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### Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Swachh program</b></p> <p><b>Tirumala</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The TTD has launched the 'Swachh Tirumala' programme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Swachh Tirumala program is an initiative to keep the Tirumala temple and surrounding areas clean and hygienic. The program includes waste management and awareness campaigns.</li> <li>The program is held on the third Saturday of every month.</li> <li>The program includes waste segregation guidelines and designated bins for waste disposal.</li> <li>The program also includes awareness campaigns to educate pilgrims, students, locals, and sanitary workers about waste management.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person in news: Sant Sevalal Maharaj</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu paid tributes to Sant Sevalal Maharaj on his birth anniversary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Santh Sevalal Maharaj was born on 15 February 1739 at Surgondankoppa in Shivamogga district of Karnataka.</li> <li>He is considered a social reformer and spiritual teacher of the Banjara community.</li> <li>He fought for the traditional rights and the land rights of the Banjara Community</li> </ul> <p><b>Who are Banjaras?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Banjara (also known as Lambadi, Gour Rajput, Labana) are a historically nomadic trading tribe</b> who may have origins in Rajasthan.</li> <li>They have settled across the country with different names and have permanently abandoned their nomadic lifestyle and settled in their settlements called <b>Tandas</b>.</li> <li>They are now mainly distributed in <b>Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal States</b>.</li> <li>They speak <b>Gor Boli also called Lambadi which belongs to the Indo-Aryan Group of Languages</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maha Kumbh Mela</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Minister Nara Lokesh, along with his wife Brahmani and son Devansh, participated in the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a sacred pilgrimage that is celebrated four times over a course of 12 years.</li> <li><b>Kumbh Mela</b>, the world's largest peaceful gathering, draws millions of pilgrims who bathe in sacred rivers seeking to purify themselves from sins and attain spiritual liberation.</li> <li>This sacred event rotates between four locations in <b>India-Haridwar, Ujjain, Nashik, and Prayagraj</b>- each situated by a holy river, from the Ganges to the Shipra, the Godavari, and the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and the mythical Sarasvati in Prayagraj.</li> <li>The roots of the Kumbh Mela stretch back thousands of years, finding early references during the <b>Maurya and Gupta periods (4th century BCE to 6th century CE)</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has launched its Young Indians (Yi) chapter in Tirupati, appointing Kasturi Varsha Viswanath, Director of Varsha Foods, as Chair for 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a <b>non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization</b>.</li> <li>It was founded in <b>1895</b>, its headquarters is in <b>New Delhi</b>.</li> <li>It works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Compressed Biogas (CBG)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will start producing compressed biogas (CBG) in July from food waste at the Matrusri Tarigonda Vengamamba Nitya Anna Prasadam Complex and other TTD facilities.</li> <li>The project aims to produce 1,500 kg of biogas daily, addressing waste management and energy needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compressed Biogas (CBG) means the <b>mixture of hydrocarbon gases and vapours consisting mainly of Methane in gaseous form, which has been produced by the decomposition of animal and plant waste</b>, purified and compressed for use as an automotive fuel and industrial application.</li> <li>Biogas can be compressed after removal of carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide, the same way as natural gas is compressed to CNG, and used to power motor vehicles.</li> <li><b>Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Import reduction of natural gas and crude.</li> <li>Utilization of agricultural residue, cattle dung and MSW for the production of CBG and thus to achieve reduction in emissions and pollution.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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