




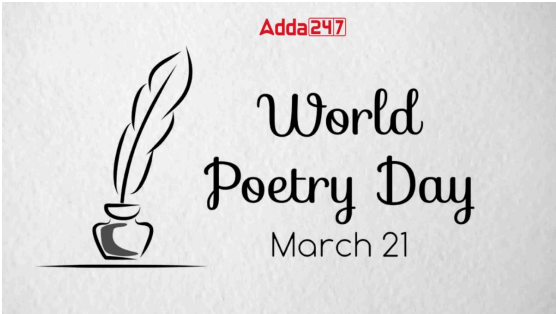
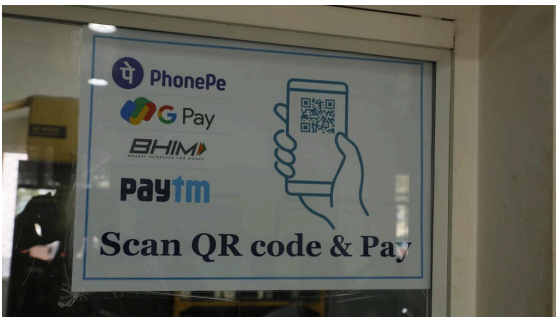
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<p>World Water Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Water Day is an annual United Nations observance day held on 22 March It highlights the importance of freshwater and advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first World Water Day was celebrated in 1993 The theme for the first World Water Day in 1993 was 'Water for Life.' <p>Theme 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year's theme is "Water for Peace." It highlights the potential of water as a resource for cooperation and stability. By managing water resources sustainably and ensuring equitable access, we can foster peace and prosperity for all. <p>SDG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean water and sanitation is SDG 6 out of 17 SDGs
<p>Hyderabad eight times more polluted in 2023 vis à vis WHO standards</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to a 2023 report, Hyderabad's air quality is alarmingly poor. The city's PM2.5 levels are at least eight times higher than the World Health Organization's (WHO) safe limit of 5 µg/m³. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report published by Swiss air quality technology company IQAir, the city in 2023 had on an average 39.9 µg (microgram) of particulate matter with diameter equal to or less than 2.5 micrometers (referred to as PM 2.5) every cubic meter (m³), almost touching the upper limit of 40 µg/m³. It is, however, an improvement from the previous year, when the PM2.5 was recorded at 42.4 µg/m³. This indicates significant pollution, posing health risks for residents. For comparison, other Indian metropolises like Delhi (known for pollution) have PM2.5 levels



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	exceeding Hyderabad's, while cities like Bengaluru and Chennai fare better.
<p>World Poetry Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Poetry Day is celebrated annually on March 21st It is a day to celebrate the beauty and significance of poetry. It was established by UNESCO in 1999 <p>It aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote linguistic diversity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry uses language in creative ways, highlighting the richness of different cultures and languages. Support endangered languages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Poetry Day brings attention to languages at risk of disappearing, ensuring their voices are heard. Honor poets and revive traditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's a day to recognize the contributions of poets and encourage the oral tradition of poetry recitals. Make poetry accessible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Poetry Day promotes the reading, writing, teaching, and enjoyment of poetry for everyone. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme for World Poetry Day 2024 is "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants."
<p>Scan QR code to buy unreserved tickets at 14 railway stations in Telangana</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South Central Railway (SCR) has introduced a new way to purchase unreserved railway tickets at 14 stations within the Secunderabad division of Telangana. Passengers can now book tickets directly from their phones by scanning a QR code displayed at the station. This pilot program aims to promote cashless transactions and streamline the unreserved ticketing process.
<p>T'gana stands 5th in eWay bill generation, 4th in verification</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telangana has emerged as a frontrunner in the implementation of the eWay bill system, ranking fifth in generation and fourth in verification of eWay bills.



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- This indicates a **robust and efficient movement of goods within the state.**

eWay Bill System

- The eWay bill system is a **digital document required for the movement of goods exceeding a certain value** across states or union territories in India.
- It has **streamlined the logistics sector** and enhanced transparency in tax administration.



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