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<p><b>Three language policy</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valluru Bhargav, Head of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Professionals, stated that it is crucial for the Centre to clearly explain to people in different regions the benefits of its proposed delimitation exercise and the three-language policy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the <b>National Education Policy of 1968</b>, the three-language formula means that a <b>third language (apart from Hindi and English), which should belong to Modern India, should be used for education in Hindi-speaking states.</b></li> <li>This formula was altered and amended by <b>Kothari Commission (1964–66)</b> so as to accommodate regional languages and mother tongues of the group identities.</li> <li><b>First language:</b> It will be the mother tongue or regional language.</li> <li><b>Second language:</b> In Hindi-speaking states, it will be other modern Indian languages or English. In non-Hindi speaking states, it will be Hindi or English.</li> <li><b>Third Language:</b> In Hindi speaking states, it will be English or a modern Indian language. In the non-Hindi speaking state, it will be English or a modern Indian language.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Election Commission of India (ECI)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Election Commission of India has invited suggestions from all national and State political parties for any unresolved issues at the level of Electoral Registration Officer, District Election Officer or the Chief Electoral Officer by April 30, 2025, according to an ECI press note.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Permanent and independent body:</b> The Election Commission of India is a permanent and independent constitutional authority, established under Article 324 of the Indian Constitution.</li> <li><b>Primary role:</b> ECI is responsible for conducting elections to the Parliament, state legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice President of India.</li> <li>It does not oversee elections for urban local bodies like municipalities and panchayats, which the State Election Commissions manage.</li> <li><b>Functions and jurisdiction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advisory role: ECI advises the President or Governor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



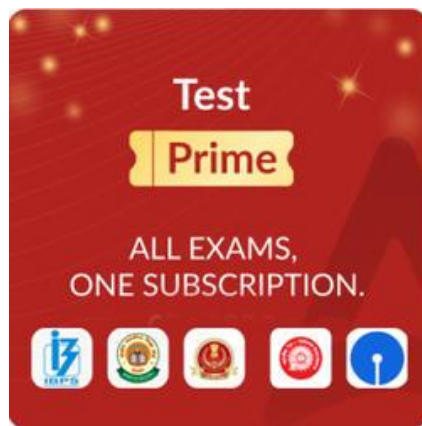
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	<p>on matters related to the disqualification of members of Parliament and state legislatures, especially in cases involving corrupt electoral practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quasi-Judicial role: ECI can disqualify candidates for failing to submit election expense accounts and resolve disputes regarding the recognition of political parties and the allocation of election symbols.</li> <li>○ Administrative role: ECI handles the delimitation of electoral constituencies, voter registration, updating of electoral rolls, and scheduling of election dates.</li> <li>○ It also ensures adherence to the Model Code of Conduct during elections and monitors political campaign expenditures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members of the Praja Arogya Vedika have opposed the State government's recent decision to implement a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● According to the World Bank, a <b>public-private partnership (PPP) is a long-term contract between a private entity and a government body</b> for providing a public asset or service, where the <b>private party assumes significant risk and management responsibilities, and remuneration is linked to performance.</b></li> <li>● <b>Key characteristics of PPPs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Typically long-term arrangements.</li> <li>○ Involve large corporations from the private sector.</li> <li>○ Common forms of PPPs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT)</li> <li>○ Build-Lease-Transfer (BLT)</li> <li>○ Design-Build-Operate-Transfer (DBFO)</li> <li>○ Operate-Maintain-Transfer (OMT)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Jal Jeevan Mission</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recently, the State government has allocated about ₹600 crore for Macherla Assembly Constituency, under Phase-1 of Jal Jeevan Mission, for providing drinking water in rural areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is envisioned to provide <b>safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India.</b></li> </ul> <p>It is based on a community approach to water and will include extensive Information, Education and communication as a key component of the mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Nodal Ministry:</b> Department of Drinking Water and</li> </ul>



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	<p>Sanitation under the Jal Shakti Mantralaya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Funding Pattern:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>50:50</b> between Centre and States</li> <li>○ <b>90:10</b> for Himalayan and North-Eastern States.</li> <li>○ In case of UTs, <b>100% funding is provided by the Central government.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Andhra Pradesh Lifts and Escalators Bill, 2025</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Legislative Assembly passed the Andhra Pradesh Lifts and Escalators Bill, 2025, to establish a legal framework for the registration and regulation of the construction, installation, maintenance and safe working of Lifts and Escalators and all machinery.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Bill aims to regulate the installation, operation, and maintenance of lifts and escalators within the state to ensure public safety.</li> <li>● <b>Key provisions of the bill include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mandatory Registration:</b> All lifts and escalators must obtain registration from the Directorate of Electrical Safety before installation. This registration is valid for a period specified by the manufacturer and must be renewed accordingly.</li> <li>○ <b>Operator Requirements:</b> Owners of public premises are required to appoint qualified operators to manage lifts and escalators, ensuring safe and proper operation.</li> <li>○ <b>Maintenance and Safety Measures:</b> The bill mandates regular maintenance of lifts and escalators, including the installation of automatic rescue devices to assist passengers during power outages or operational failures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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