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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>MGNREGA</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh saw better participation and fewer deletions under MGNREGA in 2024–25, but work duration and wages continued to decline.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MGNREGA is the abbreviation for the <b>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005</b>.</li> <li>It is a law passed by the Indian government in 2005 that guarantees the "<b>right to work</b>" to rural citizens of India.</li> <li>Under this, the government assures a <b>minimum of 100 days</b> of unskilled manual work to an adult member of an eligible rural household.</li> <li>The main objective of the MGNREGA is to <b>provide employment to rural citizens and improve their economic conditions</b>.</li> <li><b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> For receiving the benefits of the MGNREGA Scheme, the following eligibility criteria are to be met by the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizen of India</li> <li>18 years of age at the time of application</li> <li>Rural Household</li> <li>Willing to do unskilled work</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Polavaram Project</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A team of experts from the Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti visited the Polavaram project in Eluru district and collected soil samples.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a <b>multi-purpose irrigation project built on the Godavari River in West Godavari district and East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh</b>.</li> <li>It involves the <b>construction of a dam to address water scarcity, boost agricultural productivity, and generate power</b>.</li> <li>It has been accorded <b>national project status by the central government</b>.</li> <li><b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is intended for development of a gross irrigation potential of 4,36,825 ha.</li> <li>The project also envisages the generation of 960 MW of hydropower, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lakh in 611 villages, and diversion of 80 TMC of water to the Krishna River basin.</li> <li>The dam will help manage floodwaters from the Godavari</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

River, reducing risks to nearby communities.

**World Economic Forum (WEF)**

**Why in news?**

- Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu has been named a Global Young Leader 2025 by the World Economic Forum for his impactful work in human rights, advocacy, public life, and IT.

**Key Points:**

- WEF is an **international not-for-profit organization, focused on bringing the public and private sectors together to address the global political, social, and economic issues.**
- It was **founded in 1971** by Swiss-German economist and **Professor Klaus Schwab** in a bid to promote global cooperation on these most pressing problems.
- The first meeting of WEF was held more than five decades ago in Davos, which has been the home of the annual gathering almost ever since, also becoming the shorthand for the event.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland

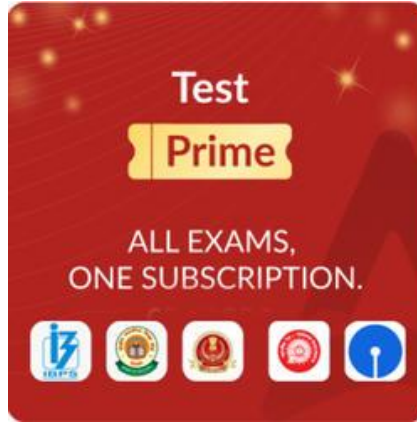
**Election Commission of India**

**Why in news?**

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced the schedule for the byelection to one Rajya Sabha seat from Andhra Pradesh.

**Key Points:**

- The Election Commission of India is a permanent and independent constitutional authority, established under **Article 324 of the Indian Constitution.**
- **Primary role:** ECI is responsible for conducting elections to the Parliament, state legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice President of India.
- It does not oversee elections for urban local bodies like municipalities and panchayats, which the State Election Commissions manage.
- **Functions and jurisdiction:**
  - **Advisory role:** ECI advises the President or Governor on matters related to the disqualification of members of Parliament and state legislatures, especially in cases involving corrupt electoral practices.
  - **Quasi-Judicial role:** ECI can disqualify candidates for failing to submit election expense accounts and resolve disputes regarding the recognition of political parties and the allocation of election symbols.
  - **Administrative role:** ECI handles the delimitation of electoral constituencies, voter registration, updating of electoral rolls, and scheduling of election dates.
  - It also ensures adherence to the Model Code of Conduct during elections and monitors political campaign expenditures.



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