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<p>PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NREDCAP), in collaboration with the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) and the International Copper Association India (ICAI), hosted a stakeholder consultation on the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a government scheme launched on February 15, 2024, that aims to provide free electricity to households in India. Under the scheme, households will be provided with a subsidy to install solar panels on their roofs. The subsidy will cover up to 40% of the cost of the solar panels. The benefits of the scheme include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free electricity for households. Reduced electricity costs for the government. Increased use of renewable energy. Reduced carbon emissions.
<p>MSME</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union Bank of India has sanctioned loans totaling nearly ₹100 crore to MSMEs in Nellore. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise) are regulated under the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006. MSMEs are managed under the Ministry of MSME. The classification criteria are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Micro Enterprise: Investment in Plant and Machinery or Equipment is less than INR 1 crore and Annual Turnover is less than INR 5 crore; (b) Small Enterprise: Investment in Plant and Machinery or Equipment is less than INR 10 crore and Annual Turnover is less than INR 50 crore; (c) Medium Enterprise: Investment in Plant and Machinery or Equipment is less than INR 50 crore and Annual Turnover is less than INR 250 crore.
<p>MGNREGA</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Workers Union, affiliated with BKMU, protested demanding higher wages and more



	<p>working days for MGNREGA workers.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGNREGA is the abbreviation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005. • It is a law passed by the Indian government in 2005 that guarantees the "right to work" to rural citizens of India. • Under this, the government assures a minimum of 100 days of unskilled manual work to an adult member of an eligible rural household. • The main objective of the MGNREGA is to provide employment to rural citizens and improve their economic conditions. • Eligibility Criteria: For receiving the benefits of the MGNREGA Scheme, the following eligibility criteria are to be met by the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Citizen of India ○ 18 years of age at the time of application ○ Rural Household ○ Willing to do unskilled work
<p>Thaliki Scheme Vandanam</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nara Lokesh, the Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) and Information Technology (IT), confirmed that the TDP-led NDA government will soon release guidelines for the implementation of Thaliki Vandanam. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under this Thaliki Vandanam Scheme, it intends to provide financial aid to the youth of the state to complete their education. • The scheme will provide rupees 15000 annually to the students. Through this scheme, the future of the youth will be secured. • This scheme will surely increase the literacy rate around the state. • The students belonging to the economically backward sections of the state will be given a chance to complete their education.
<p>Vividhta ka Mahotsav Amrit</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dharmavaram silk designer Nagaraju will showcase his work at Rashtrapati Bhavan's 'Vividhta ka Amrit Mahotsav.' • Among his notable creations are a silk fabric inscribed with "Jai Shri Ram" in 13 languages, featuring 2,200 words, and a woven depiction of Mahatma Gandhi's Salt Satyagraha Movement on silk. <p>Key Points:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Vividhta ka Amrit Mahotsav' is being organized at Rashtrapati Bhavan to celebrate and showcase the rich diversity of India. • This Mahotsav has been structured in the seven distinct editions dedicated to – North-East, South, North, East, West, Central region and Union Territories. • The second edition of this celebration focuses on the Southern states. This Mahotsav presents before visitors the rich heritage and vibrant cultures of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. • This festival will also provide a platform for artists, artisans, performers, writers and culinary experts from these states to showcase their talents through cultural performances, handicraft and handloom exhibitions, literary enclave, informative workshops, food courts, etc.
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