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**Andhra Pradesh State Regional News**

<p><b>Eight MoUs signed to boost tourism</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Visakhapatnam Regional Tourism Investors Summit 2025 saw the signing of eight Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) valued at Rs 1,217 crore.</li> <li>• The investments aim to bolster tourism infrastructure across the State, creating 825 hotel rooms, and generating over 2,500 jobs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The projects will span key tourism hubs, including Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, Amaravati, and Alluri Sitarama Raju district.</li> <li>• The notable projects are luxury resorts, cruise hubs, and convention centres by prominent investors such as Atmosphere Hospitality Private Limited, Ripple and Company, and Dolphin Ocean Cruises.</li> <li>• One of the standout projects includes a luxury cruise hub at Visakhapatnam Port, spearheaded by Dolphin Ocean Cruises, and a destination wedding convention centre planned in Alluri Sitarama Raju district by Ripples and Company.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Polavaram Project</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Resources Minister Nimmala Rama Naidu announced that the construction of the Left Main Canal for the Polavaram Project will be completed by July this year, ensuring water supply to the Visakhapatnam region.</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 lakh ha.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The project implements the Godavari-Krishna link under the Interlinking of Rivers project.</li> <li>○ It envisages the transfer of 80TMC of surplus Godavari water to river Krishna which will be shared between Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Northeast monsoon</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Meteorological Department announced that the northeast monsoon has ended over southern peninsular India, including Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Northeast Monsoon, also known as the <b>Retreating Monsoon, occurs from October to December and is characterized by winds blowing from the northeast.</b></li> <li>● This monsoon primarily affects southeastern India, including Tamil Nadu, and parts of the eastern coast.</li> <li>● <b>Characteristics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Timing and Duration</b> – It occurs from October to December.</li> <li>○ <b>Wind Direction</b> – It is characterised by northeast trade winds that blow from the northeastern directions towards the Indian subcontinent.</li> <li>○ <b>Rainfall Distribution</b> – It primarily affects the southeastern coast of India, including Tamil Nadu and parts of Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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