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<p>Andhra Pradesh Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Natividad Diaz, the Area Director of the Government of Mexico, led a Mexican delegation on a visit to natural farming fields in Vanguru village, Pedavegi mandal, Eluru district. • This visit is part of their week-long exploration of the Andhra Pradesh Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF) model. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The APCNF is a Statewide programme supporting smallholder farmers to switch from chemically intensive agriculture to 'natural farming'. • The programme aims to increase the adoption of natural farming practices among the state's farmers to help them escape the debt cycle caused by high input costs linked to conventional agricultural practices.
<p>One Nation, One Election</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Telugu Desam Party (TDP), an ally of the BJP-led NDA government, welcomed the Union Cabinet's approval of the 'One Nation, One Election' proposal. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The One Nation, One Election concept envisions synchronizing Lok Sabha and state elections, allowing citizens to vote for both on the same day. • It requires significant constitutional amendments and aims to improve election management and reduce costs.
<p>Persons in news: Dr. MV Shankar, Dr. L. Veeranjaneya Reddy & Dr. K. Venkateswarlu</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three faculty members from Yogi Vemana University (YVU), Kadapa, found a spot in Stanford University's 'World's Top 2% Scientists' list. • Dr. MV Shankar, Professor of Materials Science and Nanotechnology, is recognized in the 'Career-Long' category for the first time and the 'Recent Single-Year' category for the fourth consecutive year. Dr. L. Veeranjaneya Reddy, Professor of Microbiology, and Dr. K. Venkateswarlu, Associate Professor of Chemistry, are both featured in the 'Recent Single-Year' category for the first time. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanford University's "World's Top 2% Scientists" list is



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	<p>widely recognized for highlighting the most influential researchers across different scientific disciplines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The selection criteria include the C-score, a composite metric that takes into account factors such as total citations, h-index, and the number of citations both with and without self-citations, along with field and sub-field percentiles, which categorize researchers into specific areas of study.
MSME	<p>Why in news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has sanctioned ₹5,000 crore as credit guarantee fund for the MSME sector. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSMEs are micro, small, and medium enterprises that engage in the service sector or the manufacturing, processing, production, and preservation of goods. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) promotes the growth and development of the MSME sector. Three categories based on their investment and turnover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro enterprise - Investment in plant and machinery or equipment is less than Rs. 1 crore and turnover is less than Rs. 5 crore. Small enterprise - Investment in plant and machinery or equipment is less than Rs. 10 crore and turnover is up to Rs. 50 crore. Medium enterprise - Investment in plant and machinery or equipment is less than Rs. 20 crore and turnover is up to Rs. 100 crore.



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