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<p>GI Tag</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crochet lace artisans of the West Godavari district say that the Geographical Indications (GI) tag highlighted their products worldwide and boosted their sales. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical Indications (GI tags) are signs used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess distinctive qualities, reputation, or characteristics attributable to that place of origin. • GI tags serve as intellectual property rights that identify a product's unique geographical source, providing legal protection and preventing unauthorized use. • In India, the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, of 1999 governs the registration and protection of GIs. • These tags play a crucial role in promoting and safeguarding the unique products and traditional knowledge of various regions, contributing to rural development, preserving cultural heritage, and enhancing the marketability of Indian products in the global market.
<p>Comptroller and Auditor General(CAG)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAG's report on "Public Health Infrastructure and Management of Health Services in Andhra Pradesh," covering this period, was presented in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Article 148, The Constitution of India provides for an independent office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG). • CAG is the head of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department. • He is the guardian of the public purse and controls the entire financial system of the country at both the levels—the Centre and the state. • His/Her duty is to uphold the Constitution of India and the laws of Parliament in the field of financial administration. • He is one of the bulwarks of the democratic system of government in India.
<p>AMRUT 2.0: Transforming Urban Infrastructure for a Sustainable Future</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, a defamation case was filed against BRS working president KT Rama Rao for linking him with Amrut 2.0



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	<p>tenders and for leveling false allegations.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amrut 2.0 aims at • providing 100% coverage of water supply to all households in around 4,800 urban local bodies by providing about 2.68 crore tap connections and • 100% coverage of sewerage and septage in 500 AMRUT cities by providing around 2.64 crore sewer or septage connections • Coverage • The Amrut 2.0 will extend coverage from 500 cities under the first phase to 4,800 cities and towns. • It will provide water tap connections to 26.8 million urban households. • It will benefit more than 10.5 crore people in urban areas. • Funding • AMRUT 2.0 was approved with a Central assistance of Rs 66,750 crore from 2021-2022 until 2025-2026, with the total estimated outlay at Rs 2.99 lakh crore.
<p>Polavaram Project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTI reveals that the Andhra Pradesh government set the Polavaram height in 2021 amid the ongoing blame game. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh. • The project has been accorded National project status by the Union Government of India. • Objectives: • Development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities in East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh. • The project envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lacks in 611 villages • The ultimate irrigation potential of the project is 4.368 lakh ha. • The project implements the Godavari-Krishna link under the Interlinking of Rivers project. • It envisages the transfer of 80TMC of surplus Godavari water to river Krishna which will be shared between Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.



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