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Pravasi Bharatiya Divas



Context:

- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Overseas Indian Day) is a national day in India** celebrated on **January 9th every year.**
- It **recognizes and celebrates the contributions of the Indian diaspora** to the development of India and strengthens the bond between India and its overseas communities.
- The date **Commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi** to India from South Africa in **1915.**
- **Gandhi, himself a member of the Indian diaspora,** played a pivotal role in India's independence movement.

Revamped TTD website launched to publicize info on temples across country



Context:

- **The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has launched a revamped website to provide comprehensive information about its temples and services.**
- **TTD is the trust that manages the famous Sri Venkateswara temple in Tirupati and over 60 other temples** across India

About:

- **The new website aims to reach a wider audience and make it easier for devotees to plan their pilgrimages.**
- It **provides detailed information about each temple,** including its history, architecture, rituals, darshan timings, transport facilities, and accommodation options.
- The website also features photographs, videos, and virtual tours of the temples, offering a virtual pilgrimage experience for those who cannot visit in person.



ONGC begins 'first oil production' from deep-water block in Krishna-Godavari basin

Context:

- In a significant **boost to India's domestic energy production**, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has commenced "first oil production" from its much-anticipated deep-water KG-DWN-98/2 block in the Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin off the Bay of Bengal.
- This marks a **milestone achievement for the state-owned oil giant** and holds immense potential for India's energy security.

Jal Jeevan Mission covers 72.6% of houses in Andhra Pradesh

Context:

- The Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved **significant progress in Andhra Pradesh**. As of January 8, 2024, 72.6% of rural houses in the state have access to clean drinking water through tap connections.

Key achievements:

- **69,38,086 out of 95,53,908 rural households** now have tap connections.
- **5,931 villages** have achieved **100% coverage**.

Think:

Read about Jal Jeevan Mission

Guntur ryot's natural farming techniques win global acclaim



Context:

- K Meerabi's natural farming methods gained acclaim at the State and international levels.
- They were presented at **Oxford University's Real Farming Conference-2024**.

Key Points:

- She is a Native of Ponnur in Guntur district who quit school in sixth grade due to family financial issues.
- She learned about non-pesticide management in 2009.

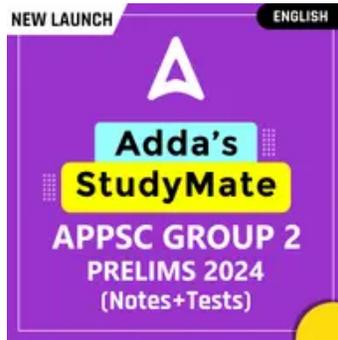
Farming Success and Innovations

- Implemented pre-monsoon dry sowing (PMDS) and dribbling methods.
- Cultivated 30 crops per year, resulting in high profits.
- Reduced investment cost to Rs 19,000 per year, earning Rs 1.5 lakh.
- Improved soil health through continuous



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	<p>implementation of PMDS and growing multiple crops.</p> <p>Recognition as the 'Meerabi Model'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS) officials named her method of organic farming as the 'Meerabi Model.' • Lauded for cultivating 30 varieties of crops and transforming the lives of other farmers. <p>Global Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meerabi expressed surprise at representing the State at a global platform. • Emotional speech at the conference received a huge applause from the audience. <p>Mission and Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meerabi's mission is to encourage natural farming for its profitability and benefits to everyone. • Aims to impact as many people as possible and promote chemical-free food.
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