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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>AP government join hands with NIRDPR to boost skill development initiatives in state</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AP government has partnered with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) to enhance skill development programs in the state. This collaboration aims to make skilling programs more engaging and informative, thereby reducing dropout rates at DDU-GKY training centers. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiative also explores establishing a Center of Excellence (CoE) in collaboration with Singapore's Institute of Technical Education (ITE). This CoE, envisioned as a "plug-and-play" model, would offer dual certification programs and language-specific training aligned with international job requirements.
<p>IIM Vizag to host Atal Incubation Centre</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam (IIMV) has been awarded an Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) by NITI Aayog. Only a select few IIMs in the country can boast of having this facility. This is a significant development for the region's startup ecosystem. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AIC will provide crucial support services to startups and entrepreneurs, including funding, mentorship, and infrastructure. This will complement IIMV's existing incubation program and further strengthen Visakhapatnam's position as a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship.
<p>Third gender community in the state is under-represented in electoral rolls</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third gender, including transgenders and eunuchs, is yet to get proper representation in the voters' list of Andhra Pradesh. As per the electoral list figures, it is evident that out of the 4.09 crore voters registered in the electoral list, only 3,346 are in the 'third gender' category. Also, as per the chief electoral officer (CEO)'s constituency-wise elector information, the highest number of 102 third gender voters are in Kakinada town assembly segment in the state, followed by 90



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in Kadapa, 89 in Nandyal, 73 each in Guntakal and Panyam segments, 69 in Dhone, 68 in Nellore, 60 in Chandragiri, 51 in Alur and 50 in Rajahmundry town.

Note:

- Transgenders and eunuchs were regarded as third gender for the first time during the 2014 general elections.

Save the Elephant Day

Context:

- On **April 16th, 2024**, people around the world come together to **celebrate 'Save the Elephant Day'**
- It is a **global initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the plight of elephants and advocating for their protection and conservation**

Key Points:

- Elephants are **intelligent and social animals who play a vital role in healthy ecosystems.**
- Save the Elephant Day is a **chance to learn more about these gentle giants and what we can do to protect them.**

About:

- **There are currently three species of elephant spread across Africa and Asia: the African bush elephant, the African forest elephant and the Asian elephant.**
- Characterized by their **enormous size and highly adept trunks**, these creatures are intelligent, social and largely gentle giants
- Elephants hold the record for the **longest pregnancy among mammals**, carrying their calves for a whopping **18 to 22 months.**

World Voice Day

Context:

- **World Voice Day is commemorated every year on April 16th.**
- It is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of our voices.
- **World Voice Day promotes voice care for everyone, from singers and teachers to business professionals and everyday individuals.**
- **By taking steps to protect our voices, we can ensure clear and effective communication throughout our lives.**

Theme:

- The theme for World Voice Day 2024 is **"Resonate, Educate, Celebrate."**
- This theme was **chosen by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**





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- It emphasizes the importance of vocal health in our lives.

Did you Know?

- **World Voice Day** originated in **Brazil in 1999** and has now become a global event.



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