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<p>Etikoppaka wooden toy</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Republic Day celebrations on Kartavya Path in New Delhi, Andhra Pradesh's tableau captivated the audience with its vibrant portrayal of the famous Etikoppaka toys, highlighting the State's rich cultural heritage and eco-friendly craftsmanship. The tableau showcased an artisan making the traditional wooden toys, accompanied by intricately crafted pieces, including Lord Venkateswara idols. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located on the banks of the river Varaha in Visakhapatnam district of AP, is a small village called Etikoppaka. Made in the Etikoppaka region of Andhra Pradesh, these toys are made with lacquer color and are traditionally known as Etikoppaka toys or Etikoppaka Bommalu. The toys are also called lacquer toys because of the application of lacquer coating. These are well known for canon toys, lord Ganesh form and bullock etc. The toys are made out of wood and are coloured with natural dyes derived from seeds, lacquer, bark, roots and leaves. The wood used to make the toys is soft in nature and the art of toy making is also known as Turned wood Lacquer craft.
<p>Reports & Indices: Fiscal Health Index (FHI) report</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh is the only state in the country to have Zero Debt Sustainability, according to the Fiscal Health Index 2025 released by NITI Aayog for the financial year 2022-23. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debt sustainability is the ability of a government to meet its current and future debt obligations without defaulting. This indicates that the state is struggling to meet its debt obligations, which could lead to deflation, negatively impact its credit rating, restrict future borrowing, and hamper economic growth. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report covers 18 major States that drive the Indian economy in terms of their contribution to India's GDP, demography, total public expenditure, revenues, and overall fiscal stability.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be an annual publication and offers a systematic approach to assess the state's fiscal health, identify areas for improvement, and promote best practices across states. • Sub Indices: Quality of Expenditure, Revenue Mobilisation, Fiscal Prudence, Debt Index, and Debt Sustainability. • Major Findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top Performing: Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand and Gujarat have emerged as top-performing 'achievers' among the States. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It displays strong fiscal health, excelling in revenue mobilization, expenditure management, and debt sustainability. ○ Aspirational States: Haryana, Kerala, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Punjab. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ These states face high debt, large interest payments, weak revenue generation, and inefficiencies in capital expenditure, with reliance on non-tax revenue impacting their fiscal health and rankings.
Swarna Andhra@2047	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor S Abdul Nazeer's address at the 76th Republic Day celebrations highlighted the financial and administrative challenges the state inherited seven months ago. He also unveiled the roadmap for Vision Swarna Andhra 2047, outlining the 10 guiding principles for the vision. • The 10 guiding principles for Swarna Andhra Pradesh -- Zero Poverty, Employment, Skilling and Human Resource Development, Water Security, Farmer-Agritech, Global Best Logistics, Cost Optimisation - Energy and Fuel, Product Perfection, Swachh Andhra, and Deep Tech -- All Walks of Life. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: The Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) aims to transform the state into a \$2.4 trillion economy by 2047, with a per capita income target of \$43,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ According to Swarnandhra Vision 2047, the heart of the vision lies a powerful promise captured in three words -- 'Arogya, Aishwarya, Ananda' (Health, Wealth, Happiness). • Initiative: To achieve this, GoAP is developing a comprehensive roadmap under the "Swarna Andhra@2047" initiative. • Alignment: This initiative aligns with the national vision of "Viksit Bharat@2047," which aims to make India a developed country by 2047.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Growth Target: The state is aiming for an annual growth rate of 15% to realize this transformation. ● About Viksit Bharat 2047' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 'Viksit Bharat 2047' agenda is a comprehensive vision plan by the Government of India, aiming to transform India into a developed nation by the year 2047, marking the 100th anniversary of its independence. ○ The vision encompasses various aspects of development, including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance. ○ The four pillars of Viksit Bharat are Yuva (Youth), Garib (Poor), Mahila (Women) and Kisan (Farmers).
<p>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu will formally hand over the keys to the beneficiaries of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme in Tetali, located within the Tanuku Assembly constituency. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a credit-linked subsidy scheme initiated to provide affordable housing to low and moderate-income residents across the country. ● The newly formed government has approved the proposal to provide 3 crore additional rural and urban houses under PMAY. ● The scheme has two components: PMAY-U for the urban poor and PMAY-G and PMAY-R for the rural poor. ● Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 is the second edition of the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme designed to address the housing shortage among the urban poor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It aims to assist economically weaker sections and lower-income groups in cities with financing for constructing or purchasing their first homes. ○ Under PMAY-U 2.0, financial assistance will be provided to 1 crore urban poor and middle-class families to construct, purchase, or rent houses at affordable costs.
<p>Awards & Honors: Jaivik India Award</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arika Ravindra, a 25-year-old farmer from Duggi village, Parvathipuram-Manyam district, won the Best Farmer Award in the Natural Farming/Organic Farmer category for the South Zone at the 5th Jaivik India Award ceremony.



- Ravindra has been cultivating four acres of land, including 20 cents under the Any Time Money (ATM) model, using natural farming methods for the past three years.

Key Points:

- The Jaivik India Award, presented by the **International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture (ICCOA)**, is a prestigious award that **recognises significant contribution to organic farming** in India.
- The awards cover various categories including **farmers, FPOs, companies, government bodies, and individuals involved in different aspects of organic farming.**
- The primary goal of the award is to **acknowledge significant contributions to the development of organic agriculture in India.**
 - The Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), which is spearheading natural farming initiatives, won six Jaivik India Awards in five categories out of 54 entries at the national level.
 - **Andhra Pradesh secured first place** in the Governments/State Governments/Agency/Pro-Organic Policies category.

About Organic Farming:

- It is a **production system that prohibits the use of synthetically produced agro-inputs (fertilisers and pesticides).**
- Instead, it **relies on organic material (such as crop residues, animal residues, legumes, bio-pesticides) for “maintaining soil productivity and fertility.**
- **The Government of India has been promoting organic farming in the country through two dedicated national schemes:**
 - Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and
 - Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Regions (MOVCD-NER) since 2015 through state governments.
- **Other schemes include:**
 - **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).

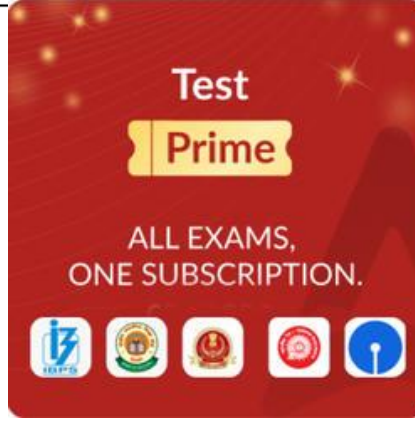


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