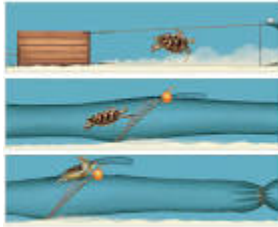





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<p><b>Organic Farming</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lanka Dinakar, Chairman of the Twenty Principles Programme Implementation, announced that a report on promoting organic farming in Andhra Pradesh will be submitted to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu after inspecting the Attaluru Organic Farming FPO's field activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a <b>production system that prohibits the use of synthetically produced agro-inputs (fertilisers and pesticides).</b></li> <li>Instead, it <b>relies on organic material (such as crop residues, animal residues, legumes, bio-pesticides) for "maintaining soil productivity and fertility.</b></li> <li><b>The Government of India has been promoting organic farming in the country through two dedicated national schemes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and</li> <li>Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Regions (MOVCD-NER) since 2015 through state governments.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Other schemes include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), and The All-India Network Programme on Organic Farming under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Turtle Excluder Device (TED)</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fishermen were encouraged to install Turtle Excluder Devices (TED) on their nets during an awareness program held in Visakhapatnam.</li> <li>The event, organized by the State Fisheries Department, Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard, GVMC, and CIFT, focused on turtle conservation for boat owners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Turtle Excluder Device (TED) is a <b>metal grid that is fitted into a trawl net to prevent sea turtles from being caught.</b></li> <li>TEDs are designed to help <b>turtles escape if they are accidentally caught in a fishing net.</b></li> <li>TEDs reduce the frequency at which sea turtles become bycatch, which is the accidental catch of sea turtles in</li> </ul>



<p><b>Unveiling new logo of NIRCA</b></p> 	<p>fishing gear.</p> <p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Steel, B Srinivasa Varma, unveiled the new logo and mandate of the National Institute of Research for Commercial Agriculture (NIRCA) in Rajamahendravaram.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The renaming to NIRCA reflects a new mandate that expands research beyond tobacco.</li> <li>The institute will now focus on four additional commercial crops – <b>turmeric, chilli, castor, and ashwagandha.</b></li> <li>This shift <b>aims to diversify agricultural research and enhance the agricultural sector's sustainability.</b></li> <li><b>NIRCA will concentrate on four primary areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>R&amp;D:</b> Innovating to enhance crop yields and quality.</li> <li><b>Sustainability:</b> Promoting eco-friendly practices and climate resilience.</li> <li><b>Training:</b> Offering skill-enhancing programs for farmers and professionals.</li> <li><b>Market Linkage:</b> Connecting farmers with markets for crop commercialization.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Krishna River Management Board (KRMB)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh strongly opposed Telangana's proposal to share Krishna River water on a 50:50 basis during the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) meeting.</li> <li>The state government maintained its stance on keeping the existing 66:34 ratio, referencing the allocations made under the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-1 (KWDT-1).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) is an <b>autonomous body established as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014</b> under the administrative control of <b>Ministry of Jal Shakti</b> to manage and regulate the waters in Krishna Basin in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.</li> <li>The <b>headquarters of the KRMB shall be in Andhra Pradesh.</b></li> <li>KRMB shall have jurisdiction and shall perform the functions as per the provisions of <b>sub-section (1) of section 85 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014</b>, such as <b>administration, operation, maintenance and regulation.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In <b>1969</b>, the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) was</li> </ul>

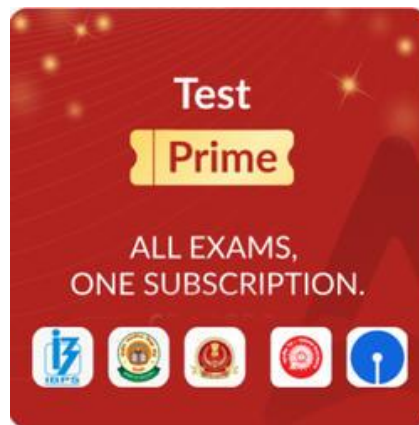


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	<p>set up under the <b>Inter-State River Water Dispute Act, 1956, and presented its report in 1973.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the same time, it was stipulated that the KWDT order may be reviewed or revised by a competent authority or tribunal any time after 31st May, 2000.</li> <li>• The <b>second KWDT was instituted in 2004.</b> It delivered its report in 2010, which made allocations of the Krishna water at 65 % dependability and for surplus flows as follows: <b>81 TMC for Maharashtra, 177 TMC for Karnataka, and 190 TMC for Andhra Pradesh.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Andhra govt inks pact with Art of Living</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Government has decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with “The Art of Living” for leadership.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It aims to <b>implement leadership development and capacity-building programmes for government officials through Vyakti Vikas Kendra, a Public Education and Charitable Trust under the aegis of the Art of Living.</b></li> <li>• Designed to transform officials into <b>efficient, empathetic, and visionary leaders</b>, the development programmes are expected to enhance their roles and contribute significantly to society.</li> <li>• The General Administration Department (GAD) and the Planning Department are jointly preparing the strategy for these programmes, with the MoU to be signed in the presence of the Chief Minister.</li> </ul>





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