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<p>Heat waves</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) has issued a 'severe heatwave' alert (red) for 89 mandals in the State on March 27 and for 36 mandals on March 28. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat waves are prolonged periods of excessively hot weather that can cause adverse impacts on human health, the environment, and the economy. In India IMD defines heatwave based on the following criteria. Physiography of regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain– The maximum temperature recorded at a station is 40 degrees Celsius or more. Coast- The maximum temperature recorded at a station is 37 degrees Celsius or more. Hills- The maximum temperature recorded at a station is 30 degrees Celsius or more. Based on Departure from Normal Temperature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat Wave- Departure from normal is 4.5°C to 6.4°C Severe Heat Wave- Departure from normal is >6.4°C
<p>Sri Bhramarambha Mallikarjuna Swamy temple</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The five-day Ugadi Mahotsavams began on a grand note at Sri Bhramarambha Mallikarjuna Swamy temple in Srisailam. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Srisailam Temple, or Sri Bhramarambha Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, worshipped here in the form of Mallikarjuna Swamy. It is surrounded by the forests of the Nallamala Hills, overlooking the pristine waters of the Krishna River. This ancient temple built in the Dravidian style with lofty towers and sprawling courtyards is one of the finest specimens of Vijayanagara architecture. Though the exact origins of the temple are not available, the Satavahanas of the 2nd century AD have referred to it. The unique feature of this temple is the combination of Jyothirlingam and Mahasakthi (in the form of Bhramarambika) in one campus, which is very rare and only one of its kind.
<p>Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu asserts that the Andhra Pradesh government is committed to protecting waqf properties under Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024.



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	<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>Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh has informed that the Central government has approved the release of ₹97.52 crore for the development of the Suryalanka Beach in Bapatla district under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations covering tourism and allied infrastructure, tourism services, human capital development, destination management and promotion backed by policy and institutional reforms. • The objective for the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme envisages increase in private sector investment in tourism & hospitality. • It may help in increasing Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in the field of tourism and operation and maintenance of the created assets under the scheme. <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Swadesh Darshan Scheme 	
<p>Polavaram Project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu assured the 	



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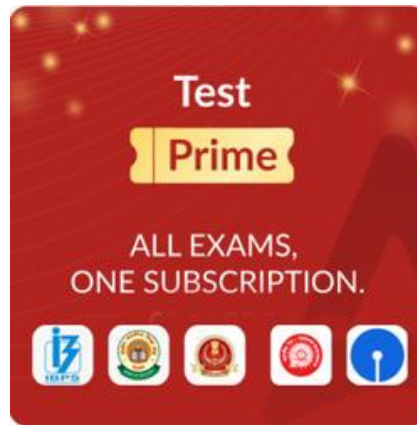


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Polavaram Displaced Families (PDFs) that rehabilitation will be completed by December 2026, during his visit to the Polavaram irrigation project site, where he interacted with PDFs and Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) beneficiaries.

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.**



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