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Blindness Prevention Week



Context:

- **Blindness Prevention Week** is observed annually from **April 1st to 7th**
- It is an **initiative by the Indian government** to raise awareness about preventable causes of blindness and promote eye care.
- **Aim:** Educate the public about eye health, early detection of eye diseases, and the importance of regular eye checkups.
- **Significance:** India has a high prevalence of blindness, and many cases are preventable. This week aims to address this issue.
- **Activities:** Eye screening camps, awareness programs, and distribution of informative materials are organized during this week.

Theme:

- Theme for 2024 Blindness Prevention Week is **“Taking timely treatments for age-related eye conditions”**

Guntur girl makes her mark in nat'l throwball team



Context:

- The 19-year-old girl has made her mark in the national-level throwball team.
- **Chall Kalpana**, a native of Guntur, recently participated in the Southwest Asian Throwball Championship held in Bahrain in February and played a prominent role in **winning a silver medal for her country**.
- Her dedication and **coach CH Suneel's guidance** played a key role in this achievement.

'All India Sanskrit Students Talent Festival 2024'

Context:

- The **National Sanskrit University (NSU) in Tirupati** emerged victorious at the **second edition of the 'All India Sanskrit Students Talent Festival 2024'**.
- The host team not only excelled in various events but also **secured the overall championship trophy, the "Vijaya Vyjayanthi" shield**.
- Over 400 students from across 21 states participated in the four-day event, showcasing their talents in **Sanskrit**.



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SERP orders pension disbursement through staff of ward and village secretariats

Context:

- The **Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP)** directed the disbursement of social security pensions through ward and village secretariat staff.
- This follows an Election Commission of India (ECI) order barring volunteers from handling pension distribution during elections.

Reason for Change:

- ECI restrictions on volunteers during elections.

New Process:

- Pensions distributed at village/ward secretariat offices.
- Staff will disburse after Aadhaar verification.

Alternative method for failed verification

- Real-time Beneficiary Identification System (RBIS).

International Day of Zero Waste



Context:

- **International Day of Zero Waste** is celebrated annually on **30th March**.
- It highlights the importance of bolstering waste management globally and the need to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- It was adopted by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** on **2nd March 2022**.
- **The theme for the International Day of Zero Waste 2024 is "Towards a Circular Future."**

About:

- Zero-waste initiatives can foster sound waste management and minimize and prevent waste generation.
- To eliminate the WastePollution, one must bolster waste management while improving resource recovery and substantially reducing waste generation.
- Prevention, reduction, reuse, repurposing and recycling are critical to this endeavor.



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