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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>International Day of Forests</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The International Day of Forests is celebrated every year on 21st March</li> <li>This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the vital role forests play in our lives.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Forests was established by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on November 28, 2013.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forests are viewed as the lungs of the planet.</li> <li>Trees filter the air by decreasing CO2 and helping maintain a balance in the environment.</li> <li>They are fundamental for sustaining life on the planet and play a significant part in battling climate change.</li> <li>In any case, the danger of deforestation and degradation threatens the survival of forests around the world.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This year's theme is "Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World."</li> <li>It highlights the critical role of innovation and technology in protecting our forests.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A new tool that helps monitor seizures made during elections</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India's Election Commission has launched a new tool, the Election Seizure Management System (ESMS), to monitor the seizure of cash, valuables, or other items during elections.</li> <li>This system aims to increase transparency and accountability in the electoral process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pilot Success:</b> ESMS was successfully tested in five state assembly elections last November.</li> <li><b>Improved Monitoring:</b> The system allows for real-time tracking of seizures, ensuring proper documentation and handling.</li> <li><b>Transparency Boost:</b> ESMS can help prevent potential misuse of seized materials and promote fair elections.</li> </ul>



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Amara Raja bags two excellence awards in Japan

Context:

- Two of Amara Raja Energy & Mobility's (formerly Amara Raja Batteries) manufacturing units were recognized for excellence in plant maintenance at the JIPM TPM Excellence Awards ceremony held in Kyoto, Japan.

JIPM's TPM Excellence Award:

- Awarded to Amara Raja's industrial battery manufacturing unit.

Excellence in Consistent TPM Commitment Award:

- Awarded to the company's automotive battery unit.
- This achievement highlights Amara Raja's commitment to world-class quality, safety, and operational efficiency.
- The JIPM awards are considered a global benchmark for TPM implementation.

Special Chief Secretary launches Avika App at Indlas Hospital in Vijayawada

Context:

- MT Krishna Babu, the Special Chief Secretary (Health) launched the Avika App at Indlas Hospital in Vijayawada on March 20, 2024.
- The app is aimed at addressing mental health challenges and was praised by Krishna Babu for being a valuable tool.
- Dr. Vishal Indla (Indlas Hospital Director) and Shirisha Peyeti (Avika CEO) along with their team were commended for developing the innovative app.

World Sparrow Day



Context:

- World Sparrow Day is celebrated on March 20th every year
- It is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of conserving sparrows and other common birds in urban environments.

About:

- The Nature Forever Society of India, along with other organizations around the world, started World Sparrow Day in 2010.
- The idea hatched during a casual discussion at the Nature Forever Society in India, founded by conservationist Mohammed Dilawar.
- Inspired by efforts to save the house sparrow, they proposed a day to raise awareness about the decline of these common birds.

Theme 2024:



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- The theme for World Sparrow Day 2024 is "I Love Sparrows".
- This theme highlights the special connection between humans and sparrows.

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