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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the recently released 'EnviStats India-2024' report, the Nagarjuna Sagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) in the Nallamala Forest has been ranked first among India's 55 tiger reserves for its leopard population, with an estimated 360 leopards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Location:</b> It is located in the Nallamala hill ranges (an offshoot of the Eastern Ghats) of Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>This is the <b>largest tiger reserve in the country</b>, spreading over an area of 5937 sq. km.</li> <li>It hosts the <b>largest tiger population in the Eastern Ghat landscape</b>.</li> <li><b>Topography:</b> It consists of plateaus, ridges, gorges, and deep valleys.</li> <li><b>Vegetation:</b> Tropical dry deciduous forests having an undergrowth of bamboo and grass.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Banni Festival</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, 70 people were injured in the traditional Banni festival at Devaragattu in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banni actually refers to a <b>mock fight for capturing the idols during the Banni festival</b>.</li> <li>It is a <b>traditional stick-fight</b>.</li> <li>It is <b>celebrated on the night of Dussehra celebration (Vijaya Dasami) every year</b>.</li> <li>The objective of this event was <b>to snatch the idols from God's team, leading to a fierce battle known as the Banni Fight</b>.</li> <li>This festival was <b>celebrated by people under the Vijayanagara Empire</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Polavaram Project</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for the Cabinet's approval of the revised cost estimates for the Polavaram Project, as well as for the support of Amaravati as the capital.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is an under-construction <b>multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River</b> in the Eluru District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has been accorded <b>National project status by the Union Government of India.</b></li> <li>• The project implements the <b>Godavari-Krishna link under the Interlinking of Rivers project.</b></li> <li>• It envisages the transfer of 80TMC of surplus Godavari water to river Krishna which will be shared between Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Important Events: Palle Panduga</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has inaugurated the Palle Panduga event in the Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The programme aims to initiate <b>development activities simultaneously in all villages in the state.</b></li> <li>• Projects in 13,326 villages will focus on roads and water conservation, funded by the <b>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.</b></li> <li>• As a part of the drive, over <b>30,000 works will be taken up with Rs 4,500 crore in villages.</b></li> <li>• The work includes <b>laying CC roads stretching 3,000 km and 500 km of tar roads, digging farm wells and soak pits, and constructing cattle sheds.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Andhra Pradesh Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF) model</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NITI Aayog team appreciated the Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF) model for addressing the urgent global issues of biodiversity loss and environmental damage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Andhra Pradesh Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF) model is a government-led program that <b>aims to transition farmers to chemical-free farming practices.</b></li> <li>• The program is based on the idea that farming practices that are in harmony with nature are <b>more cost-effective and climate resilient.</b></li> <li>• This model was <b>originally implemented in 2016 as the Andhra Pradesh Zero Budget Natural Farming project (APZBNF).</b></li> <li>• It was renamed APCNF in 2020. The program is implemented by the <b>Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), a not-for-profit body under the state's Department of Agriculture.</b></li> </ul>



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