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<p>Person in news: Nataraja Ramakrishna</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana government will celebrate the 102nd birth anniversary of dance legend and Padma Shri awardee Nataraja Ramakrishna with an event at Ravindra Bharati in Hyderabad. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nataraja Ramakrishna was an Indian dance guru. He was born in Bali, Indonesia to an ethnic Indian migrant family of Telugu descent from the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh whose parents are named, Damayanti Devi who hailed from Nalgonda, and Ramamohan Rao, from East Godavari. He was the chairman of Andhra Pradesh Sangeeta Nataka Academy. He was also a scholar and musicologist who promoted classical dance in Andhra Pradesh and worldwide.
<p>Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Suresh Kumar, the Principal Secretary of Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD), has authorized the Town & Country Planning Director to transfer ₹112 crore to 40 urban local bodies (ULBs) for development projects. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are small local bodies that administers or governs a city or a town of specified population. 74th Constitutional Amendment Act 1992 recognized urban local bodies as a third tier of government. They are responsible for various functions, including planning and development, solid waste management, water supply, and transportation. Types of ULBs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Corporations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage metropolitan cities with populations over one million. Governed by a Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Municipal Councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage cities with populations under one million. Governed by a President and Vice-President. Nagar Panchayats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage towns with populations under 100,000. Governed by a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. In addition to these four categories, there are also special-purpose ULBs, such as Port Trusts, Industrial Development Authorities, Townships and Cantonment Boards, that are responsible for specific urban development projects.



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<p>Waqf Amendment Bill 2024</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost 50% of the 1,986 immovable assets of the Andhra Pradesh Waqf Board is under encroachment. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024, introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 8, 2024, proposes significant changes to the governance and management of Waqf properties in India. • This legislation seeks to amend the Waqf Act of 1995, aiming to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the administration of Waqf properties while addressing long-standing issues within the system. • A Waqf is a property donated by Muslims for a specific religious, charitable, or private purpose. • Key Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Waqf Amendment (Bill) 2024 proposes changing the name of the parent Act from the Waqf Act of 1995 to the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development Act of 1995. ○ Government Property: Government properties identified as waqf will revert to state ownership. The District Collector will determine ownership in disputed cases. ○ Waqf Property Determination: The Waqf Board's power to determine waqf properties is removed. ○ Waqf Survey: Collectors will conduct waqf surveys under state revenue laws. ○ Tribunal Composition: Muslim law experts are removed. Tribunals will include a District Court judge and a state officer of joint secretary rank.
<p>MSME</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Andhra Pradesh government is set to develop 175 MSME parks. <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>Polavaram Project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu confirmed that the



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government is giving priority to both the construction of the Polavaram Project and the rehabilitation of displaced families.

Key Points:

- It is an **under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh.**
- The project has been accorded **National project status by the Union Government of India.**
- **Objectives:**
 - Development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities in East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.
 - The project envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lacks in 611 villages
 - The ultimate irrigation potential of the project is 4.368 lakh ha.
 - The project implements the **Godavari-Krishna link under the Interlinking of Rivers project.**
 - It envisages the **transfer of 80TMC of surplus Godavari water to river Krishna which will be shared between Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.**

Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS)**Why in news?**

- The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) has recommended that the Andhra Pradesh government submit a comprehensive report detailing the restoration efforts for the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS).
- The report must include photographic evidence, restoration methods and a timeline of activities.
- This recommendation follows a case brought before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in Govinolla Srinivas vs Union of India.

Key Points:

- The Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) is a project in Andhra Pradesh that **aims to provide water to the Rayalaseema region** and address drought conditions.
- The project will divert water from the **Srisaillam reservoir to the Srisaillam right main canal (SRMC).**
- The water will then be fed to various irrigation canals in the four districts of **Kadapa, Kurnool, Anantapur, and Chittoor.**



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