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<p>State's leopard population increases from 492 in 2018 to 569 in 2022</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh's leopard population has grown by 15%, according to a recent report. • The state counted 492 leopards in 2018, which rose to 569 in 2022. • This positive development is attributed to conservation efforts in protected areas and territorial forests.
<p>Modi to lay stone virtually for IIFE permanent campus in Visakhapatnam</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM Modi will virtually lay the foundation stone for the Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIFE) permanent campus in Visakhapatnam on March 2, 2024. • The 201-acre greenfield campus is situated in Vangali village, Anakapalli district. • This ceremony marks a significant development for IIFE, paving the way for its future expansion and growth.
<p>Centuries-old Narasimha Swamy temple reopened</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The historic Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple, located atop Kondaveedu hill in Andhra Pradesh, has reopened its doors to the public after extensive restoration. • The temple, believed to be centuries old, had fallen into disrepair but was recently redeveloped by the state government. • Special rituals were held from February 27th to 29th, culminating in the temple's opening on March 1st, 2024. <p>Historical Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built during the reign of the Reddy Kingdom centuries ago. • Houses idols of deities Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy and Garuda Alwar, sculpted and presented by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD).
<p>CGCB received prestigious award from MSME Chamber</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In recognition of Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank (CGGB) steadfast endeavors to bolster the MSME sector, the Chamber of



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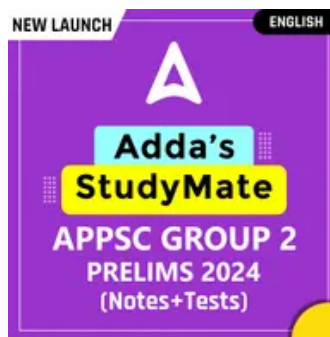
Indian Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (CIMSME) bestowed the prestigious Best RRB Award upon Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank (CGGB).

- CGGB has played a pivotal role in extending invaluable support to MSMEs.
- CGGB demonstrated its commitment by disbursing an impressive sum of Rs. 288.86 crores to meet the credit requirements of MSMEs, thereby contributing significantly to the sector's revival during the financial year 2022-23.

Food literacy to be integrated in academic curriculum of State-run schools

Context:

- Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Praveen Prakash said that the focus of the government is on increasing enrolment in State-run schools and capacity-building among students.
- Addressing a workshop on 'Jagananna Gorumudda-Food Literacy' organised by the Midday Meal wing of the School Education Department in collaboration with Food Future Foundation, Mr. Prakash said that in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) that demands health and wellness education to be part of the school curriculum, the State government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Food Future Foundation to include 'food literacy' as a subject in the curriculum.





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