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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andhra Pradesh</b> is proceeding with the construction of the project and recommended the imposition of environmental compensation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) is a project in Andhra Pradesh that <b>aims to provide water to the Rayalaseema region</b> and address drought conditions.</li> <li>• The project will divert water from the <b>Srisailem reservoir to the Srisailem right main canal (SRMC)</b>.</li> <li>• The water will then be fed to various irrigation canals in the four districts of <b>Kadapa, Kurnool, Anantapur, and Chittoor</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The YSRC has alleged that the TDP is playing a double game regarding the <b>Waqf Amendment Bill</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 proposes major changes to the Waqf Act 1995, by introducing sweeping <b>changes in the governance and regulation of Waqfs</b> in India.</li> <li>• A waqf, also known as <b>habs or mortmain property</b>, is an <b>inalienable charitable endowment established under Islamic law</b>.</li> <li>• It is a <b>personal property given by Muslims for a specific purpose— religious, charitable, or for private purposes</b>.</li> <li>• The Central Waqf Act, 1954 was enacted after independence to provide for the regulation of Waqfs. This act was ultimately replaced by the Waqf Act, 1995.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tobacco</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tobacco Board chief stated that efforts are underway to extend crop coverage to tobacco farmers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobacco cultivation in India was <b>introduced by the Portuguese in 1605</b>.</li> <li>• Tobacco is grown when the mean temperature is <b>20° to 27°C</b>.</li> <li>• When grown as a rainfed crop, it requires at least about 500 mm of well distributed rainfall during crop growing season.</li> <li>• It is not usually grown where rainfall <b>exceeds 1200 mm during the season</b>.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In India, tobacco is <b>predominantly cultivated in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, UP and Bihar.</b></li> <li>India is the <b>world's second largest producer of tobacco</b>, with an annual production of around 800 million kgs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Aarogyasri scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state government is considering raising the limit for NTR Aarogyasri services to ₹25 lakh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NTR Aarogyasri scheme in Andhra Pradesh <b>provides free medical treatment up to ₹25 lakh</b> to households with an <b>annual income of up to ₹5 lakh.</b></li> <li><b>Households that are eligible for the scheme include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Households with an annual income of up to ₹5 lakh</li> <li>Families who file Income Tax Returns for an annual income of up to ₹5 lakh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Andhra Pradesh Forms Forum to Enhance Investment and Industry</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Andhra Pradesh government has constituted a 16-member Consultative Forum in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to address issues related to industry, trade, and investment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This forum will act as a catalyst for <b>promoting the investment climate, industrial growth, skill development, entrepreneurship, and infrastructure development.</b></li> <li>The panel will hold <b>consultations, network and establish linkages between various stakeholders</b> in the government and industry.</li> <li>It has been actively serving as a catalyst to promote public and private investments in order to achieve the goal of becoming the preferred <b>global destination by 2050.</b></li> </ul>





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