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<p>Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) will be set up in all paddy-growing districts, run by Procurement Support Agencies at Rythu Seva Kendras. Procurement will be based on e-Panta and eKYC data, with Aadhaar-based payments made to registered farmers, including tenant farmers. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) are places where the government buys paddy from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). The number of PPCs and their locations are determined by the state's procurement potential and geographical spread. The Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (APSCSCL) and AP MARKFED will function as State-level procurement agencies.
<p>Real Time Governance Society (RTGS)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Evolve project aims to extend services through Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) to enhance the efficiency of financial transactions. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) is an Indian e-governance initiative of chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The idea is to use electronic communication and technology to deploy e-governance in Andhra Pradesh. Data from Andhra Pradesh Weather Forecasting and Early Warning Research Center, drones, machine learning systems, biometric systems and other surveillance systems are collated and reported through the RTGS system in real-time.
<p>Places in news: Ongole</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, the Tobacco Cessation Centre has been inaugurated in Ongole. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The event was aimed to promote a tobacco-free lifestyle among the youth. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The campaign also focuses on four key strategies:



	escalating public awareness of Tobacco's harmful effects, enhancing compliance with Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), and promoting Tobacco Free Villages.
Artificial Intelligence (AI) University	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu has announced that the Artificial Intelligence (AI) University will be established in a public-private partnership (PPP) model. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed AI University is expected to be a game-changer in the field of higher education, providing students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in the domain of Artificial Intelligence. The university will be established in collaboration with private partners, ensuring that it has access to the latest technologies, resources, and expertise.
Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs)	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the NCERT's 2022-23 report, Andhra Pradesh has 97,665 girls enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) across all categories. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are residential schools for girls in India that were launched by the Government of India in 2004. The schools are primarily for girls from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), and minority communities.



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