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<p>PRASHAD Scheme</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy urged the officials of the Kanaka Durga temple to prepare plans and utilize the funds available under the Central government's PRASAD scheme. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of India launched the PRASAD scheme in the year 2014-2015 under the Ministry of Tourism. The full form of the PRASAD scheme is the 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive'. This scheme focuses on developing and identifying pilgrimage sites across India for enriching the religious tourism experience. It aims to integrate pilgrimage destinations in a prioritized, planned and sustainable manner to provide a complete religious tourism experience.
<p>Aarogyasri scheme</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experts suggest that the government should include HIV/AIDS in the Aarogyasri scheme to help prevent the spread of the disease. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Aarogyasri scheme is a health insurance scheme in India that provides cashless treatment to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. The scheme is designed to meet the medical needs of poor patients and is administered by the Aarogyasri Health Care Trust. Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPL families as defined by the Civil Supplies Department of the Government are eligible. Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families can receive up to ₹2 lakhs per year in free cashless treatment.
<p>Awards & Honors: SKOCH Award 2024</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) has bagged the Skoch Award 2024 for its Unified Ticketing System (UTS) project. APSRTC's Unified Ticketing system integrates ticketing, reservations, bus passes, and cargo services into a single platform.



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	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SKOCH Award 2024 recognizes organizations that demonstrate excellence in their industries, including innovation, sustainability, leadership, and outstanding practices. • The SKOCH Group India, an independent think tank based in Delhi, established the awards in 2003.
<p>GDP (Gross Domestic Product)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of Swarna Andhra 2047, Visakhapatnam district aims to achieve a 15% growth rate in primary and secondary sectors while doubling its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contribution. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is defined as the total market value of all final goods and services in an economy. • It is used to assess the size of the economy. • Nominal GDP – It is the value of GDP at the current prevailing prices. • Real GDP – It is the value of GDP at some constant set of prices.
<p>Cyclone Fengal</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city recorded light to moderate rainfall due to the cyclonic storm Fengal, which formed over the Bay of Bengal a few days ago and made landfall on the Tamil Nadu coast. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cyclone is a large-scale system of air that rotates around the centre of a low-pressure area. It is usually accompanied by violent storms and bad weather. • A cyclone is characterised by inward spiralling winds that rotate anticlockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere. • Landfall is the event of a tropical cyclone coming onto land after being over water. • As per the IMD, a tropical cyclone is said to have made a landfall when the center of the storm – or its eye – moves over the coast.



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