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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>PMAY-2 (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Phase 2)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to complete 7.6 lakh housing units by 2026 and initiate steps to launch PMAY-2 (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Phase 2). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0) is a scheme that aims to help urban families in India buy, build, or rent affordable homes. The scheme is intended to improve the quality of life for eligible citizens by ensuring they have access to a pucca house. The scheme is open to families from the Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Low Income Group (LIG), and Middle Income Group (MIG) who do not own a pucca house in the country. Houses under PMAY are constructed using eco-friendly technology.
<p>Air Pollution</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-Diwali, air pollution levels have surged across Andhra Pradesh, with many cities experiencing a significant deterioration in air quality due to the widespread use of firecrackers and reduced wind speed. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Pollution is the contamination of the atmosphere with harmful substances that can adversely affect human health, ecosystems, and climate. The contaminating substances that cause air pollution are called Air Pollutants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These substances can be gasses, particles, or a combination of both and come from various sources. The AQI is a 'One Number-One Colour-One Description' of air quality information that allows the common man to judge the air quality within his vicinity. The AQI will consider eight pollutants (PM10, PM2.5, NO2, SO2, CO, O3, NH3, and Pb) for which short-term (up to 24-hour averaging period) National Ambient Air Quality Standards are prescribed.
<p>Integrated Clean Energy Policy-2024 (ICE-2024)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State government notified the implementation of the recently unveiled Andhra Pradesh Integrated Clean Energy Policy-2024 (ICE-2024). <p>Key Points:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Integrated Clean Energy Policy-2024 (ICE-2024) is a five-year policy in Andhra Pradesh that aims to promote renewable energy, green hydrogen, and pumped storage power. • The policy's goals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Renewable Energy: Achieving net-zero emissions and tapping into the state's renewable energy potential. ○ Energy Costs: Optimizing energy costs using renewable energy and advanced technologies. ○ Employment: Creating job opportunities and attracting investment. ○ Cleantech Manufacturing: Establishing cleantech manufacturing with a capacity of 25–30 GW. ○ EV Charging Stations: Setting up 5,000 EV charging stations. ○ Battery Storage: Installing 25 GWh of battery storage capacity. ○ Green Hydrogen: Producing 1.5 MMTPA of green hydrogen and its derivatives. ○ Ethanol: Producing 1,500 KLPD of ethanol. ○ Bio-CNG/CBG: Generating 1,000 TPD of Bio-CNG/CBG. • The policy also includes incentives such as: concessional land leases, capital subsidies for renewable energy projects, and waivers of electricity duties and open access charges.
<p>Person in news: BR Naidu</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bollineni Rajagopal Naidu (BR Naidu) was sworn in as the new Chairman of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is an independent government trust in India managed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. • The trust primarily oversees the operations and finances of the richest and the most visited religious center Venkateswara Temple, Tirumala. • It is also involved in various social, religious, literary and educational activities.
<p>Polavaram Project</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has set a timeline for the completion of the Polavaram project by March 2028. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an under-construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in the Eluru District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh. • The project has been accorded National project status by the Union Government of India. • Objectives:



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- **Development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities** in East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- The project envisages the generation of **960 MW of hydropower**, drinking water supply to a population of 28.50 lacks in 611 villages
- The ultimate irrigation potential of the project is **4.368 lakh ha**.
- The project implements the **Godavari-Krishna link under the Interlinking of Rivers project**.

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