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<p>Ashok S Goyal appointed as KRMB Chairman</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman of the Board (KRMB) Ashok S.Goal has been appointed by the Central Jal Shakti Department. He will assume charge on June 1. Sivanandan Kumar, who is working as the CEO of Polavaram Project Authority (PPA), has been holding additional responsibilities as the Chairman of the Krishna Board for two years. The Center has appointed Ashok as the Chairman of KRMB in view of his retirement on 31st of this month <p>Why is KRMB established?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) is an autonomous body established as per AP Re-Organization Act, 2014 The administrative control of KRMB is with MoWR to manage and regulate the Waters of Krishna Basin in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. <p>Additional Info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telangana and Andhra Pradesh agreed to hand over common irrigation projects and their components to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) in february 2024. <p>Also Read about Water issue between AP & TS States</p>
<p>Former Minister and director of Vijaya Dairy, Yerneni Sita Devi Passes Away</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former minister and director of Vijaya Dairy, Yerneni Sita Devi, passed away in Hyderabad this morning after suffering a heart attack. About YS Devi: Y. Sita Devi was born in Kodur, in the Kaikaluru mandal, Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh, and had a strong political background. Sita Devi had served as an MLA from Mudinepalli and also as the Education Minister in NTR's cabinet.
<p>Elephant Census Concluded in Chittoor</p>	<p>Context: DFO Chaitanyakumar Reddy stated that up to 110 elephants have been identified and the three-day elephant count process ended on Saturday</p> <p>About Elephant Census in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary in Chittoor



district, established in December 1990, is now one of the 33 elephant reserves recognized by the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change.

- Initially hosting only a few elephants, it now houses close to 100 resident elephants and attracts a similar number of migrant elephants.

Elephant Census in Andhra Pradesh:

- In Andhra Pradesh, the census focuses on the Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary in Chittoor district and the Seshachalam hills in Annamayya district.
- While the Koundinya sanctuary hosts both resident and migrant elephants, the Seshachalam biosphere is primarily home to resident elephants.
- The previous census in May 2023 indicated the presence of about 60 resident elephants in the Seshachalam hills, with the possibility of a slight increase due to newborn arrivals.

Project Elephant:

- The Government of India introduced Project Elephant in 1992 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.**
- India is home to more than 60% of all wild Asian elephants. Around 29,964 elephants were registered in the most recent elephant census, which was conducted in 2017.
- There are 31 elephant reserves in India and As per the Elephant Census conducted in 2017, Karnataka has the highest number of elephants (6,049), followed by Assam (5,719) and Kerala (3,054), respectively.
- West Bengal has the highest number (26) of identified elephant corridors in India

Do you know annually **12th August is celebrated as World Elephant Day**

Read about Conservation of elephants, Project elephant and Disputes between elephant and farmers

Banni festival in Xth class text books

Context:

- The Banni Utsav in Devaragattu also known as '**Karrala Samaram**', a **battle of sticks, finds place in AP Xth class syllabus for the academic year 2024-25**. This lesson covers the stick-fighting tradition during the Banni Utsav.

Culture of Andhra Pradesh:

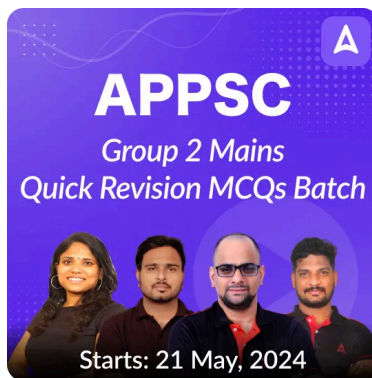
- This move to incorporate local cultural heritage into the curriculum has broader implications for cultural preservation and education.

History of Banni festival:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Banni festival is a traditional stick-fight celebrated on the night of Dussehra (Vijaya Dasami) every year. It has its origins in the Vijayanagara Empire. • It is celebrated on account of the victory of Lord Mala Malleswara Swamy and Goddess Parvati over demonish Mani and Mallasura, who troubled the people in the Devaragattu region. • The ritual takes place at midnight when the procession idols of the ruling deities Malamma (Parvati) and Malleshwara Swamy (Shiva) <p>Also Read about culture and heritage of Andhra Pradesh and their economic importance</p>
<p>IMD Forecast Above normal Rainfall in Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Meteorological Department has said that there is a possibility of more than normal rainfall between June and September. <p>About weather conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions are favorable for southwest monsoon to hit Kerala in the next five days, it said. South Arabian Sea, Maldives, Lakshadweep, Kerala and Tamil Nadu states have an opportunity to expand in the South West. • The Amaravati Meteorological Department said that the maximum temperature will increase by 2 to 4 degrees across the state • The disaster management agency said that the impact of the sun will be high in the state for the next three days. • It explained that there is a possibility of severe hailstorm in 149 mandals and hailstorm in 160 mandals on Tuesday.





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