military transport aircraft to Myanmar with relief materials.

NOTAM and all due precautions were put in place to cater for such conditions," the IAF said in a post on X.

NOTAM or 'Notice to Airmen' is a notice filed with an aviation authority that seeks to alert pilots of an aircraft to potential

ty of flight and achievement of the designated task or mission. Accordingly, every mission was achieved as planned," the post added.

India sent the first consignment of relief materials to Myanmar on March 29 in a C-130J aircraft and its pilots reported that the plane's GPS signal was tampered with when it was in Myanmar's airspace, sources said on Sunday.

New Delhi sent a total of six military transport aircraft to Myanmar, transporting relief materials, field hospitals and rescue teams, with a majority of them experiencing GPS spoofing, they said.

India had launched 'Operation Brahma' to extend

KEY POINTS

- Indian Air Force aircraft carrying relief to Myanmar for Operation Brahma faced GPS spoofing. NOTAM alerts from Mandalay Airport warned of GPS issues, but the IAF crew successfully handled the situation, ensuring mission success.





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GS2-Health

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Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat ATS intercept narcotics of worth approx. Rs 1,800 Cr

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KEY POINTS

- In a major operation, the Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat ATS seized over 300 kg of methamphetamine worth ₹1,800 crore.
- Methamphetamine, a highly addictive synthetic drug, causes short-term euphoria and alertness but can lead to severe health issues and long-term addiction.





GS Paper 1-Places

Earthquake Measuring 6.3 Strikes South Of Fiji



KEY POINTS

- A 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck south of the Fiji Islands, a country and archipelago in the South Pacific, located north of Auckland, New Zealand.
- The capital, Suva, is on the southeast coast of the largest island, Viti Levu.

