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<p><b>Awards &amp; Honors:</b> <b>Sahitya Akademi Awards</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guntur-based writer and advocate <b>Penugonda Lakshminarayana</b> has been named the <b>winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 (Telugu)</b> for his literary criticism work <b>Deepika</b>, a compilation of 36 progressive essays.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, is the central institution for <b>literary dialogue, publication and promotion in the country and the only institution that undertakes literary activities in 24 Indian languages, including English.</b></li> <li>It was registered as a society under the <b>Societies Registration Act, 1860.</b></li> <li><b>About Award:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is awarded for the <b>most outstanding books of literary merit published in any of the major Indian languages recognised by the Akademi.</b></li> <li>Akademi gives <b>24 awards annually</b> to literary works in the languages it has recognized and an equal number of awards to literary translations from and into the languages of India.</li> <li>Besides the <b>22 languages enumerated in the Constitution of India</b>, the Sahitya Akademi has recognised <b>English and Rajasthani as languages in which its programme may be implemented.</b></li> <li>The award, in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and 1,00,000 rupees will be presented.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Capital expenditure increase</b> <b>Allocation request</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lanka Dinakar</b>, Chairperson of the <b>Twenty Points Programmes Implementation (Vikasit Bharat 2047 and Swarnana Andhra 2047)</b>, submitted a memorandum to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on December 18, requesting an increase in <b>capital expenditure allocations to ₹13.50 lakh crore in the upcoming budget to continue the Central government's support to Andhra Pradesh.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is the money spent by the government or Company on the development of machinery, equipment, building, health facilities, education, etc.</li> <li>It also includes the expenditure incurred on acquiring fixed assets like land and investment by the government that gives profits or</li> </ul>



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	<p>dividends in future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is associated with investment or development spending, where expenditure has benefits extending years into the future.</li> <li>• Importance: It leads to the creation of assets that are long-term in nature and allow the economy to generate revenue for many years by adding or improving production facilities and boosting operational efficiency.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Flood Plain Zoning</b></p>	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floodplain zoning is a land use planning strategy that designates specific areas along rivers and water bodies for various uses based on their susceptibility to flooding.</li> <li>• Aim: The aim of floodplain zoning is to regulate development in these areas to minimize the potential damage and risks associated with floods.</li> <li>• <b>The areas along the river are divided into different zones based on the likelihood and severity of flooding:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>High-Risk Zone (Zone A):</b> This zone is closest to the river and has the highest risk of flooding during heavy rain events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In this zone, only limited and essential structures are allowed, such as flood-resistant community centres, parks, and open spaces. Permanent residential or commercial buildings are prohibited to prevent damage and loss of life.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Moderate-Risk Zone (Zone B):</b> This zone is located slightly farther from the river and has a moderate risk of flooding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Here, some residential and commercial development is allowed, but structures must adhere to flood-resistant design standards. Building elevations might be required to keep living spaces above potential flood levels.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Low-Risk Zone (Zone C):</b> This zone is situated at a greater distance from the river and has a lower risk of flooding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In this area, most types of development are permitted, including homes, businesses, and recreational facilities. However, structures might still need to meet certain flood-resistant criteria to ensure safety.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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