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<p>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy met Union Ministers Virendra Kumar Khatik and Ramdas Athawale in Delhi seeking funds under the Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a credit-linked subsidy scheme initiated to provide affordable housing to low and moderate-income residents across the country.• The newly formed government has approved the proposal to provide 3 crore additional rural and urban houses under PMAY.• The scheme has two components: PMAY-U for the urban poor and PMAY-G and PMAY-R for the rural poor.• Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 is the second edition of the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme designed to address the housing shortage among the urban poor.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ It aims to assist economically weaker sections and lower-income groups in cities with financing for constructing or purchasing their first homes.○ Under PMAY-U 2.0, financial assistance will be provided to 1 crore urban poor and middle-class families to construct, purchase, or rent houses at affordable costs.
<p>Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In compliance with the Andhra Pradesh High Court's directions, officials from the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) conducted a survey at Bheemili Beach on Saturday to identify potential violations of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms.• The survey was carried out with the participation of officials from the CRZ Authority, Pollution Control Board and the Municipal Administration Department. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 1991, the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) was established to include coastal areas influenced by tides up to 500 meters from the high tide line (HTL) and the land between the low tide line (LTL) and HTL.• They have been declared by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change under the Environment Protection Act 1986.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifications of Coastal Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CRZ-I: Environmentally sensitive areas. ○ CRZ-II: Urban areas with extensive development. ○ CRZ-III: Undisturbed rural areas. ○ CRZ-IV: Water region from low tide line to 12 nautical miles seaward
Avian influenza (H5N1)	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samples from deceased poultry layers (birds raised for egg production, not consumption) collected from a farm in Kanuru Agraharam, Peravali mandal, East Godavari district, have tested positive for bird flu, caused by the H5N1 avian influenza. <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%
Places in news: Kolleru Lake	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader Chinta Mohan urged the Andhra Pradesh government to form a commission to investigate land encroachments in the Kolleru Lake region for illegal occupations and lake's significant area reduction over the years. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the largest freshwater lake in India. • It is located in Andhra Pradesh between the Krishna and Godavari deltas and covers an area of 308 km². • The lake serves as a natural flood-balancing reservoir for these two rivers. • The lake is fed directly by water from the seasonal Budameru and Tammileru streams, and is connected to the Krishna and Godavari systems by over 68 inflowing drains and channels. • It serves as a habitat for migratory birds.
Species in news: Olive Ridley Turtles 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A State-level workshop to protect Olive Ridley sea turtles and other marine species was held by the Nellore Forest Department, in collaboration with the NGO Tree Foundation. • Officials from the Fisheries Department, Indian Coast Guard, Marine Police, and fishermen associations participated in the event.



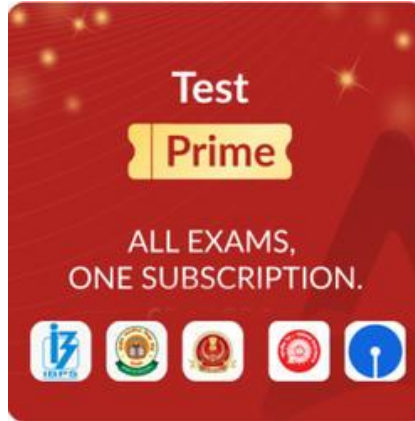
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Key Points:

- They are the **smallest and most abundant** of all sea turtles found in the world.
- **Scientific Name:** *Lepidochelys olivacea*
- They are best known for their **unique mass nesting**, called **Arribada**, where **thousands of females** come together on the same beach to lay eggs.
- **Distribution:**
 - They are mainly found in the warm waters of the **Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans.**
 - **Odisha's Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary** is known as the world's largest rookery (a colony of breeding animals) of sea turtles.
- **Conservation Status:**
 - **IUCN Red List:** Vulnerable
 - **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule 1
 - **CITES:** Appendix I





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