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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Polavaram Project</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minister stated that the construction of the Polavaram diaphragm wall is currently underway.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is an <b>under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District</b> in Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>The project has been accorded <b>National project status by the Union Government of India.</b></li> <li><b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities in East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>The project envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lacks in 611 villages</li> <li>The ultimate irrigation potential of the project is 4.368 lakh ha.</li> <li>The project implements the <b>Godavari-Krishna link under the Interlinking of Rivers project.</b></li> <li>It envisages the <b>transfer of 80TMC of surplus Godavari water to river Krishna which will be shared between Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>About Diaphragm Wall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed 1,400-metre-long D-Wall addresses seepage issues, with bentonite being a critical component to enhance the concrete's plasticity and workability.</li> <li>This single-structure D-Wall will run parallel to the damaged wall, ensuring robust flood resilience and enhanced water retention capacity for the Polavaram project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NTR District Collector G. Lakshmisha stated that the State government is offering a golden opportunity to families struggling to own a house due to their financial conditions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a <b>credit-linked subsidy scheme</b> initiated to provide <b>affordable housing to low and moderate-income residents across the country.</b></li> <li>The newly formed government has approved the proposal to provide</li> </ul>



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**3 crore additional rural and urban houses under PMAY.**

- The scheme has two components: **PMAY-U for the urban poor and PMAY-G and PMAY-R for the rural poor.**
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 is the second edition of the **Prime Minister's Housing Scheme designed to address the housing shortage among the urban poor.**
  - It aims to assist economically weaker sections and lower-income groups in cities with financing for constructing or purchasing their first homes.
  - Under PMAY-U 2.0, **financial assistance will be provided to 1 crore urban poor and middle-class families** to construct, purchase, or rent houses at affordable costs.

**Places in news:**  
Tiruchanur

**Why in news?**

- Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), in collaboration with the National Sanskrit University (NSU), Tirupati, inaugurated its 10th regional centre in Tiruchanur.
- The relics of Agastya Maharishi and his statue were brought from Varanasi and placed in an exhibition named as Agastya Maharishi Exhibition.

**Key Points:**

- Maharishi Agasthyar is widely regarded as the father of the Tamil language and is credited with compiling the first Tamil grammar text, Agattiyam.
- He played a pioneering role in the development of Tamil literature and linguistics, as well as in spreading Vedic traditions to South India. Maharishi Agasthyar is considered a pioneer of Siddha medicine.
- Agasthyar played a key role in uniting northern and southern Indian cultures by spreading Vedic traditions to South India.

**Why in news?**

- The Andhra Pradesh government presented a Budget of more than ₹3.22 lakh crore for FY2025-26. The fiscal trends, revenue and fiscal deficits, and amount of public debt show that the State's finances are severely stressed.

**Key Points:**

- Revenue Deficit refers to the situation when a **government's revenue expenditure is more than its revenue receipts.**
- It is calculated by **subtracting revenue receipts from revenue expenditure.**
- Revenue deficit is different from **fiscal deficit, which is the difference between actual and budgeted income.**

**Geographical Indications (GI tag)**

**Why in news?**

- A Hyderabad-based geographical indication (GI) practitioner,



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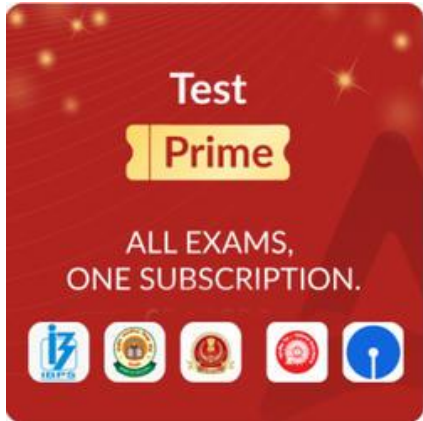


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Subhajt Saha, working with the Resolute Group, said that an application for GI status is being filed for the famous 'Palamaner Terracotta', an age-old indigenous craft from Palamaner in Chittoor district.

### Key Points:

- Geographical Indications (GI tags) are signs used on products that have a **specific geographical origin and possess distinctive qualities, reputation, or characteristics attributable to that place of origin.**
- GI tags serve as intellectual property rights that identify a product's unique geographical source, providing legal protection and preventing unauthorized use.
- In India, the Geographical Indications of **Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, of 1999** governs the registration and protection of GIs.
- These tags play a crucial role in promoting and safeguarding the unique products and traditional knowledge of various regions, contributing to rural development, preserving cultural heritage, and enhancing the marketability of Indian products in the global market.



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