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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Etikoppaka Toys</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of the 76th Republic Day parade held at Kartavya Path in New Delhi, the Andhra Pradesh tableau was honoured with a jury award by the Central government.</li> <li>The 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.</li> <li>The tableau showcased an artisan making the traditional wooden toys, accompanied by intricately crafted pieces, including Lord Venkateswara idols.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located on the banks of the river <b>Varaha in Visakhapatnam district of AP, is a small village called Etikoppaka.</b></li> <li>Made in the Etikoppaka region of Andhra Pradesh, these toys are made with <b>lacquer color and are traditionally known as Etikoppaka toys or Etikoppaka Bommalu.</b></li> <li>The toys are also <b>called lacquer toys because of the application of lacquer coating.</b></li> <li>These are well known for <b>canon toys, lord Ganesha form and bullock etc.</b></li> <li>The toys are made <b>out of wood and are coloured with natural dyes derived from seeds, lacquer, bark, roots and leaves.</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Foreigners' Division of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has granted the FCRA license to Sri Sarada Peetham, an Andhra Pradesh-based institution, allowing it to receive donations and funding from foreign sources.</li> <li>The Peetham was founded with the mission to promote and propagate Sanatana Vaidik Dharma and Advaita Vedanta, following the traditions of Adi Shankaracharya.</li> <li>It serves as a centre for spiritual development, Vedic wisdom, and meditation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a <b>law enacted by Parliament to regulate foreign contributions (especially monetary donations) provided by certain individuals or associations to NGOs and others within India.</b></li> <li>The Act, in its consolidating form, was originally passed in 1976 and majorly modified in 2010.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Act aims to <b>prevent foreign organisations from influencing electoral politics, social, political, economic, or religious discussions in India for wrong purposes and activities detrimental to the public interest.</b></li> <li>• The Act falls under the purview of the <b>Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>'Foreign Contribution'</b> means the donation, delivery or transfer made by any foreign source of any:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ article (not being an article given to a person as a gift for his/her personal use, the market value of which is not more than one lakh rupees);</li> <li>■ currency (whether Indian or foreign);</li> <li>■ security.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Contributions made by a citizen of India living in another country (e.g. a Non-Resident Indian (NRI)) from his/her personal savings through the normal banking channels, will not be treated as foreign contributions.</b></li> <li>• Foreign Contribution Regulation (Amendment) Rules 2022 made key changes governing norms for accepting overseas donations by NGOs and specified new limits on administrative expenses, 20 per cent compared to the earlier limit of 50 per cent.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PM Surya Ghar Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a government scheme launched on <b>February 15, 2024</b>, that aims to <b>provide free electricity to households</b> in India.</li> <li>• Under the scheme, households will be <b>provided with a subsidy to install solar panels</b> on their roofs.</li> <li>• The subsidy will cover up to <b>40% of the cost</b> of the solar panels.</li> <li>• <b>Eligibility:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The household must be an Indian citizen.</li> <li>○ The household must own a house with a roof that is suitable for installing solar panels.</li> <li>○ The household must have a valid electricity connection.</li> <li>○ The household must not have availed any other subsidy for solar panels.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Species in news: Olive Ridley Turtles</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <p>The mystery surrounding the mass mortality of Olive Ridley turtles is becoming more complex, with Andhra Pradesh reporting 3,000 deaths. The main cause appears to be drowning, raising concerns about harmful fishing methods such as bottom trawling.</p> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are the <b>smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world.</b></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scientific Name:</b> Lepidochelys olivacea</li> <li>• They are best known for their <b>unique mass nesting, called Arribada, where thousands of females come together on the same beach to lay eggs.</b></li> <li>• <b>Distribution:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They are mainly found in the warm waters of the <b>Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Odisha's Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is known as the world's largest rookery (a colony of breeding animals) of sea turtles.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Conservation Status:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>IUCN Red List:</b> Vulnerable</li> <li>○ <b>Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:</b> Schedule 1</li> <li>○ <b>CITES:</b> Appendix I</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
WhatsApp governance	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andhra Pradesh is poised to become the first state in India to implement WhatsApp governance, providing access to 161 public services.</li> <li>• The HRD Minister is set to launch the initiative today, with more services expected to be available in the second phase.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WhatsApp governance will facilitate the swift delivery of public services, supporting the administration's objective of placing Andhra Pradesh at the leading edge of technological advancement.</li> <li>• Currently, services from various departments, including Endowments, Energy, APSRTC, Revenue, Anna Canteens, CMRF, and Municipal Administration, will be available on WhatsApp.</li> </ul>
National Green Tribunal (NGT)	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NGT's Southern Zonal Bench has halted six infrastructure projects in the Kolleru wetland area by the Andhra Pradesh government until they meet legal requirements and obtain necessary clearances from the Water Resources Department.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NGT has been established under the <b>National Green Tribunal Act 2010</b> for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.</li> <li>• <b>New Delhi is the principal place of sitting of the tribunal</b> and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata, and Chennai shall be the other four places of sitting of the tribunal.</li> <li>• <b>Powers:</b> The NGT has the power to hear all civil cases relating to environmental issues and questions that are linked to the implementation of laws listed in Schedule I of the NGT Act.</li> <li>• NGT has <b>appellate jurisdiction to hear appeals as a Court.</b></li> </ul>



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