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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

Lok Adalat	Why in news: Nellore district has won the first position in the State for resolving the highest number of cases during the National Lok Adalat. Key Points:
	 It is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms in India. It is a forum where disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at the pre-litigation stage are settled/compromised amicably. The Lok Adalat has been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. There is no court fee payable when a matter is filed in a Lok Adalat.
Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ)	 Why in news: The State government has proposed to allow ecotourism activities, infrastructure and other facilities required for the fisherfolk within the Coastal Regulated Zone (CRZ) by revising the Coastal Zone Management Plan-2019 of the Kakinada district.
	 Key Points: The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) is a set of regulations that govern the use and development of coastal areas in India. The CRZ includes the coastal area up to 500 meters from the High Tide Line (HTL) and a 100 meter stretch along the banks of rivers, estuaries, backwaters, and creeks that are prone to tidal variations. The CRZ rules were first introduced in 1991 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) under the Environment Protection Act of 1986.
UNESCO Global Geoparks	 Why in news: The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) is making efforts to get recognition of a geopark for Visakhapatnam for its diverse and ancient rock formations. It features all three key components: offshore components, shore components, including Rushikonda Blue Flag Beach with Gosthani River Delta, and terrestrial geological sites.



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	 Key Points: These are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development. It is given this designation for a period of four years after which the functioning and quality of each UNESCO Global Geopark is thoroughly re-examined during a revalidation process. These are managed by a body having legal existence recognized under national legislation.
Akhanda Godavari project	 Why in news: The Andhra Pradesh government has allocated Rs 100 crore for the Akhanda Godavari project. Key Points: The state government is planning to develop the banks of River Godavari as tourist spots. The project is called 'Akhanda Godavari' and will be spread over 600 acres in East Godavari district and 300 acres in West Godavari district.
	Learn more about: Godavari River It is India's second-longest river after the Ganga and the third-largest in India, drains about 10% of India's total geographical area. It is also called `Dakshina Ganga`, which translates into South Ganges River.



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