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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

India Meteorological Department (IMD)

Why in news?

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for the districts of Srikakulam, Parvatipuram-Manyam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam, forecasting exceptionally heavy rainfall in these areas.

Key Points:

- IMD was established in **1875**.
- It is the **National Meteorological Service** of the country and the **principal government agency** in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects.
- The **Director General of Meteorology is the Head** of the India Meteorological Department.
- There are 6 Regional Meteorological Centres, each under a Deputy Director General with headquarters at **Mumbai, Chennai, New Delhi, Calcutta, Nagpur and Guwahati**.
- Its headquarter is in **New Delhi**.
- At present, IMD is under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**.
- **The IMD uses 4 color codes are:**
 - **Green (All is well):** No advisory is issued.
 - **Yellow (Be Aware):** Yellow indicates severely bad weather spanning across several days. It also suggests that the weather could change for the worse, causing disruption in day-to-day activities.
 - **Orange/Amber (Be prepared):** The orange alert is issued as a warning of extremely bad weather with the potential of disruption in commute with road and rail closures, and interruption of power supply.
 - **Red (Take Action):** When the extremely bad weather conditions are certainly going to disrupt travel and power and have significant risk to life, the red alert is issued.

Person in news: Kesineni Sivanath



Why in news?

- Recently, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath has been elected as the president of Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) for the residuary period up to 2025.

Key Points:

- Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) is the **governing body of cricket** in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.
- The association is **affiliated to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** and governs the Andhra cricket



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	<p>team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ACA operates the ACA-VDCA International Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam, which hosts International-level Test, ODI and T20 cricket matches. • The headquarters of the association is at Visakhapatnam.
<p>River Vamsadhara & River Nagavali</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vamsadhara, Nagavali and other rivers received huge inflows with incessant rains in their catchment areas. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Vamsadhara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ River Vamsadhara or River Banshadhara is an important east flowing river between Rushikulya and Godavari, in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh states in India. ○ Mahendranaya River is a major tributary river of Vamsadhara originating in Gajapati district of Odisha. ○ Regulapadu reservoir in Andhra Pradesh is under construction to store the Mahendranaya river water for irrigation use. • River Nagavali <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The River Nagavali also known as Langulya is one of the main rivers of Southern Odisha and Andhra States in India, between Rushikulya and Godavari basins. ○ It originates from a hill near Lakshbahal village in Thuamul Rampur block of Kalahandi District. ○ The main tributaries of the River Nagavali are Jhanjavati, Barha, Baldiya, Satnala, Sitagurha, Srikona, Gumudugedda, Vottigedda, Suvarnamukhi, Vonigedda, Relligedda and Vegavati.
<p>DigiYatra</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, introduced the DigiYatra biometric system with facial recognition at nine AAI airports including Visakhapatnam. • The other 8 include Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Dabolim, Indore, Bagdogra, Ranchi, Patna and Raipur. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DigiYatra project conceived to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT). • It has been set up as a joint venture (JV) company in 2019 under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013. • The project envisages that any traveler may pass through



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	various checkpoints at the airport through a paperless and contactless processing , using facial features to establish the identity which would be linked to the boarding pass .
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chittoor ZP Chairman G. Srinivasulu said pending houses under the Prime Minister Awas Yojana will be finished by linking the project with the 100-day employment scheme. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a credit-linked subsidy scheme initiated to provide affordable housing to low and moderate-income residents across the country. Objective: To provide housing for all in urban areas. Beneficiaries: Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Low-Income Group (LIG), and Middle-Income Group (MIG). The scheme has two components: PMAY-U for the urban poor and PMAY-G and PMAY-R for the rural poor. <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme?

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