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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>GHMC to adopt AI to curb fraudulent biometric attendance</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)</b> has adopted an <b>AI-based solution to tackle fraudulent activities in its Aadhaar-linked biometric attendance system (ABAS)</b>.</li> <li>This system, <b>used by sanitary field assistants and supervisors</b>, was plagued by misuse, leading to financial losses for the corporation.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>AI solution works by analyzing attendance data and identifying suspicious patterns</b>.</li> <li>This could include <b>inconsistencies in location, timing, or even biometric readings</b>.</li> <li>The system flags these anomalies for further investigation, potentially <b>uncovering fraudulent practices like clocking in for absent colleagues or manipulating attendance records</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>40 lakh women to benefit from ₹500 LPG scheme in Telangana</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of its <b>six election guarantees</b>, the <b>Telangana government announced the Mahalaxmi scheme</b>, offering subsidized <b>Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders to women at ₹500 each</b>.</li> <li>This aims to benefit <b>40 lakh women across the state</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Impact:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reduced Financial Burden:</b> The scheme directly addresses the rising cost of LPG, a crucial cooking fuel for most households. The subsidized price makes it more affordable, especially for low-income families.</li> <li><b>Empowering Women:</b> By providing financial relief, the scheme empowers women to manage their household budgets</li> </ul>



	<p>more effectively. It also frees up resources for other essential needs like education and healthcare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Improved Health:</b> The subsidized LPG encourages the use of clean cooking fuel, reducing exposure to harmful smoke from traditional fuels. This can lead to improved respiratory health, particularly for women and children.</li> <li>● <b>Wider Reach:</b> The scheme targets a significant population of 40 lakh women, ensuring a wider impact on the state's social and economic development.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kothagudem sets new coal shipment record of 135.36 lakh tonnes</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <b>Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL)'s Kothagudem</b> area has achieved a remarkable feat by shipping a <b>record-breaking 135.36 lakh tonnes of coal</b>, surpassing the previous record of <b>135.06 lakh tonnes set in the 2022-23 financial year</b>.</li> <li>● This <b>accomplishment was achieved 42 days ahead of schedule</b>, highlighting the efficiency and dedication of the Kothagudem team.</li> <li>● The <b>coal transportation comprised 26.71 lakh tonnes by road and 108.64 lakh tonnes by rail</b>, demonstrating the area's robust logistics network.</li> <li>● A <b>total of 2,761 rakes of coal were transported from the JVR and Rudrampur Coal Handling Plants (CHPs)</b>, setting another new record for the Kothagudem area.</li> <li>● This <b>achievement is attributed to the collaborative efforts of the employees, officers, and union representatives</b>, who ensured smooth operations and efficient coal transportation while maintaining safety standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Central Excise Day</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <b>Central Excise Day commemorates the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act of 1944</b>, which laid the foundation for India's indirect tax system.</li> </ul>



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- It celebrates the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in mobilizing revenue for the nation's development.
- This act was a combination of 11 acts regarding excise duties, and it was passed to make changes in the law related to salt and central duties.

About:

- On 24 February 1944, the Central Excise and Salt Act was passed, and Central Excise Day is celebrated to commemorate this legislation.
- In 1966, the act was renamed The Central Excise Act 1944, and Schedules 1 and 2 of the act were related to the values and rates of the duties

Do you Know?

- The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBIC) is responsible for administering indirect taxes in India.

Hyderabad to host 50th dairy industry conference

Context:

- Hyderabad, is set to host the landmark 50th Dairy Industry Conference (DIC) from March 4th to 6th, 2024.
- This prestigious event, coinciding with the Indian Dairy Association's 75th anniversary, promises to be a grand affair, bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs to discuss the future of milk and dairy products.
- **Theme: Innovation & Entrepreneurship:** The conference will focus on fostering innovation and supporting young dairy entrepreneurs.
- Technical sessions and talks will address contemporary issues, explore emerging technologies, and offer practical solutions to navigate the growing demand for dairy products.



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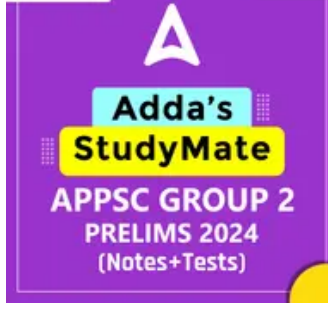
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