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Asian Water Birds Census	 Why in news? An enumeration of local and migratory bird species across 25 wetlands in the Godavari estuary was carried out as part of the Asian Water Bird Census and the Forest Department's annual bird census.
	 Key Points: The census was initiated in 1987 in the Indian subcontinent, and has grown rapidly to cover 26 countries of South Asia, East Asia, South East Asia, Pacific, as well as Russia Far East. It is a citizen-science event that is a part of the global International Waterbird Census (IWC) coordinated by Wetlands International. The AWC is jointly coordinated by the Bombay Natural History Society and Wetlands International. It runs parallel to other international censuses of waterbirds in Africa, Europe and Neotropics. Wetland sites: Sites include all types of natural and man-made wetlands, including, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, freshwater swamps, mangroves, mudflats, coral reefs, rice fields and sewage farms, etc. Waterbird species: Waterbirds counted during the census include all types of waterbirds regularly encountered at wetlands.
Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV)	 Why in news? Director of Public Health Confirms No HMPV Cases in Andhra Pradesh.
	 Key Points: Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) is an RNA virus belonging to the Metapneumovirus genus in the Pneumoviridae family. It was first identified in 2001 by Dutch scientists studying respiratory illnesses in children. HMPV primarily spreads through: Respiratory droplets during coughing or sneezing. Direct contact with infected individuals. Contaminated surfaces in shared environments Symptoms: Cough Fever Nasal congestion Fatigue











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International Organization for Standardization (ISO)	 Why in news? Yogi Vemana University (YVU), Kadapa, has received a slew of certifications from the International Standards Organisation (ISO), viz., ISO 21001:2018 (Quality Education), ISO 14001:2015 (Energy Environment Management System), ISO 50001:2018 (Energy Management), gender sensitisation certification and 'Green Award'.
	 Key Points: ISO (International Organization for Standardization) is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of 168 national standards bodies. Its headquarters is based in Geneva Switzerland. An International Standard provides rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or for their results, aimed at achieving the optimum degree of order in a given context.
	 It provides standards for various sectors like- Quality management Environmental management Health and Safety Energy management Food safety IT security
Cockfighting	 Why in news? Police to Use Drones to Monitor Cockfights During Sankranti in Andhra Pradesh
	 Key Points: A cockfight is a blood sport, held in a ring called a cockpit. Cockfighting in India primarily takes place in January, coinciding with Makar Sankranti. The practice is widespread in coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh, including Krishna, Guntur, East Godavari and West Godavari districts, despite being illegal in India. Roosters are specially bred for cockfights, with knives and blades tied to their legs. The fight typically results in the death of one of the birds. In January 2018, the Supreme Court allowed the sport to be held in a traditional way, without the use of knives and blades and without gambling or betting.
ENC Wows Visakhapatnam with Op Demo	 Why in news? The Eastern Naval Command (ENC) displayed its operational prowess and maritime strength through an











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impressive Operational Demonstration (Op Demo) at RamaKrishna Beach in Visakhapatnam.

Key Points:

- The event celebrated the Navy's commitment to securing the nation's maritime borders while highlighting its traditions and modern advancements.
- Key Facts:
 - The Op Demo began with the Hawk AJT aircraft's 'Bomb Burst' manoeuvre, a powerful display of precision flying and ground attack capabilities.
 - The **Submarine Sail Past** emphasizes the stealth and destructive potential of India's submarines, capable of targeting enemy ships and coastal installations.
 - MARCOS, the Indian Navy's elite Marine Commandos, performed a daring simulation of tactical insertion and extraction during a high-risk mission.
 - The Amphibious Demonstration showcased the synergy between the Navy, Army, and Air Force during joint operations, with troops landing on simulated enemy shores.
 - The Helo Landing Demo highlighted the vital role of helicopters in naval operations, while the Combat Free Fall showcased paratroopers' ability to infiltrate enemy territory undetected.
 - The **Search and Rescue (SAR) Demo** demonstrated the Navy's humanitarian commitment, using helicopters to locate and rescue stranded individuals.
 - The simulated anti-submarine rocket firing demonstrated the Navy's advanced weaponry, designed to neutralise underwater threats.











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