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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

Banking services yet to start at Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBK)



In News:

- The state government's assurance to provide **banking services at Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBK)** is yet to materialize in the district.

Key Points:

- With an aim of facilitating banking services at RBKs, the state government issued orders to agricultural and lead bank officials.
- As per the orders, farmers can avail services like withdrawal of **cash up to Rs 20,000** from his **own bank** account
- Farmers can withdraw **Rs 10,000** from his other bank account, transfer money to other accounts, get mini statements, create awareness on digital transactions, mobile and net banking services among farmers, receive applications from farmers and process the same for crop loans.

About Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs):

- **Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs)** are one-stop shops for farmers in Andhra Pradesh, India. They provide a wide range of services, including:
 - Supply of farm inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides
 - Quality testing of farm inputs and produce
 - Extension services to help farmers improve their productivity and profitability
 - Procurement of farm produce at MSP
 - Delivery of government welfare schemes to farmers
- RBKs also provide a variety of other services, such as:
 - Community hiring centers for farm machinery and supplies
 - Banking services
 - Animal husbandry and aquaculture services

Govt employees likely to get EV 2-wheelers

In News:

- AP is taking proactive steps to usher in an electric vehicle revolution, aligning with the



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Union government's policy which aims at net-zero emissions by 2070.

- India, at the **26th session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 26)** in November, 2021, announced its target to achieve net zero by 2070.

Key Points:

- The state has decided to provide one lakh electric vehicles to the state government employees on an EMI basis.
- This will be coupled with benefits like road tax exemption and waived registration fees.
- Furthermore, the state government is establishing about **400 electric vehicle charging stations** across various locations to foster a conducive environment for electric mobility.

About Electric Vehicles:

- Electric vehicles (EVs) are vehicles that are powered by electric motors instead of internal combustion engines (ICEs).
- EVs use batteries to store the electrical energy that powers the motor.
- The most important component of an EV is the battery, which is made up of a number of different materials, including:
 - Lithium
 - Cobalt
 - Nickel
 - Manganese
 - Graphite
 - Copper
 - Aluminum

Other materials used in EVs include:

- Rare earth metals (for magnets in the electric motor)
- Steel and aluminum (for the body and chassis)
- Plastics and composites (for interior and exterior components)

AP's elderly population likely to increase to 19% by 2036

In News: AP's elderly population likely to increase to 19% by 2036



- The **elderly population** of AP is projected to **increase to 19% of its total population by 2036.**

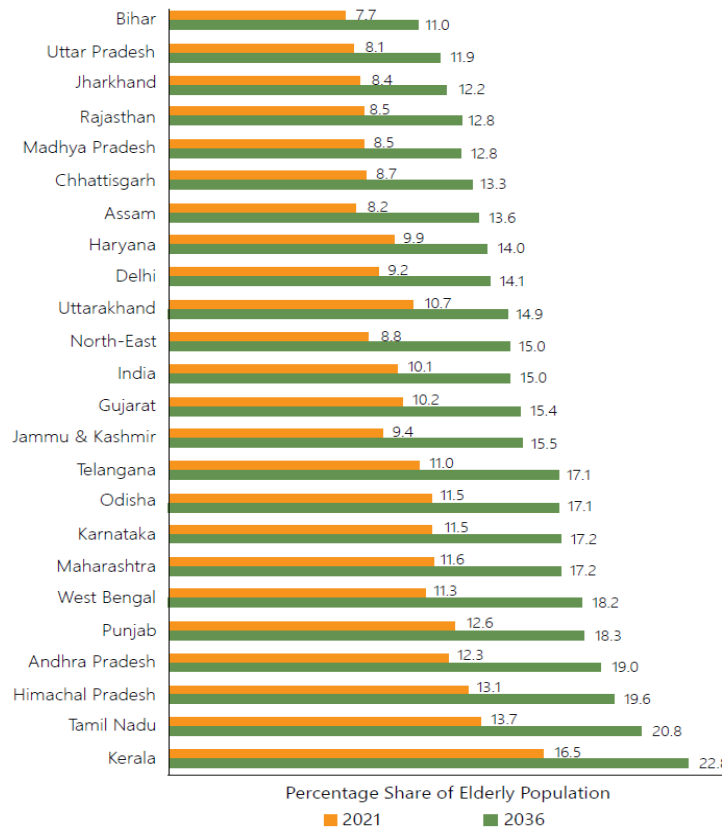
Key Points:

- This will be a multi-notch growth from 12% in 2021, according to the **India Ageing Report 2023 released by the United Nations Population Fund** in collaboration with International Institute for Population Sciences.
- Based on its projections, AP will be placed in the fourth place in terms of having the highest percentage of old age people, after **Kerala (22.8%), Tamil Nadu (20.8%), and Himachal Pradesh (19.6%).**
- The report also derived life expectancy at 60 years based on life tables provided by the office of the registrar general and census commissioner.

About India Ageing Report:

- The **India Ageing Report 2023** is a comprehensive report on the status of the elderly in India.
- The report was published by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS).
- The report found that India's elderly population is growing rapidly.
- By 2050, India's elderly population is expected to reach 34.7 crore, or 20.8% of the total population.

Projected share of the elderly population, India and states,
2021 versus 2036



Coffee curing center at 'Daunur'

In News: Coffee curing center at 'Daunur'

- Tribal Welfare Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Pidika Rajannadora said that for the first time in the country, a coffee curing center will be set up under the auspices of the government at Daunur in Alluri Seetharamaraju district.

Key Points:

- Rajannadora along with YASRCP Regional Coordinator YV Subbareddy laid the foundation stone and unveiled the plaque for the coffee curing, roasting and packing unit being set up at Daunur in Koyyuru mandal at a cost of Rs.4 crore.
- The taste of coffee is excellent due to the cultivation of quality organic fertilizers.
- PM Modi served Araku coffee to the guests at the recent G20 summit in Delhi.

GICE gets ISO 21001: 2018 EOMS certification

In News: Government Institute of Chemical Engineering (GICE) in Visakhapatnam received certification of ISO 21001:2018 Educational Organisations Management Systems (EOMS) Policy



ISO 21001:2018 EOMS Certification

certification

Key Points:

- GICE got the certification for its commitment towards a culture of redefining excellence in chemical engineering education.
- The certificate will be valid up to October 2026 subject to the successful completion of annual periodic audits.

About ISO 21001:2018 EOMS Certification:

- ISO 21001:2018 is an international standard for educational organizations management systems (EOMS).
- It provides a framework for educational organizations to improve their management systems and deliver high-quality education.
- ISO 21001:2018 is based on the ISO 9001 quality management system standard, but it includes additional requirements specific to educational organizations.
- These requirements focus on the following areas:
 1. Leadership and commitment
 2. Planning
 3. Support
 4. Operation
 5. Performance evaluation.



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