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<p>Naini coal block operation likely to start in next four months</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is likely to begin operations at the Naini coal block in Odisha within the next four months. • The company has secured most of the approvals required, including a positive response from the Odisha forest department. • This development is expected to boost SCCL's annual coal production beyond 100 million tonnes. • The company has also requested the Odisha government to expedite the enumeration and removal of trees in the designated area to facilitate quicker mining operations.
<p>Hyderabad police likely to adopt advanced Israeli tech for drug detection amid rising narcotic cases</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a surge in narcotic cases, Hyderabad police are considering adopting advanced drug detection technology from Israel. • This multi-panel metabolite test kit promises faster and more effective identification of narcotics. • While the cost is significant (₹60-₹80 lakh), it suggests a serious effort to combat the rising drug problem. • It will help in effectively identifying drugs across a spectrum even up to 72 hours [of consumption] and also in cases where consumption is not chronic, augmenting investigation in such cases.
<p>Telangana govt bans gutkha and pan masala for one year</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Telangana government has imposed a one-year ban on the manufacture, storage, distribution, transportation, and sale of gutkha and pan masala containing tobacco and nicotine within the state, effective May 24, 2024. • The exercise of the powers are conferred under clause (a) of Sub-section (2) of Section 30 of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 read with 2.3.4 of Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Regulation 2011. • This decision aims to safeguard public health by curbing the consumption of these harmful products linked to oral cancer and other health issues.
<p>Trio wins innovation challenge with language platform</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team of three enterprising software engineers from Hyderabad has clinched the top prize at the Bhashini



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Grand Innovation Challenge with their groundbreaking language platform.

Key points:

- This innovative platform, called eBhasha Setu, impressed the judges with its ability to bridge the language gap.
- By leveraging Natural Language Processing (NLP), it empowers users to translate and digitize information across ten Indian languages.
- They even secured a significant prize of Rs 25 lakh and a government contract.
- This contract entails translating and digitizing records for the Avataar platform, which focuses on OCR (Optical Character Recognition) and translation solutions.
- The team behind eBhasha Setu is driven by a powerful vision: ensuring knowledge accessibility and understanding for everyone, regardless of language barriers.

Telangana Chef's Association celebrates 5th anniversary



Context:

- The Telangana Chef's Association commemorated their 5th anniversary with a grand celebration in Hyderabad.

Key points:

- The event attracted students, culinary professionals, home cooks, and renowned chefs from various Indian cities.
- Guests of honor included the General Secretary of IFCA and the Deputy High Commissioner of the British Deputy High Commission in Hyderabad.
- The anniversary marked a successful five years for the association, and they announced that Hyderabad would be hosting the next national chef's congress.





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