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Lingamanthula Jatara	 Why in news? The Lingamanthula Jatara (Peddagattu Jatara), held every two years, began at the Lingamanthula Swamy Temple in Durajpally village, Chivvemla mandal, Suryapet. Key Points: Peddagattu or Gollagattu Jathara is the festival done in the name of Lord Lingamanthulu Swamy and Goddess Choudamma every 2 years. The presiding deities, Sri Lingamanthula Swamy, believed an Incarnation of Lord Shiva, and his sister – Choudamma, are offered various pujas during the five-day fete. Peddagattu (Gollagattu) is the second biggest religious congregation or Jathara in the state of Telangana after
Person in news: Sant Sevalal Maharaj	 Sammakka Saralamma Jatara. Why in news? The 286th birth anniversary of Sant Sevalal Maharaj, a respected spiritual leader of the Banjara community, was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and grandeur at Banjara Bhavan in Banjara Hills. Key Points: Santh Sevalal Maharaj was born on 15 February 1739 at Surgondankoppa in Shivamogga district of Karnataka. He is considered a social reformer and spiritual teacher of the Banjara community. He fought for the traditional rights and the land rights of the Banjara Community
	 Who are Banjaras? The Banjara (also known as Lambadi, Gour Rajput, Labana) are a historically nomadic trading tribe who may have origins in Rajasthan. They have settled across the country with different names and have permanently abandoned their nomadic lifestyle and settled in their settlements called Tandas. They are now mainly distributed in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal States. They speak Gor Boli also called Lambadi which belongs to the Indo-Aryan Group of Languages.
National Geophysical	Why in news?



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Research Institute (NGRI)	 The National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) in Hyderabad will conduct seismic monitoring of the Sri Komaravelli Mallannasagar reservoir in Siddipet district for five years. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) initiated suo motu cognizance following news reports and concerns that the reservoir was built without seismic studies.
	 Key Points: NGRI, a constituent research laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), was established in 1961. Mission: To carry out research in multidisciplinary areas of the highly complex structure and processes of the Earth system and its extensively interlinked subsystems. Location: Hyderabad NGRI has the mandate to conduct research for public-good science to enable government agencies, public and private sector stakeholders to make informed decisions about the use of geo-resources sustainably and improve preparedness and resilience to natural hazards.
Open Market Operations (OMOs)	Why in news? Recently, the State government has updated its timetable for raising open market borrowings through the Reserve Bank of India.
	 Key Points: Open Market Operations (OMOs) are market operations conducted by RBI by way of sale/purchase of government securities to/from the market with an objective to adjust the rupee liquidity conditions in the market on a durable basis. If there is excess liquidity, RBI resorts to sale of securities and sucks out the rupee liquidity. Similarly, when the liquidity conditions are tight, RBI buys securities from the market, thereby releasing liquidity into the market. It is one of the quantitative (to regulate or control the total volume of money) monetary policy tools which is employed by the central bank of a country to control the money supply in the economy.
Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)	Why in news? ■ The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) in Hyderabad has launched a species-specific 'Hilsa' Fishery Advisory (HiFA) to assist fishermen, particularly along the West Bengal coast.
	Key Points:



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- It was established as an autonomous body in 1999 under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and is a unit of the Earth System Science Organization (ESSO).
- Mandate: To provide the best possible ocean information and advisory services to society, industry, government agencies, and the scientific community through sustained ocean observations and constant improvements through systematic and focussed research.
- Provides round-the-clock monitoring and warning services for the coastal population on tsunamis, storm surges, high waves, etc. through the in-houseIndian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC).





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