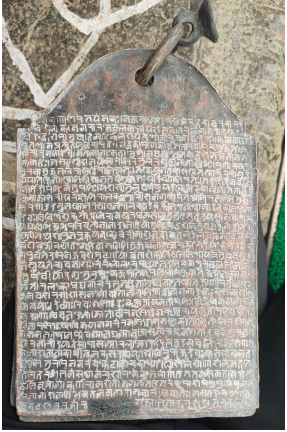




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<p>Places in news: Mappedu village</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A set of copper plate inscriptions with two leaves dating back to the 16th Century CE have been discovered at the Sri Singeeswarar temple at Mappedu village in Tiruvallur district. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vijayanagara Empire, also called Karnata Kingdom, was based in the Deccan Plateau region in South India. It was established in 1336 by the brothers Harihara I and Bukka Raya I of the Sangama dynasty. It lasted until 1646, although its power declined after a major military defeat in the Battle of Talikota in 1565 by the combined armies of the Deccan sultanates. The empire is named after its capital city of Vijayanagara, whose ruins surround present day Hampi, now a World Heritage Site in Karnataka, India.
<p>Gig Workers & Gig Economy</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TeamLease estimates that India's gig workforce will grow by 1 million during the festive season, with an increase of 80,000 to 100,000 in the state. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Labour Codes of 2019 defines a gig worker as “A person who performs work or participates in a work arrangement and earns from such activities outside of traditional employer-employee relationship”. It includes freelancers, workers who are employed on a contractual and project-based basis and short-term work. The term gig economy means a general workforce environment, which includes short-term employment, contractual jobs, and independent contractors.
<p>Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweet shops are being monitored by the FSSAI in preparation for Deepavali. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India. Vision: Build a new India by enabling citizens to have safe and nutritious food, prevent diseases, and lead a healthy and happy life.
<p>MGNREGA</p>	<p>Why in news?</p>



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- According to official records, MGNREGA scheme registrations for 2024-25 have begun, and around 3,08,512 households and 3,67,860 persons have registered.

Key Points:

- MGNREGA is the abbreviation for the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005**.
- It is a law passed by the Indian government in 2005 that guarantees the **"right to work"** to rural citizens of India.
- Under this, the government assures a minimum of **100 days of unskilled manual work** to an adult member of an eligible rural household.
- The main objective of the MGNREGA is to provide **employment to rural citizens and improve their economic conditions**.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** For receiving the benefits of the MGNREGA Scheme, the following eligibility criteria are to be met by the applicant:
 - Citizen of India
 - 18 years of age at the time of application
 - Rural Household
 - Willing to do unskilled work