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World Hindi Day



Context:

- World Hindi Day, celebrated annually on January 10th, is a day to commemorate and promote the Hindi language on a global stage.
- It's an occasion to recognize the rich cultural heritage, literary depth, and growing influence of Hindi beyond its geographical borders.

Did you Know?

- Hindi, with over 600 million speakers worldwide, ranks as the third most spoken language globally.

Andhra Pradesh seeks ₹750 crore aid, raw material support



Context:

- The Andhra Pradesh government has written to the Union Steel Ministry seeking financial support of ₹750 crore towards building infrastructure and improving connectivity around its proposed ₹8,800 crore greenfield steel plant in the YSR district of the state.
- The integrated steel plant plans, initially rejected by SAIL, are now being taken forward by Sajjan Jindal's JSW Group, the Andhra government wrote in a letter accessed by businessline.
- The state government has also sought help from the Centre to grant iron ore linkages for the steel plant and allocate such mines to the state's agency, AP Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.

AP to harness waterways for industrial cargo movement




Context:

- Andhra Pradesh targets moving cargo from cement and power plants through national waterways
- The combination of an extensive 978-km national waterways and a thriving cement and power plant sector promises to bestow on Andhra Pradesh a unique advantage.
- The AP Inland Waterways Authority (APIWA) is taking up a slew of initiatives to ease the movement of cargo for major industries in the state.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The APIWA has formulated two such major projects for the movement of domestic and export-import cargo from cement and power plants through national waterways.
<p>Andhra Pradesh government comes under attack for imposing ESMA on protesting Anganwadi workers</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers' unions and representatives of various political parties and trade unions have strongly criticized the imposition of the Essential Service and Maintenance Act (ESMA), 1971, on the protesting Anganwadi workers and helpers by the Government. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) is a controversial tool used by governments in India to prevent strikes in sectors deemed crucial for public welfare. It was enacted in 1971 and it empowers the government to prohibit strikes in "essential services" like transport, sanitation, ports, public utilities, and more. Under ESMA, striking employees can face imprisonment, dismissal, and other penalties.
<p>Capital expenditure gets a major boost in GVMC's ₹5.6K cr budget</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation approved a ₹5,614 crore budget for the 2024-25 financial year. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ₹1,025 crore is allocated for capital expenditure in the budget. The civic body earmarked ₹80 crore for its proposed new integrated office complex in Arilova, whereas ₹45 crore will be spent on the development of an integrated traffic signal system. About ₹748 crore will be used to develop new/ongoing underground drainage projects in Madhurawada and Pendurthi-Gajuwaka-Malkapuram areas.



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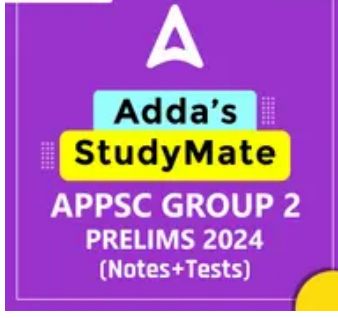
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