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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>World Wildlife Fund identified 26 prioritized wetlands in AP</b></p>	<p><b>Concept:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>World Wildlife Fund (WWF)</b> has identified <b>26 wetlands in AP</b> as requiring urgent conservation action.</li> <li>• This <b>list was submitted to the State Wetland Authority</b> for necessary action.</li> <li>• These wetlands are crucial for maintaining biodiversity, providing habitat for various species, and supporting local communities.</li> <li>• Some <b>key wetlands on the list include the Coringa Sanctuary, Kondakarla Ava, Telineelapuram, Telikunchi, Uppalapadu, and Punyakshetram.</b></li> <li>• The Andhra Pradesh government is exploring <b>Ramsar status for the Coringa Sanctuary</b>, indicating its international importance.</li> <li>• Conservation efforts are underway for several wetlands, including <b>Godavari and Krishna estuaries</b>, known for their rich bird and animal life.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AP government to organise National Skill Conclave in Visakhapatnam</b></p>	<p><b>Concept:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Andhra Pradesh government, under the leadership of Finance, Skill Development, and Training Minister Buggana Rajendranath</b>, is <b>organizing the National Skill Conclave in Visakhapatnam on February 9, 2024.</b></li> <li>• This event <b>aims to promote the state's skill development ecosystem at the national level</b>, showcasing its successful initiatives in <b>bridging the skill gap and providing skilled workers to industries.</b></li> <li>• It will serve as a <b>platform for insightful discussions and collaborative partnerships among key stakeholders - government, academia, and industry leaders.</b></li> <li>• The <b>conclave hopes to foster collective efforts</b> to address the evolving skill demands of Industry 4.0 and develop relevant skill development programs.</li> </ul>



<p>Edinburgh University experts laud Andhra Pradesh's natural farming initiatives</p>	<p><b>Concept:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A team of <b>professors and experts from the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom</b> visited Palnadu district and <b>explored natural farming fields.</b></li> <li>• The <b>delegation interacted</b> with the farmers and representatives of womens' groups, seeking insights into their role in the implementation of the natural farming initiatives.</li> <li>• They visited paddy fields, chili fields, papaya fields, and inquired about investment and profit involved in natural farming.</li> <li>• <b>Rythu Sadhikara Samstha representatives (RySS) explained various methods of farming practiced by farmers under Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) project.</b></li> <li>• <b>Lauding the State government and RySS initiatives,</b> the delegate said that <b>natural farming not only benefits the farmers by fetching them more profits but also benefits the consumers by providing chemical-free food,</b> and helps to improve both soil health and ecosystem.</li> </ul>
<p>Third railway line between Khurda Road and Vijayanagaram</p>	<p><b>Concept:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav</b> revealed that the <b>government has approved the construction of the third railway line between Odisha's Khurda Road and Vizianagaram in AP</b></li> <li>• The <b>third line between Nergundi-Barang and Khurda Road-Vizianagaram with a length of 385 km on the Howrah-Chennai mail line is estimated to cost Rs 5,618 crore.</b></li> <li>• <b>Around 184 km of the new line will pass through Bhadrak, Jajpur, Khurda, Cuttack and Ganjam districts while the remaining 201 km will cover three districts in Andhra Pradesh</b></li> </ul>
<p>“Nethanna Nestham” helping in the financial uplift of handloom weavers in A.P.</p>	<p><b>Concept:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>YSR Nethanna Nestham scheme was launched in December 2019</b> by the Andhra Pradesh government</li> <li>• It <b>aims to financially empower handloom weavers in the state.</b></li> </ul>



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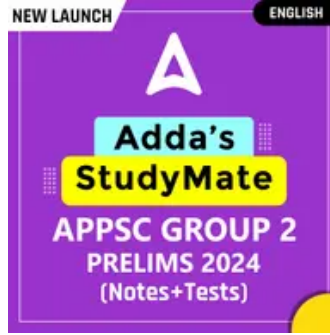


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### Key Features:

- **Financial Assistance:** Each eligible handloom weaver family receives an annual aid of ₹25,000. This financial injection helps meet basic needs, invest in equipment upgrades, and purchase raw materials.
- **Improved Productivity:** Access to better equipment and materials enables weavers to produce higher quality fabrics, leading to increased production and income.
- **Market Access:** The scheme facilitates participation in exhibitions and marketing initiatives, providing weavers with wider market reach and better sales opportunities.
- **Skill Development:** Training programs are offered to enhance weavers' skills and knowledge, making them more adaptable to market trends and demands.



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