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<p><b>Blindness Prevention Week</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blindness Prevention Week</b> is observed annually from <b>April 1st to 7th</b></li> <li>• It is an <b>initiative by the Indian government</b> to raise awareness about preventable causes of blindness and promote eye care.</li> <li>• <b>Aim:</b> Educate the public about eye health, early detection of eye diseases, and the importance of regular eye checkups.</li> <li>• <b>Significance:</b> India has a high prevalence of blindness, and many cases are preventable. This week aims to address this issue.</li> <li>• <b>Activities:</b> Eye screening camps, awareness programs, and distribution of informative materials are organized during this week.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme for 2024 Blindness Prevention Week is <b>“Taking timely treatments for age-related eye conditions”</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana govt. plans to set up hydro power plant in Himachal Pradesh</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Telangana government</b> is planning to <b>set up a hydroelectric power plant in Himachal Pradesh.</b></li> <li>• This move is driven by a <b>desire to secure a cheaper and more reliable power source to meet the state's growing energy demands.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Himachal Pradesh boasts significant potential for hydroelectricity generation, making it an attractive option for Telangana.</li> <li>• This policy is expected to <b>prioritize green energy sources like solar and hydro power.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>AI-driven attendance system for GHMC staff to be in force from April 1</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)</b> is implementing an <b>Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered mobile attendance system from April 1st.</b></li> <li>• This <b>Facial Recognition Biometric Attendance Management System (FRBAMS)</b> aims to mark attendance for all staff, including outsourced workers, regular officers, and sanitation workers.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p>



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- FRBAMS replaces the older Aadhaar-based Biometric Attendance System (ABAS) which faced misuse concerns.
- This new system promises:
- **Accuracy:** Facial recognition reduces fraudulent attendance marking.
- **Wider Coverage:** It targets 25,000 staff across sanitation, entomology, veterinary departments, and other departments.
- **Accessibility:** Mobile-based, it eliminates dependence on fixed devices and internet connectivity.

International Day of Zero Waste



Context:

- **International Day of Zero Waste** is celebrated annually on **30th March**.
- It highlights the importance of bolstering waste management globally and the need to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- It was adopted by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** on **2nd March 2022**.
- **The theme for the International Day of Zero Waste 2024 is "Towards a Circular Future."**

About:

- Zero-waste initiatives can foster sound waste management and minimize and prevent waste generation.
- To eliminate the WastePollution, one must bolster waste management while improving resource recovery and substantially reducing waste generation.
- Prevention, reduction, reuse, repurposing and recycling are critical to this endeavor.

Telangana to raise ₹16,000 crore market borrowings in the first quarter of FY 2024-25

Context:

- The **Telangana government** has received approval to **borrow ₹16,000 crore through the sale of bonds in the first quarter (April-June)** of the upcoming financial year 2024-25.
- This borrowing is **part of the state's total planned borrowing of ₹59,625 crore** for the year, which will be used to fund government programs and initiatives.
- The **RBI will conduct auctions to sell these bonds to investors.**



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