

09 April 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

Context:

PM salutes CRPF personnel, on its Valour Day.

Details:

- April 9 is observed as CRPF's Valour Day or Shaurya Diwas.
- On this day in 1965, CRPF personnel, despite being outnumbered, fought off an attack by a Pakistani force at Gujarat's Sardar Patel Post.
- 34 Pakistan soldiers were killed and four were captured.
- For more on this incident, check '[This Day in History](#)' dated 9th April.

About the CRPF:

- The Central Reserve Police Force was established by the enactment of the CRPF Act in 1949.
- Initially, it came into existence as the Crown Representative's Police in 1939 for internal security.
- Till 1965, CRPF guarded the India-Pakistan border.
- The primary mission of the CRPF is counter insurgency operations.
- It also assists the State and Union Territories in police operations to maintain law and order.
- Apart from this, the force participates as a police force in the UN peace-keeping missions.
- The CRPF maintains a special forces unit known as Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (COBRA) to combat Maoist insurgents.

Also check: [CRPF Recruitment](#)

2. National Food Security Act (NFSA)

Context:

Food grains to be provided to non-NFSA beneficiaries with ration cards issued by State governments.

Details:

- The Government of India has directed the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide food grains @5 Kg per person per month for 3 months at the rates of Rs. 21/Kg for wheat and Rs. 22/Kg for rice uniformly across the country to all beneficiaries not covered under NFSA to whom ration cards have been issued by state governments under their schemes.

To read more on the [NFSA](#), click on the linked article.

For more on the FCI, check [PIB dated 1st April 2020](#).

3. Swachhata App

Context:

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launches revised version of Swachhata App to handle queries specific to COVID-19.

Details:

- The Swachhata - MoHUA App, a popular grievance redressal tool for citizens under the ambit of the [Swachh Bharat Mission](#) (Urban) already has over 1.7 Crore+ urban users across the country.
- This App has now been modified and strengthened further in order to enable citizens to get their COVID-related complaints also redressed by their respective Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- Nine additional categories have added to the App:
 - Request for Fogging/Sanitation during COVID-19
 - Violation of Quarantine during COVID-19
 - Violation of Lockdown during COVID-19
 - Report Suspected case of COVID-19
 - Request Food during COVID-19
 - Request Shelter during COVID-19
 - Request Medicine during COVID-19
 - Request assistance for COVID-19 patient Transport
 - Request Waste Pickup from Quarantine Area

4. National Testing Agency

Context:

As advised by the Union HRD Minister, the National Testing Agency extends scope for correction in the choice of centre cities in the online application form for JEE (Main) 2020.

Details:

For more on the [National Testing Agency](#), click on the linked article.

5. DIKSHA Platform

Context:

The Government of India launches a training module for management of COVID-19 named 'Integrated Government Online training' (iGOT) portal on the DIKSHA platform of MHRD.

Details:

- To take care of the training needs of the frontline workers, the Government of India has launched a training module for the management of COVID-19 named 'Integrated Govt. Online training' (iGOT) portal on the Ministry of HRD's DIKSHA platform.

Read more on the iGOT platform, check [PIB dated 8th April, 2020](#).

About DIKSHA Platform:

- MHRD's 'Digital Infrastructure Knowledge Sharing' (DIKSHA) platform is an initiative for education and training.
- DIKSHA leverages the existing highly scalable and flexible digital infrastructures while keeping teachers at the centre.
- DIKSHA is intended to serve as a national digital infrastructure for teachers.
- All teachers across the nation will be equipped with advanced digital technology.
- DIKSHA portal will enable, accelerate and amplify solutions in the realm of teacher education.
- It will aid teachers to learn and train themselves for which assessment resources will be available.
- It will help teachers to create training content, profile, in-class resources, assessment aids, news, and announcement and connect with the teacher community.
- Both government and private organisations can integrate DIKSHA into their respective teacher initiatives.
- Currently, DIKSHA supports 10 Indian languages viz. Hindi, English, Gujarati, Bengali, Assamese, Marathi, Odia, Kannada, Tamil and Telugu, both for creating and viewing content.

6. Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

Context:

Quick Estimates of Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index for the Month of February, 2020 (Base 2011-12=100) released.

Details:

For more on Index of Industrial Production ([IIP](#)), click on the linked article.

7. TRIFED

Context:

TRIFED in collaboration with UNICEF & WHO launched digital campaign through webinar for SHGs to ensure that Tribal Gatherers carry on their work safely.

Details:

- TRIFED launched through a Webinar, Virtual training to its Trainers and Self Help Groups (SHGs) on basic orientation on Covid-19 response and key preventive measures to ensure tribal gatherers carry on their work safely.

- It is aimed to reach more than 18,000 participants and would cover tribal regions across all the 27 States.
- To ensure tribal gatherers carry on their work safely, TRIFED has collaborated with UNICEF and [WHO](#) for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs) involved in this work, highlighting the importance of Social Distancing.
- UNICEF is providing the necessary support to the SHG Centres in the form of Digital Multimedia content, Webinars for Virtual trainings, Social Media campaigns (on social distancing, home quarantine, etc.) and Vanya Radio.
- Additionally, TRIFED has reached out to the Art of Living Foundation's #iStandWithHumanity Initiative with a Stand With Tribal Families component in providing the much-needed food and ration for survival of the tribal community.

To know more about TRIFED, check [PIB dated Feb 11, 2019](#) under the headline 'Tribal Drink'.