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### Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>AP High Court Judges</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court Collegium recently sanctioned the elevation of two judicial officers, Avadhanam Hari Haranadha Sarma and Dr. Yadavalli Lakshmana Rao, as judges of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The judges of a high court are <b>appointed by the President of India.</b></li> <li>The Chief justice of a high court is <b>appointed after consultation with the CJI and governor of the state concerned.</b></li> <li>If it is for a common high court, then the governors of all the concerned state high court are consulted</li> <li>In case of appointment of other judges to high court, it was opined that <b>CJI should consult a collegium of two senior-most judges of the SC before recommending a name to the President of India in the seminal third judges case.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Solar Project</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliance NU Suntech, a subsidiary of Reliance Power, plans to invest Rs 10,000 crore in a solar power project in Kurnool district on a build-own-operate basis.</li> <li>The project consisting of a 930 MW solar energy contract with 465 MW/1,860 MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) component, is Asia's largest solar and battery energy storage project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar power, also known as <b>solar electricity</b>, is the <b>conversion of energy from sunlight into electricity</b>, either directly using <b>photovoltaics (PV)</b> or <b>indirectly using concentrated solar power.</b></li> <li>Solar panels use the <b>photovoltaic effect to convert light into an electric current.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Cockfighting</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Betting on rooster fights has crossed Rs 2000 crore during the Sankranti festivities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A cockfight is a <b>blood sport</b>, held in a ring called a <b>cockpit.</b></li> <li>Cockfighting in India primarily takes place in <b>January,</b></li> </ul>



	<p>coinciding with Makar Sankranti.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The practice is widespread in <b>coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh, including Krishna, Guntur, East Godavari and West Godavari districts, despite being illegal in India.</b></li> <li>• <b>Roosters</b> 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.</li> <li>• In <b>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.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sankranti festive season has led to a surge in tourist visits to Kondaveedu Fort in Palnadu district, with daily footfall increasing from 100-200 to 4,000-4,500 visitors between January 11 and 15.</li> <li>• Originally built by the Reddy Kings during the 13th and 14th centuries, the fort stands as a testament to their glory.</li> <li>• The fort, perched on a hill and surrounded by defensive banks and ditches, features 23 towers, three temples, and a mosque.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Uppalapadu Bird Sanctuary is located in Uppalapadu, near Guntur City.</li> <li>• <b>Painted storks, spot-billed pelicans and other birds that migrate from various countries such as Siberia and Australia</b> use the village water tanks for nesting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Polavaram Project</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Union Jal Sakthi Parliamentary Standing Committee (2024-25), led by its Chairperson Rajiv Pratap Rudy, arrived at the Polavaram project site on Saturday to review the progress of the irrigation project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is an <b>under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District</b> in Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>• The project has been accorded <b>National project status by the Union Government of India.</b></li> <li>• <b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities in East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>○ The project envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lacks in 611 villages</li> <li>○ The ultimate irrigation potential of the project is 4.368</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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