



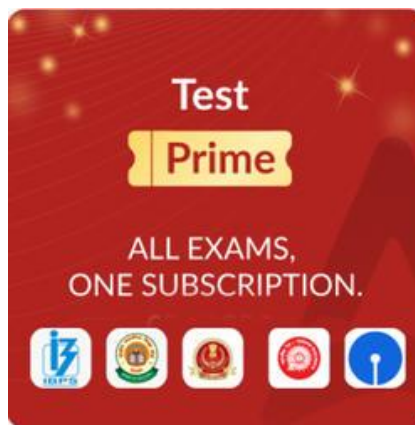
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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cotton Corporation of India deploys senior officials for enhanced oversight and special monitoring of the procurement process. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cotton Corporation of India was established in 1970 under Companies Act 1956. It's a Government of India's corporate agency, engaged in diverse activities related to trade, procurement, and export of cotton. CCI is governed by the Textile Policy 1985 issued by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. CCI operates in the following states as of now – Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka , Tamil Nadu and Orissa.
<p>'Deepam – 2' scheme</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu launched the 'Deepam – 2' scheme in Eedupuram, Srikakulam, offering three free LPG cylinders annually to beneficiaries. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It focuses on providing women with access to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for cooking. The scheme aims to eliminate the use of traditional cooking methods that can be harmful to health and the environment. The scheme is projected to cost the state exchequer approximately Rs 2,684 crore. Each beneficiary will receive Rs 876, excluding a Central subsidy of Rs 25, credited to their account within 48 hours of booking. The goal is to create sustainable changes in cooking practices while supporting women's financial independence.
<p>A.P. Assembly passes Bills scrapping two-child norm for contesting local body polls</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh government has done away with the rule that candidates having more than two children are ineligible to contest the elections for local bodies, on Monday, by passing the AP Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the AP Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thirty years ago, in May 1994, the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh assembly had passed an amendment Bill that made the 2-child norm mandatory for those seeking election to the Gram Panchayats, Mandal Praja Parishads and Zilla Parishads. Contenders with over two children were disqualified or considered



	<p>ineligible to contest local body polls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was meant to keep a check on the population.
<p>Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Centre for Aquaculture (NaCSA), a research division of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), is observing Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Week from November 18 to 24. The initiative aims to raise awareness among NaCSA Society shrimp farmers in the state about the harmful effects of AMR and the importance of adopting best practices to prevent its spread. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antimicrobial resistance is the resistance acquired by any microorganism (bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites, etc.) against antimicrobial drugs (such as antibiotics, antifungals, antivirals, antimalarials, and anthelmintics) that are used to treat infections. It is a natural phenomenon as bacteria evolve, making drugs used to treat infections less effective. Microorganisms that develop antimicrobial resistance are sometimes referred to as “superbugs”. The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified AMR as one of the top ten threats to global health.





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