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<p><b>Sixteenth Commission</b></p> <p><b>Finance</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has raised the challenges arising out of the State bifurcation in 2014 and the unresolved issues before the 16th Finance Commission.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government of India, in adherence to <b>Article 280(1)</b> of the Constitution, has established the Sixteenth Finance Commission, appointing <b>Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog and Professor at Columbia University, as its Chairman.</b></li> <li>Specific terms of reference have been outlined, including the <b>distribution of tax proceeds between the Union and States, principles governing grants-in-aid to States, and measures to bolster State funds for local bodies like Panchayats and Municipalities.</b></li> <li>The Commission has also been tasked with reviewing disaster management financing arrangements under the <b>Disaster Management Act, 2005</b>, and making recommendations for improvements.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the forecast by the India Meteorological Department, Andhra Pradesh is expected to receive above-normal rainfall during the southwest monsoon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IMD was established in <b>1875.</b></li> <li>It is the <b>National Meteorological Service of the country and the principal government agency in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects.</b></li> <li>The <b>Director General of Meteorology is the Head of the India Meteorological Department.</b></li> <li>There are <b>6 Regional Meteorological Centres, each under a Deputy Director General with headquarters at Mumbai, Chennai, New Delhi, Calcutta, Nagpur and Guwahati.</b></li> <li>Its <b>headquarter is in New Delhi.</b></li> <li>At present IMD is under the <b>Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About South West Monsoon:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The South West Monsoon is a <b>major seasonal wind system that brings substantial rainfall</b> to the Indian subcontinent.</li> <li>It typically begins in <b>June and lasts until September</b>, driven by</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>moisture-laden winds from the Indian Ocean.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The monsoon is characterized by <b>heavy rains and is crucial for agriculture and water resources in India.</b></li> <li><b>Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dry spells may occur between rainy periods, leading to crop failure.</li> <li>Winds may bypass certain regions without any apparent cause.</li> <li>The amount, timing, and intervals of rainfall vary each year, known as the vagaries of the monsoons.</li> <li>Rainfall distribution is uneven, with some regions receiving heavy rains and others experiencing scanty rainfall.</li> <li>These winds typically begin retreating by the end of September, but their departure may sometimes be delayed until October.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Awards &amp; Honors: ABCD (Award for Best Crime Detection) Award</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The West Godavari police have won the top prize at the Crime Detection Awards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AP Police Department <b>recognises exemplary crime investigation every three months with ABCD awards.</b></li> <li>Their use of advanced technical skills and prompt action led to the arrest of the prime suspect, earning them first prize, which comes with a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Samagra Shiksha Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Samagra Shiksha wing of the School Education Department has invited applications for Class 1 admissions for the academic year 2025-26.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samagra Shiksha is an <b>overarching programme for the school education sector</b> extending from <b>pre-school to class 12.</b></li> <li>The scheme has been prepared with the broader goal of improving school effectiveness measured in terms of <b>equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes.</b></li> <li>It <b>subsumes the three Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE)</b> and was launched in 2018.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tax Devolution</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has proposed reducing the 45% weightage given to 'income distance'—the gap in per capita incomes between states—in the formula used by the Centre to</li> </ul>



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distribute tax revenues among states, suggesting it be brought down to 30%, according to 16th Finance Commission Chairman Arvind Panagariya.

### Key Points:

- Tax devolution refers to the **distribution of tax revenues between the central government and the state governments.**
- It is a constitutional mechanism established to **allocate the proceeds of certain taxes** among the Union and the states in a fair and equitable manner.
- **Article 280(3)(a) of the Constitution of India** mandates that the Finance Commission (FC) has the responsibility to make recommendations regarding the division of the net proceeds of taxes between the Union and the states.
  - **Vertical Devolution** – Share of states from divisible pool
  - **Horizontal Devolution** – Distribution among the states from the share allocated to states, based on various criteria.

### What is meant by Income distance?

- Income distance refers to the difference between a state's per capita Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and the highest per capita GSDP among all states.

### About GSDP:

- Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is a **monetary measure of the total value of all goods and services produced within a state's boundaries** over a specific period of time.
- It's a **key indicator of a state's economic growth** and is also known as **State Income**.
- It is compiled by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**.
- GSDP is usually **calculated annually, but can also be calculated quarterly, monthly, or half-yearly.**

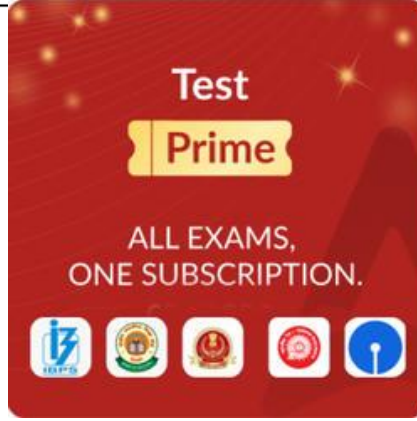


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