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<p><b>Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV) launched two new journals , projects under the PM-USHA scheme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was launched in <b>2013</b> as a <b>centrally sponsored programme to improve access, equity, and quality in higher education through the planned development of higher education at the state level.</b></li> <li><b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>creating new academic institutions,</li> <li>expanding and upgrading the existing ones,</li> <li>developing institutions that are self-reliant in terms of quality education, professionally managed, and characterized by a greater inclination towards research.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The programme <b>focuses on state higher educational institutions and draws upon the best practices from colleges and universities across the nation.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>World Economic Forum (WEF)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A delegation from Andhra Pradesh, headed by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, will participate in the four-day World Economic Forum 2025 in Davos, Switzerland, starting January 20.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEF is an <b>international not-for-profit organization, focused on bringing the public and private sectors together to address the global political, social, and economic issues.</b></li> <li>It was <b>founded in 1971</b> by Swiss-German economist and <b>Professor Klaus Schwab</b> in a bid to promote global cooperation on these most pressing problems.</li> <li>The first meeting of WEF was held more than five decades ago in Davos, which has been the home of the annual gathering almost ever since, also becoming the shorthand for the event.</li> <li><b>Headquarters:</b> Geneva, Switzerland</li> </ul>
<p><b>Flue Cured Tobacco (FCV)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India is the fourth largest producer of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco in the world after China, Brazil and Zimbabwe, according to A. Sridhar Babu, executive</li> </ul>



	<p>director, Tobacco Board of India.</p> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a <b>well standardized process especially in FCV tobacco to achieve the desirable qualities in the cured leaf along with the removal of moisture.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Curing is a process by which the harvested tobacco leaf is made ready for the market.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Key characteristics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produces primarily cigarette tobacco</li> <li>Contains a high sugar content</li> <li>Contains medium to high levels of nicotine</li> <li>Rich in natural tannins which creates its distinct mild and slightly sweet flavor and aroma</li> </ul> </li> <li>In India Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco is mainly produced in India in 2 states, <b>Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Species in news: Olive Ridley Turtles</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, the Kakinada seashore has been plagued by the foul odor of decomposed olive ridley turtles due to water pollution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They are the <b>smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world.</b></li> <li><b>Scientific Name:</b> Lepidochelys olivacea</li> <li>They are best known for their <b>unique mass nesting, called Arribada, where thousands of females come together on the same beach to lay eggs.</b></li> <li><b>Distribution:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They are mainly found in the warm waters of the <b>Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans.</b></li> <li><b>Odisha's Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is known as the world's largest rookery (a colony of breeding animals) of sea turtles.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Conservation Status:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>IUCN Red List:</b> Vulnerable</li> <li><b>Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:</b> Schedule 1</li> <li><b>CITES:</b> Appendix I</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu released ₹24 crore for disbursement to the poor as assistance under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Relief amount is being <b>released solely on the basis of the discretionary powers of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.</b></li> </ul>



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- **No budgetary allocation** is made for the CMRF.
- The donations made by the **general public, Corporate Institutions, Board-Corporations** and others constitute the CMRF.
- Chief Minister's Relief Fund aims to provide assistance to people affected by calamities and those in distress, and undertake activities of a charitable nature.



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