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<p>Polavaram Project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Sharmila called for a White Paper Congress Committee (APCC) president on the height of the Polavaram project, noting that the full storage capacity had been reduced from 45 meters to 41 meters, thereby transforming what was intended to be the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh into a mere barrage. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Avian influenza</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu held a review meeting with an ICMR delegation on Friday to investigate the recent death of a girl in Narasaraopet suspected to be caused by the H5N1 bird flu virus. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avian influenza, or bird flu, is a highly contagious viral infection that primarily affects birds. The H5N1 avian influenza virus was first detected in 1996 in China ('H' and 'N' stand for hemagglutinin & neuraminidase, the proteins on the virus's surface that regulate entry and exit in host cells). These viruses (Type A) occur naturally among wild aquatic birds worldwide and can infect domestic poultry and other bird and



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	<p>animal species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrating waterfowl, most notably wild ducks, are the natural carriers of bird flu viruses. • Strains of avian influenza viruses can generally be classified into two categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) that typically causes little or no clinical signs; ○ High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) can cause severe clinical signs and possible high mortality rates. • Human cases of H5N1 avian influenza occur occasionally, but it is difficult to transmit the infection from person to person. <p>About ICMR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi, the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research, is one of the oldest medical research bodies in the world.
<p>Elite Anti-Narcotic Group for Law and Enforcement (EAGLE)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elite Anti-Narcotic Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE), the Andhra Pradesh Police's specialized anti-narcotic unit, initiated 'Operation Garuda' to target pharmacies distributing NRx and other category-1 scheduled sedatives without valid prescriptions. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAGLE, established by the State government, aims to curb drug trafficking, abuse, and ganja cultivation. • The special wing focuses on public health, safety, and social responsibility while tackling all aspects of narcotics crimes, including production, smuggling, and consumption. <p>About "Operation Garuda":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Operation Garuda" is an initiative launched by the Elite Anti-Narcotic Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE), the special anti-narcotic wing of the Andhra Pradesh Police. • The operation targets pharmacies that are illegally selling NRx (narcotic prescription drugs) and other category-1 scheduled sedatives without proper prescriptions. • This operation aims to curb the misuse of such drugs and combat the growing issue of substance abuse in the state.
<p>Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Chandrababu Naidu has proposed the establishment of hospitals under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the World Bank, a public-private partnership (PPP) is a long-term contract between a private entity and a government body for providing a public asset or service, where

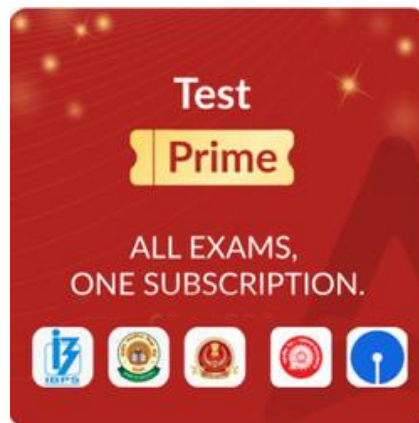


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	<p>the private party assumes significant risk and management responsibilities, and remuneration is linked to performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key characteristics of PPPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Typically long-term arrangements. ○ Involve large corporations from the private sector. ○ Common forms of PPPs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) ○ Build-Lease-Transfer (BLT) ○ Design-Build-Operate-Transfer (DBFO) ○ Operate-Maintain-Transfer (OMT) 	
<p>NTR Vaidya Seva scheme</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Andhra Pradesh Specialty Hospitals Association (ASHA) has warned that 730 empanelled hospitals will cease providing services under the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust scheme from April 7 unless the State government clears the Rs 3,500 crore in pending dues. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Dr. Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao Vaidya Seva scheme is a health insurance program in Andhra Pradesh that provides financial assistance to the poor. ● The scheme provides up to ₹25 lakhs in coverage per family per year. ● Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BPL families identified by the Civil Supplies Department are eligible. ○ People with a photo and name on a BPL ration card and suffering from certain diseases are also eligible. ● The scheme offers free medical tests in government hospitals, free follow-up medicines for 138 procedures, and a postoperative sustenance allowance. 	





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