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<p><b>National Technology Day</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Technology Day is celebrated annually on <b>May 11 in India.</b></li> <li>It commemorates India's successful nuclear tests at <b>Pokhran in 1998.</b></li> <li>Former <b>Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee designated May 11 as National Technology Day in India to honor these tests.</b></li> <li>The Council for Technology organized the first celebration of National Technology Day on May 11, 1999, to recognize the nation's technological achievements.</li> </ul> <p><b>The theme for National Technology Day 2024 is "From Schools to Startups: Igniting Young Minds to Innovate."</b></p>
<p><b>Nature Conservation Awareness</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On May 10, 2024, Visakhapatnam will host a <b>virtual interactive program organized by Vizag Round Table India (VART 305)</b> in collaboration with Ladies Circle India (VALC 174).</li> <li>Centred on the topic 'how to love nature', the event will see <b>Vimal, nature educator of WildEd, share insights into the subject.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Vizag Alpha Round Table 305</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round Table India constitutes more than 200 Tables located in <b>76 cities and towns, comprising businessmen, entrepreneurs, technocrats and professionals.</b></li> <li>Men who can rise above personal concerns to seek and serve the larger needs of the community. Through its initiative of "<b>Freedom Through Education</b>", in the past <b>20 years</b>, it has built over 2,371 schools, 5,736 classrooms all over India for the underprivileged.</li> <li>Vizag Alpha Round Table 305 was inaugurated on <b>23 June 2017 and chartered on 27 Aug 2017.</b></li> <li>RT305 was sponsored by Vizag Round Table 77 &amp; Vizag Vikings Round Table 213.</li> </ul> <p><b>Aims and objects of Round Table India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To develop the fellowship of young men through the medium of their business and professional occupations and community service activities.</li> <li>– To encourage active and responsible citizenship by cultivating the highest ideals in business, professional and civic traditions.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To promote and further international understanding friendship and co-operation.</li> <li>- To promote the extension of the association.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Land Tilting Act</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AP Land Titling Act of 2023 has sparked a political storm in Andhra Pradesh, becoming a focal point for discussion and controversy.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passed in <b>August 2022</b> by the YSRCP government.</li> <li>• <b>Aims to create a system for clear land ownership records and a central database.</b></li> <li>• <b>Establishes tribunals for faster dispute resolution.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires <b>mandatory registration of all land/immovable property with the government.</b></li> <li>• Issues permanent titles after verification based on new land surveys.</li> <li>• <b>Restricts civil courts from handling land disputes arising under the Act (This has been challenged in High Court).</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Potential Benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearer land titles can ease property transactions and access to credit.</li> <li>• Faster dispute resolution through tribunals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Controversies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposition argues it could lead to more disputes and be misused for land acquisition.</li> <li>• Lawyers have challenged the restriction on civil courts hearing land dispute cases.</li> </ul> <p><b>Current Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andhra Pradesh High Court recently ruled that civil courts can hear land disputes but did not repeal the Act.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MBU achieves diamond status in QS ratings</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QS I-GAUGE grants Mohan Babu University (MBU) <b>diamond status in the overall category, placing it among prestigious educational institutions.</b></li> <li>• Each QS rating undergoes rigorous quality control supervised by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), <b>the world's largest global higher education network, Intelligence Unit in London.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Published annually by <b>Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), the</b></li> </ul>



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