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<p>Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has witnessed a significant rise in its tiger population, doubling over the last decade to reach 87 as per the 2023-24 census. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve is situated in the Nallamala hill range, part of the Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh. It attained tiger status in 1983. The tiger reserve encompasses Nallamala Hill and spans across five districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The Krishna River bisects it. Area: It is the largest tiger reserve in the country. The total area of the tiger reserve is 3727 km sq.
<p>Places in news: Visakhapatnam</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Destiny, Visakhapatnam is set to get India's longest cantilever glass skywalk bridge, spanning 50 meters, near the Titanic Viewpoint at Kailasagiri. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A cantilever glass skywalk bridge is a pedestrian bridge that extends horizontally from a supporting structure, such as a cliff or a building, without additional support from beneath. It is designed to boost the city's tourism appeal, the project will showcase Kailasagiri's natural beauty while providing a thrilling adventure for visitors. Currently, the Vagamon Glass Bridge in Kerala, stretching over 40 meters, holds the record for India's longest cantilever glass bridge.
<p>International Alliance (ISA) Solar</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Solar Alliance (ISA) has supported an integrated approach to implementing India's Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) programme, aligning with the country's climate goals. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform for increased deployment of solar energy technologies. Its basic motive is to facilitate energy access, ensure energy security, and drive energy transition in its member countries. The ISA was conceived as a joint effort by India and France to mobilize efforts against climate change through deployment of solar energy solutions.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Headquarters is in India with its Interim Secretariat being set up in Gurugram. • Member Nations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A total of 106 countries have signed the ISA Framework Agreement. ◦ Out of 106 nations, 86 have signed and ratified the ISA Framework Agreement. ◦ All member states of the United Nations are eligible to join the ISA. <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) programme
Tuberculosis (TB)	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State government has intensified efforts to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), reporting significant progress in 2024. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection spread through inhaling tiny droplets from the coughs or sneezes of an infected person. • It mainly affects the lungs, but it can affect any part of the body, including the tummy (abdomen), glands, bones and nervous system. • India's National TB Elimination Programme is strengthened to meet the goal of ending the TB epidemic by 2025 from the country, five years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for 2030. • The National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination(2017-2025) was developed to achieve the goal. • Though the National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination (2017-2025) outlined a paradigm shift in approach and strategy to achieve the ambitious goal, by 2020, it became clear that the NSP will not be able to meet these objectives. • A new National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination (2020-2025) to end TB was launched.
PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five model villages will be developed in Sathya Sai district to promote solar energy under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a government scheme launched on February 15, 2024, that aims to provide free electricity to households in India. • Under the scheme, households will be provided with a subsidy to install solar panels on their roofs. • The subsidy will cover up to 40% of the cost of the solar panels. • The scheme is expected to benefit 1 crore households across India. • It is estimated that the scheme will save the government Rs. 75,000 crore per year in electricity costs. • The scheme has an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore and is to be implemented till FY 2026-27.



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