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<p>Ratha Saptami</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sun God temple at Arasavalli, located in Andhra Pradesh, was all set in a festive mood in anticipation of the Ratha Saptami celebration. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratha Saptami also known as Magha Saptami, is a Hindu festival observed on the seventh day (saptami) of the bright half (Shukla Paksha) of the Magha month. This festival symbolizes the Sun god, Surya, turning his chariot (ratha), drawn by seven horses representing the seven colors, towards the northern hemisphere in a north-eastern direction. Ratha Saptami also marks the birth of Surya, and is therefore celebrated as Surya Jayanti, the sun god's birthday. It is symbolic of the change of season to spring and the start of the harvesting season. For most Indian farmers, it is an auspicious beginning of the New Year.
<p>Dhimsa Dance</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tribal families in Neelabandha hamlet of Anakapalli district marked the arrival of electricity for the first time with a celebratory 'Dhimsa' dance. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dhimsa is a tribal dance form that is performed primarily by Porja caste women in Andhra Pradesh. Dhimsa originated in Koraput district in the Odisha State, but has almost become an official dance of Visakhapatnam. Andhra Pradesh's tribal dance is usually executed by roughly 15-20 women, even though both men and ladies of any age can participate. The Dhimsa dance is accompanied by instruments such as the Mori, Kiridi, Tudumu, Dappu, and Jodukommulu
<p>Nelapattu bird sanctuary</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 'World Wetlands Day', Sri City donated ₹10 lakh for the biodiversity conservation of the Nelapattu bird sanctuary. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Named after the village – 'Nelapattu', located just adjoining in the Sanctuary in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh is this wetland mainly for migratory water birds. The local people of Nelapattu, Muchalagunta, Mylangam, etc; protect the birds as "celestial birds", as their arrival brings good



		<p>rains and good crops.</p> <p>About World Wetlands Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is celebrated annually on February 2. • It aims to spread awareness about conserving one of the most critical ecosystems on the planet. • This date marks the adoption of the Ramsar Convention in 1971. • Theme of 2025 World Wetlands Day: This year, the theme was “Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future”. • India has been a party to the Convention since 1982, designating 89 Ramsar sites. <p>What are wetlands?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetlands are regions covered by water either perennially or seasonally, such as marshes and lakes.
16th Commission	Finance	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav met Arvind Panagariya, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, in New Delhi to discuss the allocation of funds for Andhra Pradesh. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 16th Finance Commission, commencing April 1, 2026, is chaired by Dr Arvind Panagariya and addresses vital responsibilities such as equitable resource distribution, grants-in-aid principles, and strengthening local governance. • It also focuses on disaster management financing and urbanization challenges. <p>About Finance Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Finance Commission is a constitutional body in India established under Article 280 of the Constitution, tasked with maintaining fiscal federalism by recommending the distribution of tax revenues between the central and state governments. • Constituted every five years by the President, it comprises a Chairman and four members with expertise in finance, economics, or public administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It recommends the sharing of net tax proceeds (e.g., income tax, GST) between the Union and states, grants-in-aid for revenue-deficient states, and measures to enhance local body resources for grassroots governance. ○ It also advises on fiscal discipline, public expenditure, and other financial matters referred by the President.
Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)		<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amid rising Guillain-Barré Syndrome cases in Maharashtra, Director of Medical Education D.S.V.L. Narasimham reassured the public, stating there is no cause for concern and that the state



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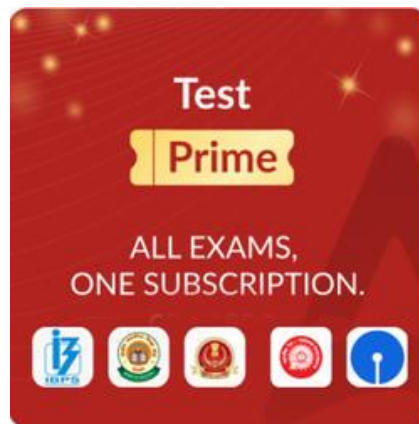


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has adequate measures in place.

Key Points:

- It's a **neurological disorder** in which the **body's immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system.**
 - This is the part of the nervous system outside the brain and spinal cord.
 - It **controls muscle movement, pain signals, and temperature and touch sensations.**
- GBS is also called **Acute Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyradiculoneuropathy (AIDP).**
- It can **occur at any age**, but it most **commonly affects people between 30 and 50.**
- **Cause:** The exact cause of the disease remains unclear, but it is often observed following a **viral or bacterial infection, vaccination, or major surgery.**
- **Symptoms:**
 - It begins with an unknown fever, followed by weakness and other nervous system-related symptoms.
 - It can increase in intensity over a period of hours, days, or weeks until certain muscles cannot be used at all.
 - **Treatment:**
 - There is **no known cure** for this syndrome.
 - The most commonly used treatment is **intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)**, which is made from donated blood that contains healthy antibodies.
 - This helps calm down the immune system's attack on the nerves.





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