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<p><b>World Autism Awareness Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Autism Awareness Day</b> is observed annually on <b>April 2nd</b></li> <li>• It is a <b>UN-sanctioned day</b> to highlight the needs and rights of people with <b>Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)</b>.</li> </ul> <p>It's a day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raise awareness:</b> Increase public understanding of autism and the challenges faced by autistic individuals.</li> <li>• <b>Promote acceptance:</b> Foster a more inclusive society where autistic people can thrive.</li> <li>• <b>Celebrate strengths:</b> Recognize the unique talents and perspectives of the autistic community.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)</b>, or simply autism, is a developmental condition that impacts how people interact with the world around them.</li> <li>• <b>It's characterized by:</b> Social communication challenges: Difficulty with social interaction, understanding nonverbal cues, or expressing oneself clearly.</li> <li>• <b>Restricted interests and repetitive behaviors:</b> A focus on specific topics, repetitive movements (stimming), or an insistence on routines.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2024 is <b>'Empowering Autistic Voices'</b></li> <li>• It aims at <b>providing more support and power to the individuals</b> with this condition, in order to ensure they lead a meaningful life and even pursue successful careers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TG witnesses 10% growth in GST figures for 2023-24</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TG has witnessed a <b>10% increase in Goods and Services Tax (GST)</b> figures for the financial year 2023-24.</li> <li>• The <b>GST collection was 40,650 crore, up from 37,026 crore in 2022-23.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rise in GST collections can <b>benefit the government by providing additional funds for</b></li> </ul>



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	<p><b>public spending on infrastructure</b>, social welfare programs, and other initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several factors could be contributing to this growth, including:</li> <li>• Increased economic activity and consumption</li> <li>• Expansion of the tax base</li> <li>• Improved compliance with tax regulations</li> </ul>
<p><b>SCR breaks record on freight loading and earnings in 2023-2024</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>South Central Railway (SCR)</b> achieved remarkable success in <b>freight operations</b> during the <b>2023-2024</b> financial year.</li> <li>• They <b>surpassed all previous records in both freight loading and earnings.</b></li> <li>• <b>Originating freight loading:</b> SCR reached a staggering <b>141.117 million tonnes (MT)</b>, <b>exceeding the 140 MT</b> mark for the first time. This signifies an increase of <b>8.785 MT</b> compared to the prior year.</li> <li>• <b>Freight earnings:</b> Revenue hit a new high of <b>₹13,438.76 crore</b>, <b>reflecting a jump of ₹506 crore</b> over the previous financial year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cybercrime PS to be inaugurated in Hanamkonda today</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To combat the <b>rise in cybercrime</b>, a <b>dedicated cybercrime police station will be inaugurated in Hanamkonda.</b></li> <li>• It will <b>come up within the Warangal Police Commissionerate limits.</b></li> <li>• This specialized unit will <b>handle cyber crimes involving significant financial losses (exceeding ₹1 lakh).</b></li> <li>• <b>Lower-value cases will continue to be directed to local police stations.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Singareni achieves coal mining target 1st time in recent years</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL)</b> achieved its <b>coal production target for the financial year 2023-24.</b></li> <li>• This marks a significant accomplishment, particularly after the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• The company <b>produced 70.02 million tonnes (MT) of coal, meeting the set target of 70 MT.</b></li> <li>• This achievement comes despite missing monthly targets in May, September, December 2023, and January 2024.</li> <li>• Notably, in the previous year (2022-23), SCCL fell short of the same 70 MT target, reaching only 67.14 MT.</li> </ul>



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### About:

- There was a steady rise in demand for coal from various industries like thermal power plants, cement, steel, and ferro-alloy units.
- Additionally, the company achieved its highest ever overburden removal of 420.32 million cubic meters during 2023-24, which is crucial for accessing coal reserves.



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