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<p><b>NITI Aayog's Growth Hub initiative</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Visakhapatnam Economic Region has been chosen as a pilot site for NITI Aayog's Growth Hub initiative.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Launched in 2023</b>, NITI Aayog's Growth Hub (G-Hub) aims to redefine urban planning for livability and sustainability.</li> <li>This initiative is a <b>close collaboration of NITI Aayog with the State Governments and renowned subject experts</b>.</li> <li>It endeavors to forge a robust <b>economic growth strategy for city-regions across India and prepare a roadmap for achieving the same</b>.</li> <li>Pilot projects in Surat, Mumbai, Varanasi, and Visakhapatnam are already advancing, with blueprints approved for Surat and Mumbai.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Geographical Indications (GI tag)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Madanapalle, known for its high-quality tomatoes, is working towards obtaining a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its unique produce.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geographical Indications (GI tags) are signs used on products that have a <b>specific geographical origin and possess distinctive qualities, reputation, or characteristics attributable to that place of origin</b>.</li> <li>GI tags serve as intellectual property rights that identify a product's unique geographical source, providing legal protection and preventing unauthorized use.</li> <li>In India, the Geographical Indications of <b>Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, of 1999</b> governs the registration and protection of GIs.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary has now become a vibrant hub as migratory birds stop to rest during their journey.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary is located in Uppalapadu, near Guntur City.</li> <li>• <b>Painted storks, spot-billed pelicans and other birds that migrate from various countries such as Siberia and Australia use the village water tanks for nesting.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Polavaram Project</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for Water Resources Nimmala Rama Naidu has instructed officials to develop a dedicated website for the Polavaram Irrigation Project and update the progress of the works on a daily basis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is an <b>under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District</b> in Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>• The project has been accorded <b>National project status by the Union Government of India.</b></li> <li>• <b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities in East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>○ The project envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lacks in 611 villages</li> <li>○ The ultimate irrigation potential of the project is 4.368 lakh ha.</li> <li>○ The project implements the Godavari-Krishna link under the Interlinking of Rivers project.</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> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Konda Reddi Tribe</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After careful consideration, Alluri Sitharama Raju district officials have decided to open the Gudisa grassland in Maredumilli forest to tourists, with the condition that vehicles, including two-wheelers, will be prohibited near the area to protect the ecosystem.</li> <li>• The grassland, home to the Konda Reddi tribe, attracts thousands of visitors from South India.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Konda Reddis is a <b>Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group inhabiting the banks of the river Godavari</b> and also in <b>the hilly forest tracts of Godavari and Khammam districts of Andhra Pradesh.</b></li> <li>• Their <b>mother tongue is Telugu</b> in its purest and chaste</li> </ul>



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	<p>form, with a unique accent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Religion:</b> The primary religion practiced by the Konda Reddi is Folk Hinduism, characterized by local traditions and cults of local deities worshiped at the community level.</li> <li>• They are <b>primarily shifting cultivators and largely depend on flora and fauna of forest for their livelihood.</b></li> </ul>
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