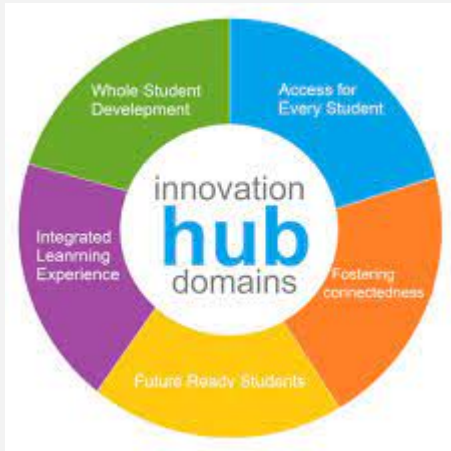




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Innovation Hub to come up in Parvathipuram



In News:

- NITI Aayog has appreciated the proposal for setting up Innovation Hub, a centre for experiential learning, by Parvathipuram Manyam district administration.

Key Points:

- Collector Nishant Kumar informed that an innovation hub is going to be established in this district as the NITI Aayog's externally-aided project.

About an Innovation Hub:

- An innovation hub is a physical or virtual space where innovators come together to share ideas, collaborate on projects, and develop new solutions to complex problems.
- Innovation hubs typically provide a variety of resources and support services to innovators, such as:
 - Access to tools and equipment
 - Mentoring and coaching
 - Networking opportunities
 - Funding and investment opportunities

46 per cent rise in road fatalities



In News:

- Vijayawada recorded an **alarming rise of 46 per cent in road accident deaths**, while the toll dropped by 2.7 per cent in Visakhapatnam in 2022 compared to the previous year.

Key Points:

- The 'Road Accidents in India-2022' data was revealed by the **transport wing of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH)**.
- According to the findings, as many as **418 people lost their lives in 1,543 road accidents in Vijayawada** last year as against 287 deaths in 2021.
- On the contrary, 358 people were killed in 1,531 road accidents in Visakhapatnam in 2022 compared to 368 deaths in the previous year.
- The data published by the Centre showed **Vijayawada ranked 13** and **Vizag stood at 18th position in road accident fatalities** among 50 cities across the country in 2022.
- The State logged a **mere dip of 1.4 per cent** in the



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	number of road accidents reported in 2022 compared to the previous year, however, the fatalities increased slightly by 1.3 per cent during the same period of time.
Major crop seasons in AP	<p>Context: AP receives less rainfall this kharif season.</p> <p>Kharif</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kharif season is from July to October during the south-west monsoon. • Kharif crops are usually sown at the beginning of the first rains and harvested at the end of the monsoon season. • Rice is a Kharif crop that is mostly grown in Andhra Pradesh. <p>Rabi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rabi season is from October to March (winter). • Key crops are Bengalgram, Blackgram • Other crops are Barley, Rapeseed, Mustard, Oat, Linseed, Potato <p>Zaid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is also a short season called Zaid that occurs during the summer months between the rabi and the Kharif seasons. • Important crops produced during Zaid include: Watermelon, Muskmelon, Cucumber, Vegetables, Fodder crops
Handicraft expo begins in Vijayawada	<p>In News: Handicraft expo begins in Vijayawada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crafts council of AP will conduct 'Vasantham 2023' handicraft expo in the city in November. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Purandeswari will inaugurate the expo at Sri Sessa Sai Kalyana Mandapam. • A total of 70 participants from various parts of the country will participate in the expo. • Weavers from Odisha, West Bengal, Kashmir, Odisha and other parts of the state will participate in the exhibition. • Odisha, Banara, Kota, Gadwal, Chanderi, Lucknow, Chikenkari garments and a variety of handicrafts will be made available at the exhibition.



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54-foot Subramanya Swamy idol



In News:

- Gaiety and religious fervor marked the unveiling of the **54-foot tall Subramanya Swamy idol at Utlavaripalli** in Chandragiri constituency.

Key points:

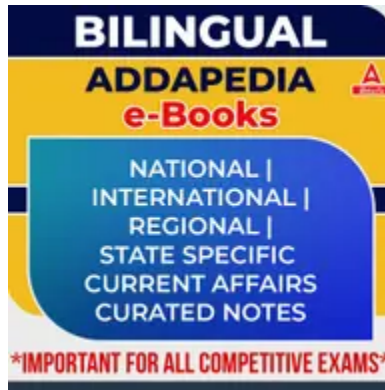
- It is the **second tallest idol in the State**

About Subramanya Swamy:

- Subramanya Swamy, also known as **Kartikeya or Murugan**, is a Hindu deity **worshiped as the son of Lord Shiva and Parvati**.
- He is the **god of war and victory**, and is also **considered the lord of the six abodes (Arupadai Veedu)**.

There are many **temples dedicated to Subramanya Swamy** in Andhra Pradesh, but some of the most popular include:

1. Subramanya Swamy Temple, **Bhimavaram**
2. Subramanya Swamy Temple, **Vijayawada**
3. Subramanya Swamy Temple, **Vizianagaram**



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