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<p>Endangered (EN) species & Vulnerable (VU) species</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, a two-day national conference on 'Conservation of Endemic Species of the Eastern Ghats' was held. The conference aimed to raise awareness of the critical need to preserve 30 rare and endemic plant species native to the Eastern Ghats and surrounding regions. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiative aligns with global conservation efforts to safeguard biodiversity and will include plants classified as endangered or vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List. Endangered (EN) species is a population of organisms which is at risk of becoming extinct because it is either few in numbers, or threatened by changing environmental or predation parameters. Vulnerable (VU) species is a species which has been categorized by the IUCN as likely to become endangered unless the circumstances threatening its survival and reproduction improve. <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About Eastern Ghats
<p>Minimum Support Price (MSP)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers in Kadapa are experiencing significant losses due to the absence of a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for onions. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Support Price (MSP) is the minimum price the government pays farmers for their crops. It's a market intervention by the government to protect farmers from sharp price drops and distress sales. The government considers recommendations from the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) when deciding MSP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CACP is a department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The government sets MSP at 1.5 times the Cost of Production (CoP).
<p>21st National Livestock Census</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 21st National Livestock Census-2024 commenced in Prakasam district, with 348 enumerators assigned to gather comprehensive data on 16 livestock species across 219



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	<p>indigenous breeds.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Livestock Census is conducted every five years. • The census carries out a headcount of the number of domesticated animals, poultry, and stray animals in the country. • The census takes into account information about the species, breed, age, sex, and ownership status of the animals in question. • The enumeration process for the 21st census will take place between October 2024 to February 2025. • According to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, information on sixteen animal species will be collected in the 21st census. • These include: cattle, buffalo, mithun, yak, sheep, goat, pig, camel, horse, ponies, mule, donkey, dog, rabbit, and elephant.
<p>Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Yojana (PMKVY)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Skill Hub initiative, a joint effort between the Union and State governments under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Yojana (PMKVY), is creating opportunities for unemployed youth in YSR Kadapa district. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the flagship scheme of MSDE implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). • The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. • As a part of Union Budget 2023-24, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 was announced to skill lakhs of youth within the next three years. • The scheme will emphasize on-job training, industry partnership, and alignment of courses with the needs of the industry. • The scheme will also cover new-age courses for Industry 4.0, like coding, AI, robotics, mechatronics, IOT, 3D printing, drones, and soft skills.
<p>National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM 2.0)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the National Urban Livelihoods Mission 2.0, the Central government has designated Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam as pilot project sites to offer loan facilities to Common Interest Groups across six categories. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the scheme, the government will facilitate eligible individual urban poor or a group of such persons to avail



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	<p>microcredit of up to Rs 4 lakh and Rs 20 lakh, respectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This microcredit will be provided at a subsidized interest of 5%. • The microcredit will help the beneficiaries to - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Start enterprises; ○ Create social infrastructure like labor chowk; and ○ Provide innovation grants for purposes such as buying sanitation machineries. • To prepare the ground for the NULM 2.0, the Centre will carry out a first of a kind pilot exercise (across 25 cities) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To identify urban poor and ○ For right targeting of government schemes to improve their earning and living. 	
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