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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Heat waves</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast severe heatwave conditions on April 12 in 10 mandals of Andhra Pradesh, including nine in the North Coastal region, according to the A.P. State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA). <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>Blue Flag Certification</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad directed officials to draft a special action plan to improve Rushikonda and Sagar Nagar beaches for blue flag certification. He suggested adding amenities, a tourist information centre, and signboards at Rushikonda beach. <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>Qatar</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Andhra Pradesh is planning to establish a



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Mega Global Medicity Project in Amaravati in an extent of 200 acres to attract international medical tourism and promote best health infrastructure, and ensure access to best facilities for local residents.

- The State government is expecting investments for the project from Qatar.
- It is one among the 25 projects proposed under PPP model by the Centre across the country.

Key Points:**About Qatar**

- It is a **small peninsular nation located on the northeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula.**
- It shares a **sole land border with Saudi Arabia to the south and is surrounded by the Persian Gulf on all other sides.**
- The **Gulf of Bahrain** separates Qatar from the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- **Doha** is the capital and largest city of Qatar.
- **Sand dunes** dominate the southern part of the country, especially in the area known as the **Khor al Adaid, or the "Inland Sea".**
- Qatar was originally settled by **Bedouin nomads** from the central part of the Arabian Peninsula.

About PPP Model:

- 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 the **private party assumes significant risk and management responsibilities, and remuneration is linked to performance.**
- **Key characteristics of PPPs:**
 - Typically long-term arrangements.
 - Involve large corporations from the private sector.
 - Common forms of PPPs include:
 - Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT)
 - Build-Lease-Transfer (BLT)
 - Design-Build-Operate-Transfer (DBFO)
 - Operate-Maintain-Transfer (OMT)

Aquaculture
Committee

Advisory

Why in news?

- The State government has formed an Aquaculture Advisory Committee to tackle challenges in the sector, including the 26% U.S. tariff on seafood imports, with input from key stakeholders, officials, MPEDA, and EIA.

Key Points:**Highlights of the Committee:**

- The committee will conduct a comparative study of shrimp production and exports between India and



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Ecuador with the help of MPEDA.

- It will explore alternative export markets such as the European Union, China, and Japan to reduce reliance on the U.S. market.
- To boost domestic shrimp consumption, the formation of a National Prawn Coordination Committee (NPCC), similar to the NECC, is being considered.
- Andhra Pradesh processors will be encouraged to shift from frozen shrimp to value-added products like ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook items.
- Efforts will be made to establish a Regulatory Partnership Agreement with the U.S., on the lines of the one Ecuador has.
- The committee aims to ensure the production of antibiotic-free shrimp for both domestic and international markets.
- It will also look into implementing dynamic feed pricing and reducing import duties on raw materials used in shrimp feed.
- A cluster-based development model will be adopted, focusing on geotagging, branding, and certification to enhance product traceability and quality.

About MPEDA:

- It is a statutory body entrusted with the primary task of promotion of export of marine products.
- History: It was set up by an act of Parliament during 1972. The erstwhile Marine Products Export Promotion Council established by the Government of India in September, 1961 was converged into MPEDA on 24th August, 1972.
- **Functions:**
 - Developing and regulating off-shore and deep-sea fishing and undertaking measures for the conservation and management of off-shore and deep-sea fisheries;
 - Registering fishing vessels, processing plants or storage premises for marine products and conveyances used for the transport of marine products; fixing of standards and specifications for marine products for purposes of export;
 - Regulating the export of marine products; registering of exporters of marine products on payment of such fees as may be prescribed;

District judge

Why in news?

- The High Court transferred and reassigned 54 district judges upon completing their three-year tenure.

Key Points:

- District judge (Civil cases) / Sessions judge (Criminal cases) has highest judicial position in district. He has original and appellate jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases.



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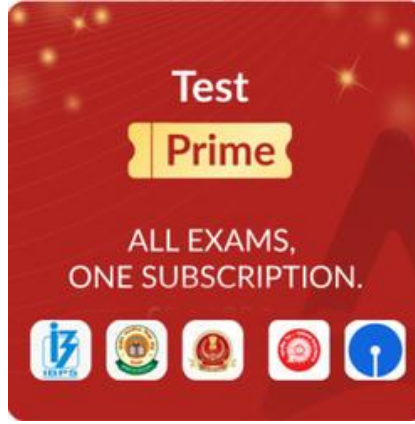
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- The appointment, posting, promotion is made by Governor after consultation with High court. Other appointments of judicial service are made by Governor after consulting high court and state public service commission. Appointments of judicial service below district judge are made by high court.
- **Qualification:**
 - He should have been an advocate or pleader for 7 years.
 - He should be recommended by high court.
 - He shouldn't already be in service of center or state



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