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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Blue Flag Certification</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh expressed his contentment with Rushikonda Beach in Visakhapatnam regaining its Blue Flag certification, highlighting that it was among the first eight beaches in India to receive this esteemed recognition. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the Annual Report on Status of Tigers, Prey, and Other Mammals-2024, the tiger population in the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has risen to 76, excluding 11 cubs. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve is situated in the Nallamala hill range, part of the Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh. It attained tiger status in 1983. The tiger reserve encompasses Nallamala Hill and spans across five districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The Krishna River bisects it. Area: It is the largest tiger reserve in the country. The total area of the tiger reserve is 3727 km sq.
<p>Natural Farming</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speakers at the inaugural 'Our Agriculture, Crops, Cuisines, and Health' program of Millets Mela-2025 emphasized that cultivating local crop varieties using natural farming methods is the key solution to addressing rising health issues, food production challenges, and ensuring income security in the future. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural farming is a method of agriculture that avoids synthetic substances like pesticides, fertilizers, and genetically modified organisms (GMOs).



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- Natural farming is based on **natural processes and resources, and aims to produce healthier food while protecting the environment.**
- The key components of this action plan include:
 - **Incentives for Farmers:** The government will provide financial support and incentives to farmers who adopt organic farming practices.
 - **Training Programs:** Specialized training and workshops will be organized for farmers to educate them about organic farming techniques, soil health, and pest management.
 - **Certification and Branding:** Efforts will be made to help organic farmers obtain certification for their produce, along with the development of a state-specific brand for organic products.
 - **Market Linkages:** The government will facilitate access to national and international markets for organic produce through collaborations with retailers, exporters, and online platforms.
 - **Awareness Campaigns:** Awareness programs will be launched to educate both farmers and consumers about the benefits of organic farming and the importance of consuming organic produce.

Delimitation

Why in news?

- Recently, YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy sent a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting the need to amend the Constitution to ensure a proportionate increase in the number of Lok Sabha (LS) seats for each state.

Key Points:

- Delimitation is a constitutional mandate carried out after each Census to readjust the number of seats in Parliament and state Assemblies and redefine constituency boundaries.
- **Article 82** of the Constitution mandates that after each Census, the allocation of Lok Sabha seats must be adjusted based on population changes.
- **Article 81** limits the total number of Lok Sabha members to 550, with 530 from states and 20 from Union Territories.
- It also requires that the ratio of seats to the population in each state be as uniform as possible, ensuring that constituencies across the country have roughly equal populations.

Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NPDS) Act, 1985

Why in news?

- The joint search by Vigilance and Enforcement, police and the Drug Control Administration (DCA) at medical shops across the State continued and around 125 cases has been booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Key Points:

- The NDPS Act **prohibits any individual from engaging in any activity consisting of the production, cultivation, sale, purchase, transport, storage, and/or consumption of any narcotic drug or psychotropic**



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substance.

● Objectives:

- To take measures for preventing, combating, and regulating operations relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- To provide for the forfeiture of property derived from or used in, illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- To implement the provisions of the international conventions on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and for all relevant matters.
- To add or omit the list of psychotropic substances.

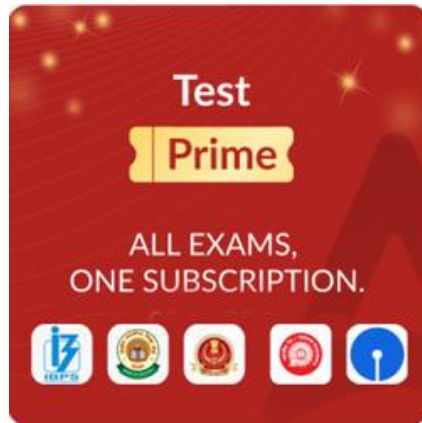
Do you know?

● **What are Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances?**

- **“Narcotic Drug”** means coca leaf, cannabis (hemp), opium, poppy straw, and includes all manufactured drugs.
- **“Psychotropic substance”** means any substance, natural or synthetic, or any natural material or any salt or preparation of such substance or material included in the list of psychotropic substances specified in the Schedule.

About EAGLE:

- Under EAGLE, a narcotic police station and 26 district narcotics control cells one each in the 26 districts of the state will function.
- The primary objective of EAGLE is to **combat the growing menace of narcotic drug trafficking and abuse within the state.**



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