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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Places in news: Srisailam Temple</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All arrangements are in place for the annual 'Kumbhotsavam' of Goddess Bhramaramba at the Srisailam temple on April 15. As part of the ritual, lemon, pumpkin, coconuts, and cooked rice will be offered to the Goddess as 'Satvika Bali'—a symbolic, bloodless sacrifice. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Srisailam Temple, or Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, worshipped here in the form of Mallikarjuna Swamy. It is surrounded by the forests of the Nallamala Hills, overlooking the pristine waters of the Krishna River. This ancient temple built in the Dravidian style with lofty towers and sprawling courtyards is one of the finest specimens of Vijayanagara architecture. Though the exact origins of the temple are not available, the Satavahanas of the 2nd century AD have referred to it. The unique feature of this temple is the combination of Jyothirlingam and Mahasakthi (in the form of Bhramarambika) in one campus, which is very rare and only one of its kind.
<p>Drone Capital of India</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh government, under Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, has launched an ambitious initiative to position the State as the Drone Capital of India and a global hub for drone technology. A key deadline for participation, including investment proposals and project submissions, is set for April 21, 2025. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through a series of strategic programmes led by the Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation (APDC), the State aims to foster innovation, attract investments, and integrate drone applications across various sectors. The APDC is leading the effort by inviting startups, industry leaders, and innovators to submit use case proposals for drone applications. To further support the ecosystem, the State is also launching the Andhra Pradesh Drone Mart portal, a digital marketplace connecting drone service providers with clients across government, industry, and the public. The government has issued an Expression of Interest to attract investors to this purpose-built ecosystem, which will include manufacturing zones, testing facilities, and import-export



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	infrastructure.
Amaravati capital city project	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work has begun on the Rs 65,000 crore Amaravati city project, which will serve as the new capital of Andhra Pradesh on the banks of the River Krishna. The aim is to create a 'people's capital' that attracts skilled migrants, industries, professionals, and businesses globally. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amaravati was designated as the new capital of Andhra Pradesh following the state's bifurcation in 2014. The Amaravati Master Plan, crafted by the renowned UK-based firm Foster and Partners, envisions a comprehensive development over 217.23 square kilometers between Vijayawada and Guntur towns. The city on the banks of the Krishna river is envisioned to be an economic hub for the region and is expected to create 1.5 million jobs, house 3.5 million population and have a GDP of USD 35 billion by 2050. Phase 1 of the Amaravati project will focus on basic infrastructure, including housing, healthcare, education, sanitation, and transport. The Legislative Assembly and High Court are set to be completed in 24 months, while the Secretariat will be finished in 36 months. In 2024, the Government of India committed Rs 15,000 crore in financial assistance and secured support from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, each providing USD 800 million, with agreements already signed. <p>About Amaravati:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The city of Amaravati is the legislative capital of Andhra Pradesh which lies close to the Krishna river and has a huge green landscape. It is on the southern banks of the Krishna river in Guntur district and is a recently constructed planned city after the Andhra Pradesh split. <p>About Krishna River:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terms of water inflows and river basins, Krishna is the fourth largest river after Ganga, Godavari, and Brahmaputra. Total Length: 1300 km Its principal tributaries joining from the right are the Ghatprabha, the Malprabha, and the Tungabhadra, whereas those joining from the left are the Bhima, the Musi, and the Munneru.
One Nation, One Election Bill	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu stressed the importance of a national debate on the concept of 'One Nation, One Election,'



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describing it as a practical and historically proven idea at Kachhapi Auditorium in Tirupati.

Key Points:

- The One Nation, One Election Bill has been passed in the **Lok Sabha with a ratio of 269 votes in favour and 198 votes against the passing of the bill.**
- The bill proposes to hold simultaneous elections for the Lok Sabha, State Legislative assemblies and local body elections across the whole country.
- This proposal aims to align the election process leading to **cost cutting and better governance** by eliminating election related disruptions. This bill was analysed by a **high-level committee chaired by President Ram Nath Kovind.**
- Simultaneous Elections (popularly known as One Nation, One Election) means **holding elections to the House of the People, all the State Legislative Assemblies, and local bodies i.e., Municipalities and Panchayats, together.**
 - **Simultaneous elections** do not mean that voting across the country for all elections needs to happen on a single day.
- In India, simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabhas were held in the years **1951-52, 1957, 1962 and 1967.**
- This cycle was disrupted due to premature dissolution of State Assemblies in 1968-69 and of the Lok Sabha in 1970.

National Board

Turmeric

Why in news?

- National Turmeric Board Chairman Palle Ganga Reddy highlighted the global importance of Indian turmeric and emphasized the need to increase exports from ₹1,876 crore to ₹5,000 crore by 2030.

Key Points:

- It will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country.
- It will especially focus on capacity building and skill development of turmeric growers for harnessing greater benefits out of value addition.
- The Board will also promote quality and food safety standards and adherence to such standards.
- **Composition**
 - The Board shall have a **Chairperson, who will be appointed by the Central Government.**
 - It will have members from the **Ministry of AYUSH, Departments of Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Commerce & Industry of the Union Government, and senior State Government representatives from three states (on a rotation basis).**
 - Select national/state institutions involved in research, representatives of turmeric farmers and exporters.
 - The Department of Commerce will appoint a Secretary.
 - The Ministry of Commerce will be the nodal department



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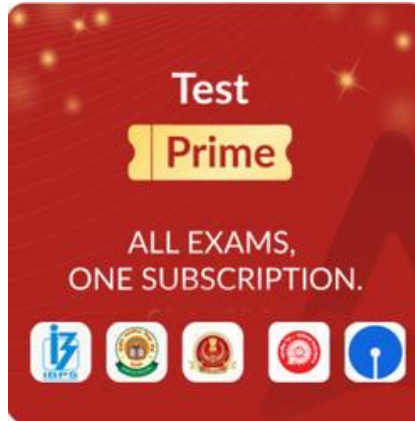


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providing funds and infrastructure for the NTB, which will look into **increased demand, usage, production, research, market linkage, exports and so on.**

- **Key facts about Turmeric (Curcuma longa)**

- It is a **perennial herbaceous plant** belonging to the ginger family (Zingiberaceae).
- **Climatic conditions required**
 - **Soil and climate:** A friable well-drained red loamy soil in wet or garden lands under tropical conditions is ideal.
 - **Rain:** Regions receiving an annual rainfall of 1500 mm can support its growth.
 - **Temperature:** range of 20 to 35 °C.
- India is the **largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world.**
- The largest producing states of Turmeric are **Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.**



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