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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

International Mother language Day



Context:

- **International Mother Language Day (IMLD)**, annually celebrated on **February 21st**, serves as a crucial reminder of the **importance of linguistic and cultural diversity**.
- It was **initiated by Bangladesh** and **formally recognized by UNESCO in 1999**, aiming to:
  1. **Promote awareness:** Highlight the value of linguistic and cultural diversity for sustainable societies.
  2. **Preserve languages:** Encourage the protection and revitalization of endangered languages.
  3. **Promote multilingualism:** Advocate for using and learning multiple languages for individual and societal benefits.

Theme for 2024:

- **"Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning."**
- This theme emphasizes the role of mother tongue-based education in fostering learning, literacy, and the transmission of traditional knowledge across generations.

Did you Know?

- On **21st February 2000**, the **first International Mother language Day** was observed.

Adikavi Nannaya University gets ₹20 crore aid under PM-USHA scheme

Context:

- **Adikavi Nannaya University (AKNU)**, located in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, has been awarded **₹20 crore in financial aid under the Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme**.

About:

- The **PM-USHA scheme**, launched by the **Ministry of Education (MoE)**, aims to **improve the infrastructure and academic quality of higher education institutions** across the country.
- The funds are expected to be **directed towards enhancing academic infrastructure, research facilities, and overall student experience**.



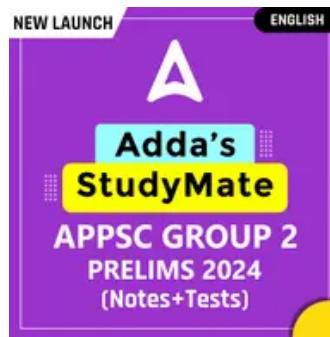
<p><b>APSCHE to present Excellence Awards 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) is gearing up to recognize excellence in academics and foster healthy competition among students through two significant events: the <b>Excellence Awards 2024</b> and the <b>Quiz Championship 2024</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Excellence Awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The awards aim to recognize and celebrate <b>outstanding achievements</b> of individuals and institutions within the <b>higher education ecosystem of AP</b>.</li> <li>Categories may include <b>best teachers, researchers, administrators, innovative programs</b>, best practices in teaching and learning, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Quiz Championship:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The championship typically covers a diverse range of subjects like science, history, literature, current affairs, and general knowledge.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AP Forensic Science Laboratory to procure special software to crack AI cases</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>AP Forensic Science Laboratory (APFSL)</b> is taking steps to address the growing challenges posed by <b>Artificial Intelligence (AI)</b> in criminal investigations.</li> <li>They plan to procure specialized software to analyze and "crack" AI-related evidence, such as deepfakes and other AI-manipulated content.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is done in view of the rise of deepfakes and other AI-powered tools for manipulating digital evidence presents unique challenges for forensic analysis</li> </ul>
<p><b>Andhra Pradesh CM disburses Rs 78 cr aid under YSR Kalyanamasthu, Shaadi Tohfa schemes</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP CM disbursed financial assistance of <b>Rs 78 crore</b> under 'YSR Kalyanamasthu' and 'YSR Shaadi Tohfa' schemes to meet the marriage expenses of those <b>belonging to SC, ST, BC, minority and other communities</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To financially empower the eligible brides and their families, the Government is extending the</li> </ul>



one-time financial assistance under the Scheme YSR KALYANAMASTHU for SC/ST/BC/Minorities (other than Muslims)/Differently Abled/Building and Other Construction Workers registered with Welfare Board (BOCWWB) & YSR SHAADI TOHFA for Muslim Minorities.

- The scheme has been implemented w.e.f. 01.10.2022.
- The aim of the Government is to implement these Schemes on a saturation basis, in a transparent manner through the Grama/Ward Sachivalayam with the enhanced scale of financial assistance.
- It also **promotes education by requiring both the bride and groom to have completed their 10th class.**

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1	Scheduled Caste	1,00,000/-
2	Scheduled Caste- Inter Caste	1,20,000/-
3	Scheduled Tribe	1,00,000/-
4	Scheduled Tribe- Inter caste	1,20,000/-
5	Backward Classes	50,000/-
6	Backward Classes- Inter caste	75,000/-
7	Minorities	1,00,000/-
8	Differently Abled	1,50,000/-
9	BOCWWB	40,000/-



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