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Telangana State Regional News

Telangana govt to implement 'Griha Jyoti' from Feb 27th 	**Context:** • The TS government is set to roll out t**wo key schemes aimed at providing relief to residents:** **Griha Jyoti:** • This scheme will **offer free electricity up to 200 units per month t**o domestic consumers holding white ration cards. • The government **aims to provide transparent implementation** and ensure all eligible beneficiaries receive the **benefit. "Zero" electricity bills** will be issued from the first week of March. **Subsidized LPG Cylinder:** • The government will p**rovide cooking gas cylinders at Rs. 500 to eligible beneficiaries.**
Utility patent for Marut's direct seeding drone	**Context:** • **Marut Drones,** in collaboration with Pro**f. Jayashankar Telangana State Agriculture University (PJTSAU),** has secured the **world's first utility patent for their innovative direct seeding drone.** • This **20-year patent recognizes the drone's unique multi-nozzle aerial seed** dispensing device. **Key Features of the Patented Technology:** • **Multi-nozzle design**: Ensures uniform and precise seed distribution across the field, improving seeding efficiency and crop yield. • **Collaboration with PJTSAU**: Scientific validation by a leading agricultural university strengthens the technology's credibility and reliability. • **Potential for widespread adoption:** Aims to revolutionize rice cultivation, particularly at the grassroots level, by offering a faster,

	more cost-effective, and labor-saving alternative to traditional methods.
Over 14 lakh passengers utilized DigiYatra at RGIA	**Context:** • The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport **(RGIA) in Hyderabad has witnessed a surge in passengers opting for the DigiYatra facial recognition technology** for a **contactless and paperless travel experience**. • A staggering **14.92 lakh passengers have utilized DigiYatra at RGIA,** marking a **significant jump from 10.61 lakh in December 2023.** **About:** • **DigiYatra is an Indian government initiative** aimed at **transforming air travel into a seamless and paperless experience.** • Launched in **December 2022,** it l**everages facial recognition technology to automate passenger identification** at key checkpoints like airport entry, security checks, and boarding gates. • The **government aims to expand DigiYatra to all Indian airports by 202**4, offering a convenient and secure travel experience for all.
SBI approves Rs 110 cr loan to Apollo Micro Systems 	**Context:** • **State Bank of India (SBI)** has approved a **₹110 crore loan for Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMSL)** to support their new project in Telangana. **About:** • The project involves s**etting up an Integrated Plant for Ingenious Defence Systems (IPiDS)** in Hyderabad with a t**otal investment of ₹210 crore.** • This loan will contribute towards establishing the **manufacturing facility for defense products.**

	• Additionally, **SBI has renewed and enhanced other credit facilities for AMSL for the next year.**
ASIP Technologies, IIT-Hyderabad sign MoU	**Context:** • **Hyderabad-based semiconductor startup ASIP Technologies** and the **Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H)** have joined forces through a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).** • This partnership **aims to boost India's capabilities in the field of Integrated Circuit (IC) packaging and testing.** **Key areas of collaboration:** • Training • Research & Development • Curriculum Development • Talent Nurturing • Industry Exposure
World Peace and Understanding Day	**Context:** • **World Peace and Understanding Day is observed on February 23** every year, p**romoting harmony and goodwill among individuals from different religions, cultures and geography** • The **day commemorates the first meeting of Rotary International**, an **NGO dedicated to humanitarian service, peace, and goodwill across the world** that took place in Chicago, US. • Every year, **this Special Day is observed to remind people of the ways that they can bring peace, harmony and goodwill to the world and contribute positively.**

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