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## Telangana State Regional News

France honors Shashi Tharoor with highest civilian award



Context:

- Shashi Tharoor has received France's highest civilian award, "Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur".
- This event took place at the French Embassy.
- French Senate President Gerard Larcher honored the Congress MP from Thiruvananthapuram.

About:

- This prestigious award highlights Tharoor's significant contributions to various fields and his dedication to fostering positive relations between India and France.
- It serves as a symbol of the strong and growing partnership between the two nations.

63 Degrees introduces Hyderabad's first self-cooking station at Gachibowli

Context:

- The culinary scene in Hyderabad has just got an upgrade with the city's first-ever self-cooking station introduced by 63 Degrees, which was recently opened at Gachibowli.
- This fully-automatic WOK machine is poised to turn anyone with basic cooking knowledge into a culinary maestro.

About:

- The self-cooking station operates with a touch-responsive screen that displays step-by-step instructions for preparing programmed dishes, focusing primarily on rice and noodle items.
- Each step has a pre-defined timing displayed as a stopwatch on the screen, ensuring precision in the cooking process.



<p><b>Rs 500 LPG cylinder scheme will be launched within a week</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telangana government will soon launch a <b>scheme offering LPG cylinders to white ration card holders (BPL families) for Rs 500.</b></li> <li>• The scheme <b>aims to provide relief to economically weaker sections</b> struggling with <b>rising cooking gas prices.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eligibility:</b> White ration card holders, categorized as Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, will be eligible for the subsidized cylinders.</li> <li>• <b>Cost:</b> <b>Regular LPG cylinder prices</b> currently range around Rs <b>1000-1100</b>. The <b>scheme</b> effectively offers a subsidy of <b>Rs 500-600 per cylinder.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>JICA to extend ₹1,336 cr. ODA loan for start-up ecosystem</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</b> will extend the <b>Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA)</b> loan totalling <b>Yen 23,697 million (about ₹01,336 crore)</b> for <b>promoting the start-up ecosystem and innovation in Telangana.</b></li> <li>• It will be <b>JICA's first such project supporting a State government to bolster the innovation and the start-up ecosystem</b> through an <b>ODA loan</b></li> <li>• The objective is to <b>discover and promote potential entrepreneurs</b>, including women and those in rural areas, by providing <b>capacity building, infrastructure development, financial support and market creation sub-projects.</b></li> <li>• The <b>aim is to empower the State government in addressing job creation and economic development</b> challenges through <b>innovative measures and the augmentation of the start-up ecosystem.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>World Thinking Day</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Thinking Day</b>, celebrated <b>annually on February 22nd</b></li> </ul>



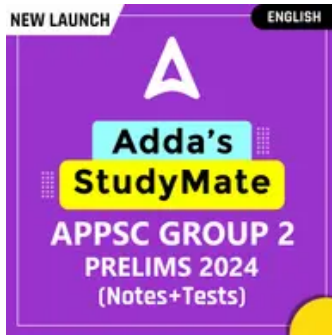
- It is a day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (including associated Scout and Guide organizations) across the globe to connect, reflect, and take action.
- It's a day of International friendship, Global awareness, Advocacy, Raising awareness and taking action on critical issues affecting girls and communities.

### About:

- Established in 1926, the day coincides with the birthdays of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, and his wife, Lady Olave Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide. S

### Theme 2024:

- The 2024 theme is "Our World, Our Equal Future", focusing on gender equality and climate change.



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