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<p><b>Advanced Coastal Research Laboratory for National Centre for Coastal Research</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Union Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju</b> inaugurated an <b>advanced Coastal Research Laboratory of the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR)</b> in <b>Visakhapatnam</b></li> <li>• He also <b>laid the foundation stone</b> for various facilities including a <b>collaborative training facility</b> for the NCCR and <b>India Meteorological Department (IMD)</b>, <b>research centres</b> and <b>administrative buildings</b> on the NCCR campus at <b>Dolphin's Nose</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Andhra CM inaugurates Rs 500-crore flood retaining wall and riverfront park</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP CM inaugurated a <b>significant project</b> in <b>Vijayawada</b> on Tuesday.</li> <li>• The project comprises <b>two key elements</b>:</li> <li>• A <b>2.26-kilometer flood retaining wall</b> was constructed along the <b>Krishna River</b> at <b>Kanaka Durga Varadhi</b>.</li> <li>• This wall, built at a cost of <b>Rs 500 crore</b>, aims to protect over <b>80,000 residents</b> of <b>Krishna Lanka</b> from flooding.</li> <li>• The <b>first phase</b> of a <b>riverfront park</b>, featuring an <b>entry plaza</b>, <b>walking track</b>, <b>open gym</b>, and <b>children's play area</b>.</li> <li>• This park cost <b>Rs 12.4 crore</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CM highlighted the <b>importance of the flood wall</b> in <b>safeguarding lives</b> and <b>criticized the previous government</b> for <b>neglecting its construction</b>.</li> <li>• He also emphasized the <b>recreational benefits</b> of the park for <b>local residents</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>No power tariff hike except for railways in Andhra Pradesh</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP will see <b>no increase in electricity tariffs</b> for the <b>financial year 2024-25</b>, except for <b>railways</b>.</li> <li>• This decision was <b>announced by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) Chairman</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While there's a relief for domestic, agricultural and other categories, the railways will see a hike in energy charges per unit from Rs 5.50 to Rs 6.50.</li> <li>• This increase aims to reflect the rising costs and inflation since the last railway tariff revision in 2020-21.</li> <li>• The state government played a key role in this by providing a subsidy of Rs 13,589 crore to power distribution companies, which helped avoid a tariff hike for most consumers.</li> </ul>
North Andhra Pradesh gets 1st Vande Bharat train	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM Modi virtually flagged off the first Vande Bharat Express serving North of Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>• The train operates between Visakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar, making stops in Vizianagaram and Srikakulam.</li> <li>• This marks the third Vande Bharata train linked to Visakhapatnam, with an existing route to Secunderabad already established.</li> </ul>
National Good Samaritan Day	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Good Samaritan Day is celebrated on March 13th each year.</li> <li>• It's a day to recognize people who help others in need, without expecting anything in return.</li> <li>• The day is named after the parable of the Good Samaritan in the Bible, which tells the story of a traveler who helps a wounded stranger.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promotes kindness and charity:</b> It encourages people to be more helpful and compassionate towards others.</li> <li>• <b>Honors selfless acts:</b> Recognizes those who go out of their way to assist strangers.</li> <li>• <b>Importance of community:</b> Highlights the value of helping one another and building a stronger community.</li> </ul>



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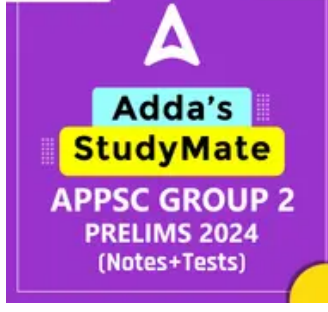
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