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**Andhra Pradesh State Regional News**

<p><b>Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister for Energy Gottipati Ravi Kumar assessed the progress of agricultural power connections, the implementation of the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), and the preparedness for ensuring an uninterrupted power supply during the summer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme is an <b>initiative by the Central Government aiming at improving the power distribution sector that ensures efficient, reliable and affordable electricity supply.</b></li> <li>The scheme will address the challenges faced by the distribution companies and improve their operational efficiency and financial sustainability.</li> <li><b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guiding and helping DISCOMs to improve their functioning by adopting modern technologies.</li> <li>Ensuring long-term financial health of DISCOMs by bridging the revenue-expenditure gap.</li> <li>Ensuring affordable high-quality power supply for all consumers including those in remote areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>WhatsApp governance -Mana Mitra</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu urged officials to ensure that every citizen becomes digitally literate and is equipped with the skills to use WhatsApp for governance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of phase one, <b>161 citizens' services are now available under Mana Mitra, which has been launched in collaboration with Meta.</b></li> <li>This initiative, in partnership with Meta, makes accessing government services as simple as chatting with a friend or family member.</li> <li>The services will cover <b>six key categories: electricity bill payments, revenue services, municipal services, grievance redressal, and booking for temple darshan/seva and bus tickets.</b></li> <li>The State government has allotted an <b>official WhatsApp number 9552300009 for availing the services.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Green hydrogen</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu virtually launched Hero Future Energies' (HFE) green hydrogen blending plant</li> </ul>



	<p>at Rockman Industries in Tirupati.</p> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green hydrogen is a <b>clean-burning, non-toxic, and highly combustible fuel that can be used in a variety of applications.</b></li> <li>• Green hydrogen is produced by <b>splitting water molecules (H<sub>2</sub>O) into hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) using electricity generated from renewable sources like solar, wind, or hydro.</b></li> <li>• <b>Applications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Green hydrogen can be used in a variety of applications, including:</li> <li>○ Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs)</li> <li>○ Aviation and Maritime</li> <li>○ Industry (Fertilizer Refinery, Steel, Transport (Road, Rail), Shipping, Power Generation)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>National Green Hydrogen Mission:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective:</b> To identify the gaps in the existing testing facilities for components, technologies and processes in the value chain of Green Hydrogen &amp; its derivatives.</li> <li>• National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) will be the Scheme Implementation agency (SIA).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andhra Pradesh recorded a growth rate of 9.24% at constant prices in 2024-25, up from 6.18% in 2023-24. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) rose to ₹8.73 lakh crore in 2024-25, compared to ₹7.99 lakh crore in 2023-24.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is a <b>monetary measure of the total value of all goods and services produced within a state's boundaries</b> over a specific period of time.</li> <li>• It's a <b>key indicator of a state's economic growth</b> and is also known as <b>State Income</b>.</li> <li>• It is compiled by the <b>National Statistical Office (NSO)</b>.</li> <li>• GSDP is usually <b>calculated annually, but can also be calculated quarterly, monthly, or half-yearly.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Learn more about Per Capita income (PCI):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per capita income (PCI) is a <b>measure of the average income earned per person in a given area</b> over a set period of time, such as a year.</li> <li>• <b>PCI = Total Income / Population</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Blue Flag Certification</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently, the Andhra Pradesh government has temporarily revoked the Blue Flag certification for Rushikonda Beach and relieved two officials of their duties.</li> </ul>



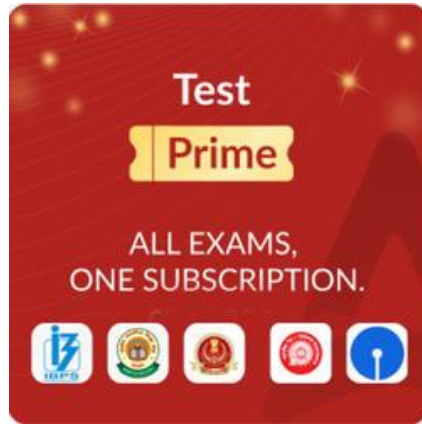
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### Key Points:

- It is a globally recognized eco-label accorded by the **Foundation for Environment Education in Denmark (FEE)**.
- It is one of the **world's most recognised voluntary awards for beaches, marinas, and sustainable tourism boats**.
- It promotes sustainable development in freshwater and marine areas through four main criteria: **water quality, environmental management, environmental education and safety**.
- The mission of Blue Flag is to promote sustainability in the **tourism sector, through environmental education, environmental protection and other sustainable development practices**.



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