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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Polavaram Project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) has formed a committee to examine all aspects of the Polavaram project and the challenges faced by the displaced families. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a multi-purpose irrigation project built on the Godavari River in West Godavari district and East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. It involves the construction of a dam to address water scarcity, boost agricultural productivity, and generate power. It has been accorded national project status by the central government. Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is intended for development of a gross irrigation potential of 4,36,825 ha. The project also envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lakh in 611 villages, and diversion of 80 TMC of water to the Krishna River basin. The dam will help manage floodwaters from the Godavari River, reducing risks to nearby communities.
<p>WhatsApp governance -Mana Mitra</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has instructed officials to establish a dedicated 'Mana Mitra' WhatsApp Governance Cell at all Collectorates across the State. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of phase one, 161 citizens' services are now available under Mana Mitra, which has been launched in collaboration with Meta. This initiative, in partnership with Meta, makes accessing government services as simple as chatting with a friend or family member. The services will cover six key categories: electricity bill payments, revenue services, municipal services, grievance redressal, and booking for temple darshan/seva and bus tickets. The State government has allotted an official WhatsApp number 9552300009 for availing the services.
<p>Places in news: Srisaillam</p>	<p>Why in news?</p>



<p>Temple</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The management of the Srisailam temple has begun distributing one free laddu to each devotee who has darshan of Lord Mallikarjuna and Goddess Bhramaramb. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Srisailam Temple, or Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, worshipped here in the form of Mallikarjuna Swamy. It is surrounded by the forests of the Nallamala Hills, overlooking the pristine waters of the Krishna River. This ancient temple built in the Dravidian style with lofty towers and sprawling courtyards is one of the finest specimens of Vijayanagara architecture. Though the exact origins of the temple are not available, the Satavahanas of the 2nd century AD have referred to it. The unique feature of this temple is the combination of Jyothirlingam and Mahasakthi (in the form of Bhramarambika) in one campus, which is very rare and only one of its kind.
<p>Grameen Bharat Mahotsav-Andhra Pradesh 2025</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, ten-day Grameen Bharat Mahotsav-Andhra Pradesh 2025, an exhibition highlighting rural products came to an end. Organized by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the exhibition featured 71 stalls from eight states, along with displays from various districts of Andhra Pradesh. It provided a platform for showcasing products handcrafted by artisans and women from Self Help Groups (SHGs). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025, an initiative by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), is a celebration of Rural India—the soul of India. The event will bring together government officials, thought leaders, rural entrepreneurs, and stakeholders from various sectors to collaborate on initiatives promoting sustainable rural growth. <p>About NABARD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NABARD is a development bank focussing primarily on the rural sector of the country. It is the apex banking institution to provide finance for Agriculture and rural development. Its headquarter is located in Mumbai. It is responsible for the development of the small industries, cottage industries, and any other such village or rural projects. It is a statutory body established in 1982 under the Parliamentary act-National Bank for Agriculture and Rural

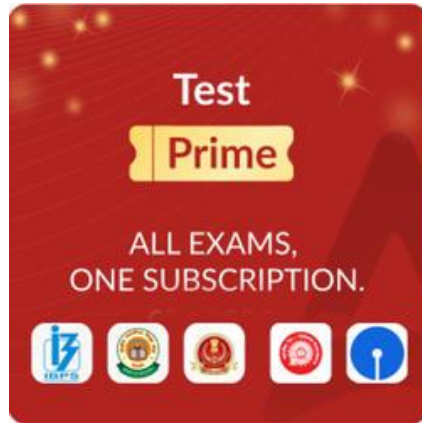


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Festivals in news: TTD Brahmotsavam	Why in news? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devotional fervor gripped Tirupati as the annual Brahmotsavams are being celebrated at the Kapileswara Temple and Kalyana Venkateswara Temple (Srinivasa Mangapuram) under the auspices of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaiety and religious splendour marked Rathotsavam at Tirumala, on the penultimate day of the nine-day annual Srivari Brahmotsavams. Brahmotsavam, the Hindu festival is an auspicious festival celebrated every year at the Tirumala Venkateswara Temple at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh. The celebration of the Brahmotsava is performed over nine-day period. On the very first day of the festival "Anurarana" ritual is performed along with the celebration of Shri Vishvaksena. The "Anurarana" ritual signifies fertility, abundance and prosperity.



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