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National Institute of Smart Government (NISG)	 Why in news? The National Institute for Smart Governance (NISG) will collaborate with the State government to provide technical support for technological advancement and governance innovation.
	 Key Points: NISG is a not-for-profit company set up in a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) under the recommendations of the National Taskforce on Information Technology and Software Development, with 51% equity contributed by the private sector and 49% by the public sector. NISG was registered as a Section 25 company in 2002 with its headquarters at Hyderabad. Important Stakeholders: NASSCOM, Government of India, Andhra Pradesh, IL&FS, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya and Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	 Why in news? The Vijayawada railway station has bagged the prestigious 'Eat Right Station' certification from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for implementing the best hygiene and safe food practices. The 'Eat Right Station' certification is issued by the FSSAI to railway stations for adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices, apart from providing high-quality, nutritious food to the passengers.
	 Key Points: It is an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India. Vision: Build a new India by enabling citizens to have safe and nutritious food, prevent diseases, and lead a healthy and happy life. Mission: Set globally benchmarked standards for food, encourage and ensure that food businesses adhere to these standards, adopt good manufacturing and hygiene practices, and ultimately enable citizens to access safe and right food.
Krishna River	Why in news?The Andhra Pradesh State Cabinet has approved the proposal











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	to construct a flood protection wall along the right margin of the Krishna, from 0.9 km to 2.61 km downstream the Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada.
	 Key Points: It is a river in south-central India. In terms of water inflows and river basin, Krishna is the fourth biggest river after Ganga, Godavari, and Brahmaputra. Origin: It rises in western Maharashtra state in the Western Ghats range near the town of Mahabaleshwar, about 64 km from the Arabian Sea. Total Length: 1300 km Tributaries: Its principal tributaries joining from right are the Ghatprabha, the Malprabha, and the Tungabhadra, whereas those joining from left are the Bhima, the Musi, and the Munneru.
National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)	 Why in news? Union Home Minister Amit Shah, along with Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, NDRF DG Piyush Anand, and State Home Minister V. Anitha, will participate in the NDRF Raising Day celebrations at the NDRF 10th Battalion headquarters in Kondapavuluru, Krishna district.
	 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.
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant - Revival	 Why in news? The Central government has announced a financial package of Rs 11,440 crore for the revival of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited).
	 Key Points: Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is a Schedule-A Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Steel, with a current installed capacity of 7.3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The revival package includes an equity infusion of Rs 10,300 crore and the conversion of Rs 1,140 crore of working capital loans into 7% non-cumulative preference share capital, redeemable after 10 years, to ensure RINL remains a going











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• It is expected to stabilise the Indian steel market, protect livelihoods, and enable the plant to operate at full capacity, contributing significantly to the economy.

What are CPSEs?

- CPSEs are companies where the central government or other CPSEs own at least 51% of the capital.
- Schedule-A Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are companies that are under the direct control of the central government or other CPSEs.





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