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<p>Indian Air Force carries out emergency landing exercise in AP</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted trial runs in December 2022 on a newly built emergency landing facility (ELF) on National Highway 16 in Andhra Pradesh's Bapatla district. • Purpose: This 4.1-kilometer stretch serves as a backup runway for IAF aircraft in case of emergencies or wartime situations. • Trial Details: The exercise involved various aircraft including Sukhoi fighter jets, AN-32 transport planes, and Tejas light combat fighters performing simulated landings and overshoots. • Significance: This operational ELF enhances the IAF's preparedness for unforeseen circumstances by providing an alternative landing option.
<p>Rajamahendravaram: NSS programme officer bags Community Builder Award</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaik Meera, the NSS programme officer at GIET School of Pharmacy in Rajamahendravaram, was awarded the GYPC Excellence, Community Builder Award-2024. • He received this recognition for his contribution to the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana School Innovative Challenge Programme, organized under the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell.
<p>India-US Tiger Triumph-24 kicks off Vizag coast</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise called Tiger Triumph-24 has begun off the coast of Visakhapatnam (Vizag) on the eastern coast of India. • This bilateral exercise between India and the US aims to: • Improve cooperation between the Indian and US militaries for HADR operations. • Develop common procedures for a swift and coordinated response to disasters in the Indian Ocean Region. • The exercise will involve personnel, ships, and helicopters from both countries and will continue until March 31st, 2024.



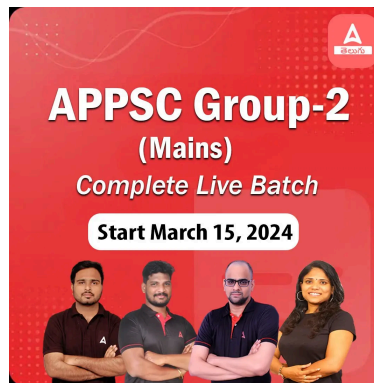
More than 200 bird species sighted in Papikonda National Park

Context:

- A recent three-day bird survey in Papikonda National Park (PNP) revealed a remarkable diversity of avian life.
- Over 200 bird species were recorded in this 1012 sq km park located in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh.
- The survey documented uncommon species like the Buff-chested Babbler and Abbott's Babbler, typically found in the Northeast.
- Additionally, sightings of vulnerable and near-threatened birds like the Pale-capped Pigeon and Malabar Pied Hornbill highlight the park's ecological significance.

About:

- Papikonda National Park is nestled in the Papi Hills of Andhra Pradesh
- It was established in 2008 with area of 1,012 sq km
- The lifeblood of the park is the Godavari River



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