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Flamingo Festival 2025	 Why in news? The second day of the Flamingo Festival saw a large crowd of students, bird enthusiasts, and visitors from different regions, all coming together to celebrate the splendor of migratory birds. Known for its lively display of avian diversity, the festival has become a popular event for nature lovers
	and wildlife photographers. Key Points: It is an annual event celebrating the arrival of migratory birds, focusing on flamingos, to Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary. Features: Bird-watching tours, eco-friendly biodiversity sessions, and boating activities. Cultural programs, competitions, and stalls promoting local art and heritage. Collaboration with organizations like the Bombay Natural History Society.
CTRI to transform into NIRCA	 Why in news? The Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), a key institution for agricultural research in Rajamahendravaram for over six decades, will officially be rebranded as the National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture (NIRCA) on January 21. This transition signifies a paradigm shift from tobacco-centric research to a broader mandate that includes high-value commercial crops such as turmeric, castor, chilli, and ashwagandha.
	 Key Points: The establishment of NIRCA enables us to broaden our focus to include multiple high-value commercial crops, which will benefit farmers and boost the agriculture sector. The institute's efforts aim to reduce the cost of cultivation and increase the income of farmers by meeting the demands of both domestic and international markets. NIRCA's roadmap includes fostering innovation through collaborations with academic, private, and public institutions of national and international repute. With its expertise in Chemistry, value addition, and

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	strong connections with the farming community, the institute is poised to become a premier centre for commercial agriculture research.
National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)	 Why in news? Piyush Anand, the Director General of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), launched a special edition of the annual newsletter "The Saviour" at the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) South Campus in Kondapavuluru. Drones, artificial intelligence, and other advanced technological tools will be used in rescue operations in the coming days.
	 Key Points: It is defined in Section 46 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. It is a fund managed by the Central Government to meet the expenses for emergency response, relief, and rehabilitation due to any threatening disaster situation or disaster. NDRF is constituted to supplement the funds of the State Disaster Response Funds (SDRF) in case of a disaster of severe nature, provided adequate funds are not available in SDRF.
Jhanjavathi Reservoir Project	Why in news? ■ Marisarla Malati Krishnamurthy Naidu, founder-president of Uttarandhra Cheruvula Parirakshana Samiti, urged the State government to initiate talks with Odisha for a permanent solution to complete the Jhanjavati project, which will irrigate nearly 25,000 acres in Parvatipuram-Manyam district.
	 Key Points: The Jhanjavathi Reservoir Project is a medium irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh. The project is located on the Jhanjavathi river, a tributary of the Nagavali River. The project's goal is to irrigate 24,640 acres of land in five mandals.





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