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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

Asian Waterbird Census-2025	**Why in news?** ● In the Asian Waterbird Census 2025, Coringa and the adjoining wetlands have emerged as a prime feeding habitat for 106 avian species. ● Among the species sighted in the Godavari estuary, there are three Endangered, one Vulnerable, and 11 Near Threatened species, with nearly 70 being migratory. **Key Points:** ● The census was **initiated in 1987** in the Indian subcontinent, and has grown rapidly to cover **26 countries of South Asia, East Asia, South East Asia, Pacific, as well as Russia Far East.** ● It is a citizen-science event that is a part of the global International Waterbird Census (IWC) coordinated by Wetlands International. ● The AWC is jointly coordinated by the Bombay Natural History Society and Wetlands International. It runs parallel to other international censuses of waterbirds in Africa, Europe and Neotropics. ● **Wetland sites:** Sites include all types of natural and man-made wetlands, including, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, freshwater swamps, mangroves, mudflats, coral reefs, rice fields and sewage farms, etc. ● **Waterbird species:** Waterbirds counted during the census include all types of waterbirds regularly encountered at wetlands.
Reports & Indices: Fiscal Health Index (FHI) report	**Why in news?** ● According to the newly introduced Fiscal Health Index 2025 by NITI Aayog, Andhra Pradesh ranks 17th out of 18 states in India for the 2022-23 financial year. **Key Points:** ● 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.** ● 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:** ○ **Top Performing:** Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand and Gujarat have emerged as top-performing 'achievers'

	among the States. ■ It displays strong fiscal health, excelling in revenue mobilization, expenditure management, and debt sustainability. ○ **Aspirational States:** Haryana, Kerala, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Punjab. ■ 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.
PM Surya Ghar Scheme	**Why in news?** ● NTR District Collector G Lakshmisha and MP Kesineni Sivanath urged citizens to take advantage of the PM Suryagarh scheme, which aims to lower electricity bills and promote solar energy. **Key Points:** ● It is a government scheme launched on **February 15, 2024**, that aims to **provide free electricity to households** in India. ● Under the scheme, households will be **provided with a subsidy to install solar panels** on their roofs. ● The subsidy will cover up to **40% of the cost** of the solar panels. ● **Eligibility:** ○ The household must be an Indian citizen. ○ The household must own a house with a roof that is suitable for installing solar panels. ○ The household must have a valid electricity connection. ○ The household must not have availed any other subsidy for solar panels.
Swarna Andhra@2047	**Why in news?** ● Lanka Dinakar, chairperson of the Twenty-Point Program (TPP), urged officials to focus on implementing the program effectively to achieve the goals of the Swarnandhra 2047 Vision. ● He emphasized that the action plan for Viksit Bharat 2047 and Swarnandhra 2047 will address issues in the Nandyal Parliament segment and transform it into 'Viksit Nandyal'. **Key Points:** ● **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. ○ 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. ● **Growth Target:** The state is aiming for an annual growth rate of 15% to realize this transformation. ● **About Viksit Bharat 2047'** ○ 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 (Framers).**
GSLV-F15 mission NVS-02	**Why in news?** ● The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will oversee its historic 100th launch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota with the GSLV-F15 mission. **Key Points:** ● **NVS-02 will be the second satellite in the series of 2nd-generation navigation satellites and the 9th satellite in the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC).** ● NavIC consists of a constellation of **7 satellites (First-generation Satellites)** ○ NVS-01 (the first 2nd generation satellite was launched in May 2023) ● **Launch vehicle:** GSLV Mark II ○ NVS-02 will likely have two kinds of payloads - **navigation payload and ranging payload.** ● **What is NavIC?** ○ NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) is the independent stand-alone navigation satellite system of India. It was earlier known as IRNSS (Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System).

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