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<p>A.P. Minor Mineral Policy-2025</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a bid to revive the mining sector in Andhra Pradesh, the State Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, approved the draft A.P. Minor Mineral Policy-2025. The new policy introduces a dual grant mechanism—application-based leases for building materials and granite, while industrial minerals will be allocated through an auction process with a production-linked premium. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh government has initiated the development of the Draft A.P. Minor Mineral Policy-2025 to address challenges in the minor mineral sector, including granite, road metal, gravel, and quartz. Key Features of the Draft Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-Auction System for Lease Allocation: The policy proposes transitioning to an e-auction system for granting quarry leases, replacing the first-come-first-serve method. Amendments to Mineral Concession Rules: Recent amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Granting quarry leases on a nomination basis for National/State Government projects or projects undertaken by PSUs. Exempting certain fees for minor minerals obtained within National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) project cutting sections, provided the materials are used in the same project. Incentives for Captive Use of Minerals: The policy includes provisions for granting special incentives for the captive use of minerals, encouraging sustainable mining practices and supporting infrastructure development.
<p>Reports & Indices: India Justice Report 2025</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh has risen to the 2nd position in the 2025 India Justice Report (IJR) rankings. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a national ranking assessing capacity of States/UTs to deliver justice across four pillars. Aim: To promote data-driven reforms by evaluating states on justice delivery using official government data. Initiated by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, the report evaluates performance of various departments involved in justice delivery



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	<p>including police, judiciary and prisons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu secured the top 5 ranks among large states.
Thalassaemia	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NTR Memorial Trust will organise the Thalassemia Run 2025 in Visakhapatnam on May 8 to raise awareness about Thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the name for a group of inherited conditions that affect a substance in the blood called haemoglobin. People with thalassaemia produce either no or too little haemoglobin, which is used by red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body. Thalassemia can cause anaemia, leaving you fatigued. Cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is caused by faulty genes that affect the production of haemoglobin. A child can only be born with thalassaemia if they inherit these faulty genes from both parents. Symptoms: The main health conditions associated with thalassaemia are, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anaemia – severe tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath, pounding, fluttering or irregular heartbeats (palpitations) and pale skin caused by the lack of haemoglobin. Too much iron in the body – this is caused by the regular blood transfusions used to treat anaemia and can cause problems with the heart, liver and hormone levels if untreated Treatments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood transfusions – regular blood transfusions treat and prevent anaemia; in severe cases these are needed around once a month. Chelation therapy – treatment with medicine to remove the excess iron from the body that builds up as a result of having regular blood transfusions The only possible cure for thalassaemia is a stem cell or bone marrow transplant, but this is not done very often because of the risks involved.
Nagaravanam	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nellore Nagaravanam is set to become the largest park in Andhra Pradesh. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched in 2017 under the TDP government, the Nagaravanam project received Rs 1.4 crore from the Centre and 2.10 crore from the State in the initial phases.



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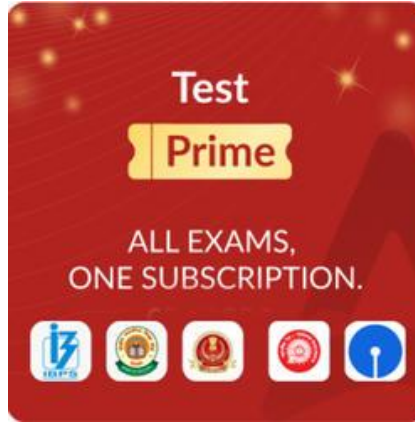
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- The park currently offers a wide range of visitor-centric and eco-friendly features, including walking and trekking tracks, a yoga centre, musical fountains, children's play areas, canteen, wildlife-themed archways, open gyms, function halls, and viewpoints.
- These facilities position the park as a combined leisure and wellness destination.



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