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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Jal Jeevan Mission</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh approves engineering projects worth Rs 33,137 crore for Amaravati, along with new tenders for the Jal Jeevan Mission. The Centre sanctioned a total of 77,917 works worth Rs 26,824 crore to provide safe drinking water to the people under the Jal Jeevan Mission. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India. It is based on a community approach to water and will include extensive Information, Education and communication as a key component of the mission. Nodal Ministry: Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Jal Shakti Mantralaya. Funding Pattern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50:50 between Centre and States 90:10 for Himalayan and North-Eastern States. In case of UTs, 100% funding is provided by the Central government.
<p>Species in news: Spot-Billed Pelican (<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>)</p>  	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The breeding season for spot-billed pelicans has started at the Uppalapadu Bird Protection Centre, home to approximately 3,000 of these birds. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot-billed pelican or Grey pelican is a large water bird. Distribution: Indian subcontinent and SE Asia. Habitat: a variety of wetlands, both freshwater and saline. It breeds colonially in Acacia bushes. Threats: Habitat loss, hunting, invasive species and diseases. Conservation status: IUCN: NT WPA: Schedule IV
<p>Kreeda App</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh introduces an app named “ Kreeda” to transform the sports sector. When results are declared after a competition, certificates are generated on Kreeda’ app and stored in DigiLocker, which can be accessed by a player anytime <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The app aims to eliminate malpractice in the issuance and misuse of sports quota certificates while providing a unified platform for managing comprehensive sports data.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It ensures transparency in player registration, performance tracking, tournament applications, and equipment distribution.
Ratha Saptami	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh government has declared Ratha Saptami as a state festival. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratha Saptami, also rendered Magha Saptami, is a Hindu festival that falls on the seventh day (saptami) in the bright half (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month Magha. It is symbolically represented in the form of the sun-god Surya turning his ratha (chariot) drawn by seven horses (representing the seven colours) towards the northern hemisphere, in a north-easterly direction. It also marks the birth of Surya and is hence also celebrated as Surya Jayanti (the sun-god's birthday).

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