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<p>SEZ units are not exempt from compensation cess under GST</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AP High Court has ruled that units in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are not exempt from paying compensation cess under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on imported goods. The court also emphasized that the SEZ Act of 2005 is a self-contained law providing exemptions, and for Section 7 to apply, the tax or cess must be referenced in the First Schedule of the SEZ Act. As the GST Compensation cess is not mentioned, the court held that it is not exempt for SEZ units. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cess is a type of tax levied by governments, traditionally for specific purposes like promoting education, health, or social development. It's distinct from regular taxes as it's typically an additional levy on an existing tax base.
<p>TalentSprint to launch sixth cohort of Women Engineers Programme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TalentSprint, a global edtech company, has announced the launch of its sixth cohort of Women Engineers (WE) programme supported by Google, with 200 seats for first-year women engineering students from different socio-economic strata. The programme entails a 100% scholarship covering the programme fee and an additional cash scholarship of ₹1 lakh.
<p>Modi inaugurates NACIN complex in Andhra Pradesh</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM Modi inaugurated the new campus of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) at Palasamudram in Sri Satya Sai district of Andhra Pradesh. He also termed the spiritualist Sri Satya Sai Baba, freedom fighter Kallur Subba Rao, renowned puppetry artist Dalavai Chalapathi Rao and the good governance of Vijayanagara empire as sources of inspiration from the region.



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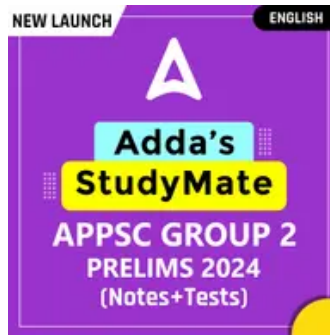
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<p>Devulapalli Amar's Book on World of Telugu Politics Released in New Delhi</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devulapalli Amar's "The Deccan Powerplay" has generated buzz in the Indian political landscape, particularly in the Telugu-speaking states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. • Released in New Delhi, the book promises an insider's view on the machinations of Telugu politics, spanning from the formation of Congress (I) to the controversial bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014.
<p>Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam constructs record numbers of temples across India in 2023</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) had a record number of Lord Venkateswara temples constructed across various parts of India in 2023. • As part of its objective of promoting Sanatana Dharma through the proliferation of Sri Venkateswara temples, the TTD had completed the construction of five major temples during the year, including one in Jammu spread in over 62.10 acres of land



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