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<p>Neolithic-age rock art, burial chambers discovered in Prakasam</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery of petroglyphs, pictographs and Dolmens in the Yerragondapalem mandal limits of Prakasam district has pointed towards the existence of Neolithic-age human settlements in the region. Three drawings of hump-back oxen, a trident, a few bird-like figures and unidentifiable patterns on the surface of the stones were discovered near Chakrala Bodu in Boyalapalli village. Also, a few rock carving tools and two Dolmens were discovered which are described as a stone monument made of two or more upright stones with a single stone lying across them. These megalithic structures are considered to be human burial chambers. <p>Think:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read about Neolithic age
<p>Uddanam water project, kidney centre ready</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State government has completed the Uddanam water project and the 200-bed kidney research centre in Uddanam region AP. Uddanam region in Srikakulam district is known for chronic kidney diseases. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHO has identified Uddanam region as one of the three most kidney disease prevalent areas in the world. But the region also has a high incidence of chronic kidney diseases due to consumption of groundwater. Thus, the Uddanam Water project is aimed at supplying protected drinking water to the people of seven mandals to curb it. Also, a super specialty hospital, including a research centre, is being established in the region.
<p>Governor pays rich tributes to Birsa</p>	<p>Context:</p>



Munda



- Governor S Abdul Nazeer paid tributes to Bhagawan Birsa Munda and several tribal freedom fighters, who valiantly fought for their rights and against exploitation of tribal lands by the British rulers and made supreme sacrifice during the freedom struggle.

About Birsa Munda:

- Birsa Munda was born on **15 Nov 1875** in the Ulihatu village of Bihar (now in Jharkhand).
- His family belonged to the **Munda tribe**.
- Birsa initiated the '**Ulgulan**' or the **Tamar Rebellion in the late 19th century** as a response to the oppressive policies of the British government and the exploitation by landlords.
- He led the Munda community in a religious and cultural movement that aimed at establishing a Munda Raj and overthrowing the British authorities.

Cultivation of dragon fruit reaps good profit



Context:

- Farmers are switching to the cultivation of dragon fruit as it is reaping good profits.
- As the climatic conditions of the region are favorable for the **cultivation of Dragon fruit**, the plantation has increased to over 25 hectares alone in the last few months

About:

- Dragon fruit is also known as pitaya or pitahaya
- It is originally from southern Mexico and Central America
- There are two main types of dragon fruit.
- **Type 1:** It is the most common variety and has white pulp with black seeds
- **Type 2:** It is a rarer type that has red pulp and black seeds.
- It contains various nutrients and is a decent source of iron, magnesium, and fiber.

Upgraded first-aid kits distributed to Anganwadi centres

Context:

- The government has entrusted the task of providing **primary medical services** to 55,607 Anganwadi centres in AP to enhance primary healthcare services for children.



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- This initiative, aimed at **offering immediate primary care to children**, marks a significant stride in the government's commitment to the health and well-being of the younger population.

Kits comprise medications such as:

1. Paracetamol syrup (60ml)
2. Framycetin skin cream (100gm)
3. Absorbent cotton (100gm)
4. Ciprofloxacin drops (5ml)
5. Oral rehydration salts (20.5gm)
6. Povidone Iodine (500ml)



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