


<p><b>Places in news:</b> <b>Bommasamudram</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bommasamudram Panchayat in Puthalapattu constituency of Chittoor district, has earned national recognition by being named the country's top 'Healthy Panchayat'.</li></ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Ministry of Panchayati Raj recognises outstanding panchayats annually through National Panchayat Awards, which were revised in 2022 to align with <b>17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b>.</li><li>● The evaluation now focuses on <b>nine Local Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs), including health, child welfare, sanitation, poverty alleviation, women's empowerment and good governance.</b></li><li>● <b>About Bommasamudram Panchayat:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The panchayat achieved 100 per cent distribution of Ayushman Bharat health cards, simplifying access to healthcare benefits.</li><li>○ This effort has contributed to the village's impressive health outcomes, including zero maternal and infant mortality rates due to institutional deliveries and thorough antenatal care.</li><li>○ It has reported zero dengue cases as well.</li><li>○ To combat anemia among adolescent girls, health check-ups and distribution of iron and folic acid supplements are carried out regularly.</li><li>○ Anganwadi centers provide nutritious food to pregnant and postpartum women, promote breastfeeding and educate the community on nutrition.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>Polavaram project</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said that the government has set a target to complete the Polavaram project by 2026.</li></ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● It is an under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh.</li><li>● The project has been accorded National project status by the Union Government of India.</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</li></ul></li></ul>

	<p>28.50 lacks in 611 villages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>
<p><b>Person in news: NTR</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu offered a sincere tribute to the iconic actor and politician Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), recognizing his unmatched contributions to both Telugu cinema and politics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR) was an actor, director, politician, and Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>● NTR was born in 1923 in the village of Nimmakuru and became a star of Telugu cinema.</li> <li>● He later became a political leader who fought for the rights of the underprivileged.</li> <li>● He served as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh three times.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Important National Conservation Day 2024</b>      <b>Days: Energy Day</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● District collector MN Harendhira Prasad said that the ‘National Energy Conservation Week’ will be held from December 14 to December 20 in Visakhapatnam.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Energy Conservation Day 2024 is celebrated on <b>December 14</b> every year in India.</li> <li>● It aims to raise <b>awareness about energy conservation, efficient energy use, and the importance of adopting sustainable practices to reduce energy wastage.</b></li> <li>● The <b>Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power</b>, leads the celebration of this day through awareness campaigns, award ceremonies, and initiatives to highlight the importance of energy conservation at both individual and organizational levels.</li> <li>● <b>2024 Theme “Powering Sustainability: Every Watt Counts”.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Global Capability Centres (GCCs)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Andhra Pradesh government is advocating for the adoption of a hybrid work model.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Andhra Pradesh Information Technology (IT) and Global Capability Centres (GCC) Policy (4.0) for 2024-2029 aims to address critical gaps in physical, financial, and digital infrastructure, while driving large-scale employment in the State’s IT and GCC sectors.</li> </ul>

- The policy focuses on developing co-working spaces and neighbourhood workspaces to foster work-life balance and improve employee productivity, with a view to capitalize on remote and hybrid work models.
- The policy's medium-term goal is to expand IT infrastructure and leverage the growing trend of remote work, which has seen a surge post-COVID-19.
- In the long term, it aims to establish Andhra Pradesh as a hub for major global IT players, including 'Fortune 500 computer software and information companies.'

**What are Global Capability Centres (GCCs)?**

- GCCs are specialized centers set up by multinational companies in different countries to tap into local talent and resources for various business functions such as IT, R&D, marketing, and legal services.