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<p><b>Leader of Opposition (LoP)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Congress leader Rahul Gandhi</b> was <b>appointed as the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha</b>, a significant position in Parliament.</li></ul> <p><b>About Leader of Opposition (LoP):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha is the <b>head of the largest party not in government</b> and is <b>recognized as the formal leader of the opposition</b> in the lower house of India's Parliament.</li><li>● <b>Eligibility:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The <b>leader of the largest opposition party</b> with at least <b>10% of the total seats in the Lok Sabha</b>.</li><li>○ <b>If no party meets this criterion</b>, the <b>position remains vacant</b>.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Role and Responsibilities:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Acts as a <b>key spokesperson for the opposition</b>, providing a counterpoint to government policies and actions.</li><li>○ Ensures that the views of the opposition are presented during debates and discussions in the Lok Sabha.</li><li>○ <b>Plays a significant role in maintaining checks and balances</b> by scrutinizing government activities.</li><li>○ <b>Involved in important parliamentary committees</b>, such as the <b>Public Accounts Committee</b>.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Powers and Privileges:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Equivalent</b> in status and remuneration to a <b>cabinet minister</b>.</li><li>○ <b>Participates in high-level selection committees for constitutional posts</b>, including the <b>Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Chief Election Commissioner, and members of the Central Information Commission</b>.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Historical Context:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The position was <b>officially recognized through the Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977</b>.</li><li>○ It is designed to provide structured opposition and enhance democratic processes within Parliament.</li></ul></li></ul>
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### Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

#### Why in the news?

- The **Central Government** is planning a new project to ensure that **rural households**, which received taps under the **Jal Jeevan Mission** but have not yet accessed water, will soon be **provided with potable water**.

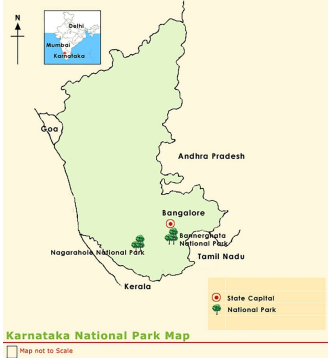
#### About JJM:

- **Launch Date:** August 15, 2019
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Jal Shakti
- **Objective:** To **provide safe and adequate drinking water** through **individual household tap connections** by **2024** to all rural households.
- **Target:** To reach **55 liters of water per person per day** to every rural household.
- **Coverage:** Focus on **functional household tap connections (FHTCs)** in rural areas.
- **Components:**
  - **Development of reliable drinking water sources** and infrastructure.
  - **Water conservation** and **rainwater harvesting**.
  - Implementing measures for sustainable groundwater management.
  - **Greywater management**.
  - Capacity building of stakeholders and awareness creation.
- **Implementation:** Community approach with local participation, including Gram Panchayats and **Village Water & Sanitation Committees (VWSC)**.
- **Funding Pattern:**
  - **For plain areas: 50% by the Central Government** and **50% by the State Government**.
  - **For Himalayan and North-Eastern states: 90% by the Central Government** and **10% by the State Government**.



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### Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP)



#### Why in the news?

- **South India's first leopard safari** opens at **Bannerghatta Biological Park**.
- As per **Central Zoo Authority guidelines for safaris**, an area of 20 hectares has been demarcated and fenced for the safari.

#### About BBP:

- **Location:** Bannerghatta, **Bengaluru, Karnataka**
- **Establishment:** **1971** as part of Bannerghatta National Park; became a **biological park in 2002**
- **Butterfly Park:**
  - The **first of its kind in India**.
  - Encompasses a **butterfly conservatory**, museum, and audiovisual room.

### Srikakulam

#### Why in the news?

- Historians, academics, writers, and heritage enthusiasts are diligently working to restore the prominence of **Srikakulam's forgotten ancient history**.

#### About Srikakulam:

- **Location:** **Andhra Pradesh**
- **Historical Significance:**
  - Once part of the **Kalinga Dynasty**.
  - Later ruled by the **Gajapati Kingdom, Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi, Kakatiya, and Vijayanagara empires**.
- **Buddhist Sites:**
  - **Dantapuri and Salihundam:**
    - Salihundam has four stupas, relic caskets, and sculptures of **Buddhist deities Mareechi and Tara**.
    - Remnants date from 2nd century BC to 12th century AD.
    - Believed to be the **origin point of Buddhism's spread to Sumatra** and other **far-eastern countries**.
- **Jainism Sites:**
  - Tangamayyakonda and Rottavalasa villages.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Temples:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Arasavalli:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Sri Suryanarayana Swamy Temple</b> dedicated to the <b>sun god</b>.</li><li>■ One of the two temples of its kind, the other being <b>Konark Sun Temple in Odisha</b>.</li></ul></li><li>○ <b>Srimukhalingam:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Built in the <b>Kalinga architectural style</b>.</li><li>■ Located by the <b>Vamsadhara River</b> and <b>dedicated to lord Srimukha Lingeswara</b>.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>● <b>Ancient Heritage:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Numerous prominent <b>Buddhist sites</b> and <b>Neolithic-era caves</b>.</li><li>○ Some of the <b>oldest temples in the state</b>.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Exercise HOPEX</b>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The <b>Indian Air Force's (IAF) Rafale fighter jets</b> are currently in <b>Egypt</b> for <b>Ex- HOPEX</b> along with the <b>Egyptian Air Force (EAF)</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>About Exercise HOPEX:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Date and Duration:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ex-HOPEX took place from <b>21st to 26th June</b>.</li><li>○ It was a <b>weeklong exercise</b>.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Participants:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Indian Air Force (IAF) deployed its Rafale fighter jets, along with <b>C-17 Globemaster</b> and <b>IL-78 tankers</b>.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Objective:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The exercise aimed to <b>promote bilateral and regional cooperation</b>.</li><li>○ It symbolized the strong <b>relations between India and Egypt</b>.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Diplomatic Relations:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ India and Egypt have a <b>long-standing relationship that began in 1947</b>.</li><li>○ They are both <b>founding members</b> of the <b>Non-Aligned Movement</b>.</li></ul></li></ul>



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