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<p><b>GSLV F-14 rocket scheduled to be launched tomorrow at SHAR</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>GSLV F-14 rocket</b> is scheduled to be launched on Saturday at 5.35 pm from the second launch pad at the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Shar Centre.</li> <li>• The Launch Authorization Board (LAB) has approved the launch tasks following the Mission Readiness Review (MRR) meeting held at Brahma Prakash Hall in Shar on Thursday.</li> <li>• The objective of this mission is to launch the <b>Insat-3DS satellite</b>, weighing 2,272 kg, into geostationary orbit at an altitude of 36,000 km above the Earth.</li> <li>• This will be the <b>92nd launch</b> from the SHAR Center and the <b>16th launch</b> in the GSLV series, as well as the <b>10th launch</b> of cryogenic engines using fully indigenous technology by ISRO scientists.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Private sector will have a great opportunity in defence indigenisation'</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to ensure that more industry partners join the journey of 'Atma Nirbharta,' the Navy has initiated 'industry yatras' wherein multidisciplinary teams visit various industrial corridors to match existing industrial capabilities with navy's requirements, said Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command.</li> <li>• Addressing the Confederation of Indian Industry's southern regional council meeting, the Vice Admiral said over the years, the Indian Navy has surged ahead in enhancing the indigenous content in ship and submarine design, construction material, machinery, equipment, and systems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bird flu outbreak in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <b>bird flu outbreak</b> has been confirmed in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district after several</li> </ul>



	<p>chickens died in <b>two villages</b> in the past few days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>samples of the dead chickens were sent to a laboratory in Bhopal</b>, where the test results confirmed the presence of the <b>avian influenza virus</b></li> <li>• The <b>district collector Hari Narayan</b> convened an <b>emergency meeting with the officials of the animal husbandry department</b> and instructed them to take all necessary steps to contain the spread of the disease.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Avian influenza, commonly known as bird flu, has been confirmed in poultry farms located in Podalakuru and Kovur mandals of Nellore district, AP.</b></li> <li>• The <b>H5N1 strain, identified by the National Institute of High-Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), has prompted district authorities to take swift and decisive action to contain the outbreak and prevent its spread.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Annaram Railway station bags 'Eat Right Station' certification</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annaram Railway Station, located in Andhra Pradesh, has received the prestigious "Eat Right Station" certification from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).</b></li> <li>• <b>This achievement signifies the station's commitment to providing safe, hygienic, and nutritious food to passengers.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points about the certification:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>First in Vijayawada Division, Second in South Central Railway Zone:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This certification makes Annaram the first station in Vijayawada Division and the second in South Central Railway Zone (after Hyderabad Nampally) to achieve this recognition.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Commitment to Food Safety:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The certification acknowledges the station's efforts in implementing best practices for food storage, hygiene, and quality. Catering vendors, stall owners, and food handlers underwent training under the FOSTAC program to ensure adherence to FSSAI standards.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

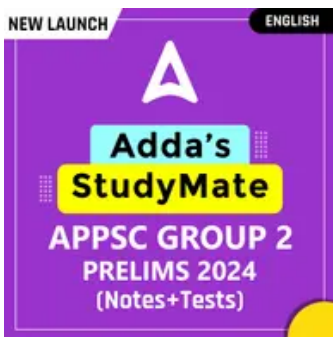


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	<p>3. <b>Rigorous Evaluation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The certification process involved a pre-audit, followed by an audit by an FSSAI-empaneled third-party agency. Parameters like food safety, hygiene, vendor practices, temperature control, and waste management were meticulously assessed.</li> </ul>
<p>12 polytechnics in Andhra Pradesh get NBA accreditation</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 government polytechnics in Andhra Pradesh have been awarded accreditation by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), marking a significant achievement for the state's technical education system.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This accreditation signifies that the programs offered by these institutions meet rigorous quality standards, ensuring better education and employability for students.</li> <li>NBA accreditation is valid for three academic years, from 2024-25 to 2026-27.</li> </ul>



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