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<p>Pradhan Mantri Ujjwal Yojana</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh requests the Centre to convert existing Deepam connections to the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scheme was launched in May 2016. The aim is to provide LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) connections to poor households. A deposit-free LPG connection is eligible with financial assistance of Rs 1,600 per connection by the Centre. Eligibility criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must be a woman above the age of 18 and a citizen of India. Should belong to a BPL (Below Poverty Line) household. No one in the applicant's household should own an LPG connection. The household income of the family, per month, must not exceed a certain limit as defined by the government of the Union Territories and State Government. Applicants must not be a recipient of other similar schemes provided by the government.
<p>Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Anantapur District Collector urged the committee members to evaluate the on-the-ground conditions impacting SC, ST, BC, and minority communities and to take proactive steps to address the identified issues. For this, the strict enforcement of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act of 1989. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an act to prevent the commission of offenses of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs) by persons other than SCs and STs. It provides for punishment for offenses of atrocities committed against SCs and STs. Offenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Act does not apply to crimes committed between SCs and STs or between STs and SCs. There are 37 offenses included in the Act that involve patterns of behavior inflicting criminal



	<p>offenses and breaking the self-respect and esteem of the SCs and STs community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Among these are the denial of economic, democratic, and social rights, as well as the exploitation and abuse of the legal system.
<p>Kumki Elephants</p>  <p>Kumki Elephants</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently, the government of Karnataka has agreed to provide eight Kumki (trained) elephants to Andhra Pradesh. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Kumki” comes from the Persian word “kumak,” which means “aid.” ● These are trained captive Asian Elephants. They help in patrolling and rescue operations. ● They help in minimizing conflicts and safeguard both human and wildlife interest.
<p>ISRO to use mini-launcher SSLV to launch EOS</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will use its newly-developed small satellite launch vehicle, SSLV-D3, to launch Earth Observation Satellite-8 (EOS) from Sriharikota. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSLV is a 3 stage Launch Vehicle configured with three Solid Propulsion Stages and Liquid propulsion-based Velocity Trimming Module (VTM) as a terminal. ● It is 2 m in diameter and 34m in length with a lift off weight of 120 tonnes and is capable of launching a 10 to 500 kg satellite in 500 km planar orbit. <p>Think</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is an Earth Observation Satellite (EOS)?



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