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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Aero India 2025</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At AeroIndia 2025 in Bengaluru, the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with four top aerospace and defense companies, securing investments totaling ₹2,458.84 crore. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 15th Aero India event is set to take place at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Renowned as one of Asia's largest airshows, this venue has traditionally hosted the event since its inception. Participants and exhibitors can register online to secure their entry passes. The Aero India 2025 Theme is "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme highlights the role of India in growing in aerospace and defense manufacturing, motivating partnerships between International and Indian companies. Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is to present the latest advancement in technologies in aerospace as well as defense technologies. It will also promote international collaboration and present India as a key player in global aviation and defense sectors. This show will offer a platform for both military and civil aviation sectors across the world to show their production and new partnerships.
<p>National Health Index (NHI)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu highlighted the importance of evaluating Andhra Pradesh's standing in the national health index, stressing that the primary responsibility is to ensure that the people do not face any difficulties. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2017, the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the World Bank initiated an annual Health Index for tracking Overall Performance and Incremental Performance across all states and Union Territories (UTs). The objective of the Annual Health Index is to track and rank progress on health outcomes and health systems performance, develop healthy competition and encourage cross learning among states and UTs. The health index assesses states and UTs on two parameters –



		<p>incremental performance (year-on-year progress) and overall performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health Index is a composite score that reflects the achievements and incremental improvements of the states and UTs on 24 indicators across three domains: health outcomes, governance and information, and key inputs and processes.
Swadesh Scheme	Darshan	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union Minister of Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat confirmed that the Detailed Project Proposals for Nagarjuna Sagar, Ahobilam, and Suryalanka under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme will be processed within 10 days. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country. It is a 100% centrally funded scheme. Under the scheme, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State governments, Union Territory Administrations or Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is the responsibility of the respective State Government/UT Administration. Swadesh Darshan 2.0: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations covering tourism and allied infrastructure, tourism services, human capital development, destination management and promotion backed by policy and institutional reforms. The objective for the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme envisages increase in private sector investment in tourism & hospitality. It may help in increasing Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in the field of tourism and operation and maintenance of the created assets under the scheme.
Lymphatic Filariasis		<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister for Medical, Health, and Family Welfare, Y. Satya Kumar Yadav, stated that the state government aims to eliminate elephantiasis, also known as filariasis, by 2030 and is distributing medicine twice a year to support this effort. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lymphatic filariasis, commonly known as elephantiasis, is a neglected tropical disease. Infection occurs when filarial parasites are transmitted to humans



	<p>through mosquitoes. This impairs the lymphatic system and can lead to the abnormal enlargement of body parts, causing pain, severe disability and social stigma.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cause: It is caused by infection with parasites classified as nematodes (roundworms) of the family Filariodidea. There are 3 types of these thread-like filarial worms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wuchereria bancrofti, which is responsible for 90% of the cases. ○ Brugia malayi, which causes most of the remainder of the cases. ○ Brugia timori, which also causes the disease. ● Transmission: Mosquitoes are infected with microfilariae by ingesting blood when biting an infected host. Microfilariae mature into infective larvae within the mosquito. When infected mosquitoes bite people, mature parasite larvae are deposited on the skin, from where they can enter the body. ● Symptoms: About two in every three people who have lymphatic filariasis don't have severe symptoms. But filariasis usually leads to a weakened immune system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inflammation: An overactivated immune system. ○ Lymphedema: Fluid buildup in your lymphatic system. ○ Hydrocele: Swelling and fluid buildup in the scrotum. ○ Edema: Swelling and fluid buildup in your arms, legs, breasts and female genitals (vulva). ● Treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elimination of lymphatic filariasis is possible by stopping the spread of the infection through preventive chemotherapy.
Pariksha Pe Charcha	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Pariksha Pe Charcha," initiated by Prime Minister Modi to boost students' confidence and reduce exam fear, was watched live by Urban Range Deputy Inspector of Schools B. Dilip Kumar and students at Gandhi Puram-2, Sunkara Bhaskara Rao Nagar Municipal High School. ● The session, streamed on YouTube, featured the Prime Minister interacting with students, parents, and teachers, offering tips to manage exam stress. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pariksha Pe Charcha is an annual event organized by the Ministry of Education, where Prime Minister Modi interacts with students preparing for the upcoming board examinations. ● Pariksha Pe Charcha is part of the larger movement - 'Exam Warriors' - led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to create a stress-free atmosphere for youngsters. ● It is a movement that is driven by the PM to bring together students, parents, teachers and the society to foster an environment where the unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully.



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