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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Tiger Triumph-24 will help accelerate bilateral relations with India: Eric Garcetti</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti and Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, have expressed the view that 'Tiger Triumph-24', will further strengthen the ties between the two largest democracies in the world. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiger Triumph-24 is a bilateral tri-service military exercise between India and the United States. It's a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise designed to improve cooperation between the two countries' armed forces in responding to natural disasters or other emergencies.
<p>Andhra govt delivers free medicines at doorstep of 1.4 lakh</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh government's pioneering programme to provide free medicines to patients suffering with chronic diseases at their doorsteps has been evoking positive response from the economically disadvantaged sections It is a promising step to make a substantial impact on healthcare accessibility nationwide. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative is a part of 'Aarogya Suraksha' scheme. It offers relief to numerous individuals across the State suffering from various chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, kidney ailments, and neurological disorders. Since its inception on December 27, 2023, the initiative has gained significant attraction, with over 1,40,000 individuals benefiting from the distribution of 70 types of essential drugs. Making significant strides in the healthcare sector, the State government has initiated schemes such as Aarogyasri, Aarogya Suraksha, and Fixed Day Programme (FDP).
<p>International Day of Happiness</p>	<p>Context:</p>



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- Every **March 20th**, the world **celebrates the International Day of Happiness**.
- It was established by the **United Nations in 2012**
- It recognizes **happiness as a fundamental human goal** and the importance of well-being for all.
- It **highlights the link between happiness, sustainable development, and a balanced approach to economic growth**.
- The world **first celebrated** the International Day of Happiness **on March 20th, 2013**.

Theme 2024:

- This year's theme is- **“Reconnecting for Happiness: Building Resilient Communities”**

World Oral Health Day



World Oral Health Day
20 March

Context:

- **World Oral Health Day is observed annually on March 20th**
- **This day raises awareness about the critical role oral hygiene plays in overall health.**
- **This day aims to empower individuals with the knowledge and tools to maintain good oral health through:**
 - Brushing and flossing regularly
 - Limiting sugary drinks and unhealthy foods
 - Scheduling regular dental checkups

Theme:

- The 2024 theme is **"A Happy Mouth is a Happy Body"**
- It emphasizes the **connection between oral health and well-being**.

APMB lead the blue economy revolution in Andhra Pradesh

Context:

- **Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) spearheads the blue economy revolution in Andhra Pradesh, aiming to leverage the state's abundant marine resources and extensive coastline.**

Blue Economy Development:

- **Government is developing nine fishing harbours on a fast-track basis with an investment exceeding Rs. 3,600 crore.**
- **AP's 974-kilometer coastline, the second longest in India, has the potential to create a US\$20 billion blue economy by 2035.**
- **Advantageous coastal areas with serene, deep waters close to the shore contribute to this**



potential.

- Well-connected rail network and national highways near the coast enhance growth prospects.

Port Infrastructure:

- **Gangavaram Port, Krishnapatnam Port, Kakinada Deep Water Port, Kakinada Anchorage Port, and Rawa Port** are the five non-major operational ports.
- **Visakhapatnam** is the major operational port.
- Development of **three greenfield ports at Ramayapatnam, Machilipatnam, and Mulapeta is underway, along with the Kakinada Gateway Port (SEZ) under the PPP model.**
- These developments, with a combined investment of approximately INR 16,000 crores, are expected to generate 110 MTPA additional capacity by 2025–26, creating over 75,000 job opportunities.

Maritime Industries:

- AP fosters private participation in various maritime-related sectors.
- Industries include food processing, cold storage, shipbuilding, repair, Free Trade Warehousing Zones (FTWZs), LNG terminals, and maritime tourism.
- Green energy initiatives like green hydrogen, coastal and floating solar parks, offshore wind farms, and tidal energy projects are also promoted.

Fisheries Sector:

- **AP is the largest fish-producing state in India, with over 4.8 million tonnes annually and a 30% share.**
- 555 fishery villages with a population of 6.3 lakh fishermen are located along the coastline.
- Government developing nine fishing harbours to further capitalize on marine reserves and the coastline.

Economic Impact:

- Investments in **Andhra Pradesh accelerate economic growth and port-led industrialization, enhancing transportation infrastructure and revenue streams.**
- They attract new industries and SEZs, leading to greater FDI, export growth, and job creation, ultimately fostering the state's prosperity.



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