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**Andhra Pradesh State Regional News**

<p><b>Krishna River Management Board (KRMB)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) has issued a directive to minimize water usage for hydropower generation, emphasizing the prioritization of irrigation and drinking water needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) is an <b>autonomous body established as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014</b> under the administrative control of <b>Ministry of Jal Shakti</b> to manage and regulate the waters in Krishna Basin in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.</li> <li>The <b>headquarters of the KRMB shall be in Andhra Pradesh.</b></li> <li>KRMB shall have jurisdiction and shall perform the functions as per the provisions of <b>sub-section (1) of section 85 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014</b>, such as <b>administration, operation, maintenance and regulation.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>MSME</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh Chambers Business Expo to accelerate the growth of MSMEs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSME (<b>Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise</b>) are regulated under the <b>Micro, Small &amp; Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006.</b></li> <li>MSMEs are managed under the <b>Ministry of MSME.</b></li> <li><b>The classification criteria are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <b>Micro Enterprise:</b> Investment in Plant and Machinery or Equipment is less than INR 1 crore and Annual Turnover is less than INR 5 crore;</li> <li>(b) <b>Small Enterprise:</b> Investment in Plant and Machinery or Equipment is less than INR 10 crore and Annual Turnover is less than INR 50 crore;</li> <li>(c) <b>Medium Enterprise:</b> Investment in Plant and Machinery or Equipment is less than INR 50 crore and Annual Turnover is less than INR 250 crore.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Drone Policy 4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cabinet approved the Andhra Pradesh Drone Policy 4.0 (2024-29), giving the much needed impetus to the tech-driven future industrial needs of the State.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Andhra Pradesh Drone Policy 4.0 is a policy to <b>make the state a leader in drone technology</b> in India.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The policy aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Boost industrial growth:</b> The policy targets exports of Rs 1,000 crore and a 20% annual growth rate.</li> <li>Create a drone ecosystem: The policy includes a "Drone City" hub for research, development, manufacturing, and testing of drone technology.</li> <li><b>Attract investment:</b> The policy offers subsidies on electricity consumption, exemption from SGST, and land conversion charges.</li> <li><b>Create jobs:</b> The policy is expected to create 15,000 direct and 25,000 indirect jobs.</li> <li><b>Provide a user-friendly interface:</b> The policy provides a portal for businesses to submit applications and access market data.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
PMAY-U 2.0	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CM Chandrababu Naidu calls for completion of 7.6 lakh housing units by 2026 and urges steps to launch PMAY-2.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMAY-U 2.0 is designed to <b>extend financial assistance to urban poor and middle-class families</b> for constructing, purchasing, or renting houses at affordable costs in urban areas.</li> <li>This initiative aligns with the <b>Government of India's vision to ensure that every citizen has access to a pucca house</b>, thereby enhancing their quality of life.</li> <li>Special attention will be given to <b>marginalized groups, including slum dwellers, SC/STs, minorities, widows, persons with disabilities, and other underprivileged sections of society.</b></li> <li>Additionally, groups like <b>Safai Karmi, street vendors, artisans, anganwadi workers, and residents of slums/chawls will receive focused support under this scheme.</b></li> </ul>
Juvenile Justice Act	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Care Centres are required to register under the Juvenile Justice Act.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parliament introduced and passed the <b>Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act in 2015 to replace the Juvenile Delinquency Law and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act) 2000.</b></li> <li>The Act offered provisions to allow trials of juveniles in the age <b>group of 16-18 years</b> as an adult who were found to be in conflict with the law, especially heinous crimes.</li> <li>The Act also offered provisions regarding adoption. <b>The Act replaced the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act (1956) and Guardians of the ward Act (1890) with more universally accessible adoption law.</b></li> <li>The Act enabled smooth functioning of adoption procedures for</li> </ul>



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