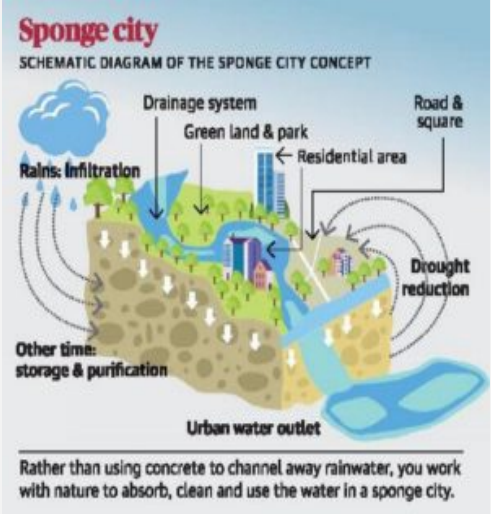




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<p>'Sponge cities' mission</p>  <p>Rather than using concrete to channel away rainwater, you work with nature to absorb, clean and use the water in a sponge city.</p>	<p>In News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Union government's 'sponge cities' mission will cover 15 urban local bodies of Andhra Pradesh, including Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Kakinada, Guntur, Kadapa, Eluru, Bhimavaram, Ongole, Adoni, etc. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the initiative, plans will be prepared for rejuvenation of 64 water bodies in these 15 cities/towns Sponge cities mission is promoted by the Union government by incentivising the cities for conducting surveys of the water bodies to assess existing status and plan for rejuvenation. The mission aims to make these cities more resilient to climate change by improving their ability to absorb and store rainwater.
<p>Mega sewage system in Madhurawada area</p>	<p>In News: Mega sewage system in Madhurawada area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation is planning to develop a comprehensive sewerage network system in Madhurawada area. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the GVMC officials, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has in principle agreed to extend a 500 crore loan for the project. The GVMC area has been divided into about 20 sewerage blocks. The sewage network is spread over 300 kilometers, but only some 250 km area is connected to sewage treatment plants.
<p>AP government revises DA</p>	<p>In News: Andhra Pradesh government revises DA from July 1, 2022</p>



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- AP government issued orders revising Dearness Allowance of employees from July 1, 2022.

Key Points:

- The **DA has been revised from 22.75% of the basic pay to 26.30%** for the employees drawing pay on a regular scale.
- The DA of Teaching and non-teaching staff of aided institutions, including aided Polytechnics, who are drawing pay in regular scale, and those of universities, including ANGRAU, JNTU and YSR Horticulture University has also been revised.
- The **employees drawing revised UGC pay scale, 2006 will get their DA revised from 203% to 212%** of the basic pay.
- In respect of **those drawing revised UGC pay scale, 2016, the DA has been increased from 34% to 38%** of the basic pay.

AYUSH dispensaries getting a new look.

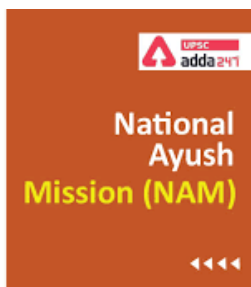
In News:

- AYUSH dispensaries in the state are getting a new look.

Key Points:


- **As part of the Nadu-Nedu program**, the state government is also developing the Ayush hospitals in all ways
- Centrally Sponsored scheme of **National AYUSH Mission (NAM)** is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of AYUSH approved and notified on 29.09.2014.
- **National AYUSH Mission (NAM)** launched during 12th Plan for implementing through States/UTs.
- The basic objective of NAM is to promote AYUSH medical systems through cost effective AYUSH services, strengthening of educational systems, facilitate the enforcement of quality control of **Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani & Homoeopathy (ASU &H) drugs** and sustainable availability of ASU & H raw-materials. It envisages flexibility of implementation of the programmes which will lead

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	to substantial participation of the State Governments/UT.
<p>TV-D1 before Gaganyaan</p> 	<p>In News: Ningilo TV-D1 before Gaganyaan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the manned Gaganyaan project to be undertaken by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), an unmanned launch will be carried out. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of this, the scientists have prepared everything to send the Gaganyaan Test Vehicle Abort Mission (TV-D1) with the first crew module system (astronaut room). • It will be launched from the first launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Center (SHAR).



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