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# **Andhra Pradesh State Regional News**

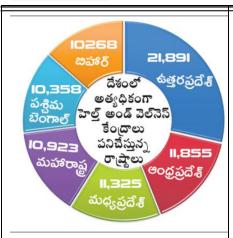
3 Scotch awards for SERP	Context: Society for eradication of rural poverty has won 3 Scotch awards.  Key Points:  Platinum Award for YSR Pension scheme, Gold Award for Handicraft Marts Silver Award for Organizational structure and Capacity building dept of SERP.
INS Dega	<ul> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>INS Dega derives its name from Telugu word 'Dega' – a big &amp; powerful bird of the eagle family.</li> <li>INS Dega is a Naval Air Station at Visakhapatnam.</li> <li>It is located on the east coast of India.</li> <li>On 21 October 1991, the air station was renamed and formally commissioned as INS Dega by then Vice Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
WORLD DAY OF REMEMBER SUPPORT A C T	Context:  • The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDoR) is a global day observed every year on the third Sunday of November.  • The day honors the millions of people who have lost their lives or been injured in traffic crashes.  • Hashtag: #WDoR2023  • Slogan: REMEMBER. SUPPORT. ACT  • Theme: JUSTICE  As every year, the objectives of WDoR 2023 are to provide a platform for road traffic victims and their families to:  • remember all people killed and seriously injured on the roads;  • acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services;  • draw attention to the generally trivial legal response to culpable road deaths and injuries and advocate for an appropriately serious response;  • advocate for better support for road traffic victims and victim families;  • promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries.
AP stands 2nd in Health and Wellness Centers	Context:  • The government's efforts to improve medical services in both rural and urban areas of Amaravati have gained national recognition.  • Andhra Pradesh recently achieved the second position in the country in terms of health and wellness centers.



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## **Key Points:**

- According to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, there
  are a total of 1,60,480 health and wellness centers across all states
  and Union Territories in the country as of July this year.
- Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of these centers, with 21,891, followed by Andhra Pradesh with 11,855.
- Following Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Bihar have the highest number of health and wellness centers.
- These centers aim to provide medical services to both rural and urban populations, bringing healthcare closer to the masses.
- In Andhra Pradesh, the government has linked health and wellness centers to rural primary health centers and urban primary health centers, known as Village Health Clinics and Urban Health Clinics.
- The state government has established Village Health Clinics at a rate of one per 2,500 population.

# AP Barytes Exports share reached 54% in USA market

#### Context:

APMDC's share in the United States (USA) market has grown from 30 percent to 54 percent in the past two years.

## **Key Points:**

- More than 90 percent of the exported barytes from India are produced from **Mangampet mines in the YSR district.**
- The state government of Andhra Pradesh has set new production and marketing targets to meet international demand.
- Andhra Pradesh has surpassed competitors like China, Mexico, and Morocco in the US market.

### **Key facts:**

- Barytes, also known as barite, is a mineral composed of barium sulfate (BaSO4).
- It is a commonly occurring mineral and has various industrial applications.
- In Andhra Pradesh, barytes are found in significant quantities, and the state is one of the leading producers of barytes in India.
- Barytes deposits in Andhra Pradesh are primarily found in the districts of **Anantapur**, **Cuddapah**, **and Nellore**.
- Barytes is used in a variety of industries, including the **oil and gas** industry as a weighting agent in drilling fluids.
- It is also used in the manufacture of **paints**, **rubber**, **and plastics** due to its high specific gravity and chemical inertness.

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