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<p>Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is promoting private partners through the public-private partnership model to collaboratively develop the tourism sector in Andhra Pradesh. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the World Bank, a public-private partnership (PPP) is a long-term contract between a private entity and a government body for providing a public asset or service, where the private party assumes significant risk and management responsibilities, and remuneration is linked to performance. Key characteristics of PPPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically long-term arrangements. Involve large corporations from the private sector. Common forms of PPPs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Build-Lease-Transfer (BLT) Design-Build-Operate-Transfer (DBFO) Operate-Maintain-Transfer (OMT)
<p>Avian influenza (H5N1)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, around four lakh chickens have died in West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, over the past 45 days. The Animal Husbandry Department suspects avian influenza as the cause and has sent samples to labs in Bhopal and Vijayawada for confirmation. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H5N1 is a type of influenza virus that causes a highly infectious, severe respiratory disease in birds called avian influenza (or "bird flu"). Basically, it is a subtype of the influenza A virus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza A viruses are classified by subtypes based on the properties of their surface proteins. Human cases of H5N1 avian influenza occur occasionally, but it is difficult to transmit the infection from person to person. When people become infected, the mortality rate is about 60%.
<p>PM JANMAN Scheme</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy raised a question in the Lok Sabha regarding the status of a project to establish 2,500 anganwadi centres in Andhra Pradesh under the PM-JANMAN scheme.



	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM JANMAN is a government scheme that aims to bring tribal communities into the mainstream. • The scheme (comprising Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes) will be implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with the State governments and the PVTG communities. • The scheme will concentrate on 11 critical interventions overseen by 9 line Ministries, ensuring the implementation of existing schemes in villages inhabited by PVTGs. • It encompasses various sectors, including safe housing under the PM-AWAS Scheme, access to clean drinking water, improved healthcare, education, nutrition, road and telecommunications connectivity, as well as opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. • The plan also includes the establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras for trading in forest produce, off-grid solar power systems for 1 lakh households, and solar street lights. <p>Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PVTGs are more vulnerable among the tribal groups. • In 1960-61, the Dhebar Commission identified disparities among Scheduled Tribes, leading to the creation of the “Primitive Tribal Groups” (PTG) category. • In 2006, this category was renamed Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). • Characterised by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Population – stagnant/declining ○ Technology – pre-agricultural ○ Literacy Level – extremely low ○ Economy – Subsistence level
Ratha Saptami	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thousands of devotees gathered at Arasavilli to pray and seek blessings from Sri Suryanarayana Swamy on the occasion of Ratha Saptami, also referred to as Surya Jayanthi. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.



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