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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wheat flour prasad prepared at the Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy Temple in Annavaram of Kakinada district has received certification from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). This prasad with a 133-year history was first certified with ISO standards in 2019. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India. Vision: Build a new India by enabling citizens to have safe and nutritious food, prevent diseases, and lead a healthy and happy life. Mission: Set globally benchmarked standards for food, encourage and ensure that food businesses adhere to these standards, adopt good manufacturing and hygiene practices, and ultimately enable citizens to access safe and right food.
<p>Haritha Yagnam</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Collector Venkateswar has urged public participation in 'Haritha Yagna' for a Greener Andhra Pradesh <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Haritha Yagnam is a significant environmental initiative which focuses on large-scale afforestation and environmental conservation. It was launched by the Andhra Pradesh government, the program aims to increase green cover across the state, combat climate change, and improve overall ecological balance.
<p>Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) has launched the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system to issue Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID cards to students. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APAAR empowers students to accumulate and store their academic accomplishments, facilitating seamless



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transitions between institutions for the pursuit of further education.

- **Benefits:**

- Facilitate student mobility
- Enhance academic flexibility
- Empower students to choose their learning paths
- Acknowledge and validate learning achievements

Goods and Services Tax (GST)**Why in news?**

- The latest Goods and Services Tax (GST) figures for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have **declined**.

Key Points:

- Goods and services tax is a **single comprehensive indirect tax** levied on the supply of **goods and services**, right from the **manufacturer/ service provider to the consumer**.
- It is an **umbrella tax** that has subsumed various **indirect taxes like excise duty, service tax, VAT, entry tax, luxury tax** etc.
- It is a **multi-stage** (imposed at different steps of the production process), **destination-based tax** that is levied on every value addition.

Floods**Why in news?**

- Over **40% of Vijayawada city** has been inundated by the worst floods in the last two decades.
- The two rivers surrounding the city, Krishna and Budameru have breached their banks leaving areas flooded.

Key Points:

- Floods occur due to **encroachment of human beings and extended human settlement**. This increases the level of water in the channels.
- Characteristics of floods are that they are **comparatively slow in occurrences** and often happen in **well-identified regions mostly during the rainy season**.
- **Cause of floods:**
 - Heavy rainfall for a longer period.
 - Insufficient capacity of rivers to carry the high flood discharge.
 - Landslides hindering streams.
 - Cyclones and typhoons



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