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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>AP Achieves Significant Milestone in Reducing Maternal Mortality Rate</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh has successfully achieved the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of reducing the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) to below 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State's MMR now stands at 45 per 100,000 live births, positioning Andhra Pradesh in the fourth place nationally. The state has also made substantial progress in lowering the Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) to 27 per 1,000 live births, approaching the SDG target of 25. The state has strengthened neonatal care by establishing Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU) and upgrading infrastructure, leading to a reduction in SNCU mortality rates from 12.3% in 2018-19 to 6.3% in 2023-24.
<p>Chitti initiative to prevent child marriages</p>  <p>CHITTI బాల్యం నుండి భవిష్యత్తు కు</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the tribal villages of Alluri Sitarama Raju district, child marriages and child labor are significant challenges. <p>The Chitti Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led by Paderu Sub Collector P. Dhatri Reddy, the 'Chitti' initiative aims to prevent child marriages and safeguard child rights. Reddy emphasizes the need to break the cycle of child marriages rather than just intervening at the last moment. The initiative has seen authorities motivating young girls to pursue alternatives to marriage, such as vocational training. Tracking school dropouts is another crucial aspect of the 'Chitti' initiative. <p>Future Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The upcoming 'Go Girls Campaign' will conduct school-wide workshops, educating girls about various career options after Class X and Intermediate. Additionally, plans to establish Bal Panchayats within schools will encourage children to participate in governance and decision-making.



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e-Mulakat Launched in Rajamahendravaram Central Prison

Context:

- In a significant development, officials at Rajahmundry Central Prison have introduced an innovative online platform called **e-Mulakat**.
- Launched for the **first time in the state at Rajamahendravaram**, this initiative aims to provide a stress-free approach for inmates to connect with their families through video calls.

Features of e-Mulakat:

- The e-Mulakat platform facilitates virtual meetings between prisoners and their family members, eliminating the need for physical visits.
- According to **Central Jail Superintendent S. Rahul**, the initiative is particularly beneficial for families residing far from the prison.
- It employs video conferencing technology, allowing relatives to see and speak with inmates from a distance.

10th Century Telugu Inscription Unearthed in Palnadu District



Context:

- A significant archaeological discovery was made near **Yerragondapalem (Y Palem) village in Prakasam district**, where a Telugu stone inscription dating back to the 10th century CE was found.
- The inscription, engraved on a slab, was unearthed by local historian.

Key points:

- The discovery was confirmed by **K Muniratnam Reddy**, Director (Epigraphy) of the Archaeological Society of India (ASI) in Mysore, who verified the period of the inscription.
- The inscription records the gifting of **6 Aghala of land to a brahmana named Nidumbara of the Kasyapa gotra by a ruler named Machayya**, who governed from Lumagorala.
- This find sheds light on the historical practices and societal structure of the 10th century CE, highlighting the importance of land grants and the role of brahmanas in the community.

Vijayawada Railway Division Commissions ABS System for Safety

Context:

- The **Vijayawada Division of South Central Railway** has commissioned an advanced **Automatic Block Signalling (ABS) system** for a **21.21 km stretch between Gannavaram, Pedda Avutapalli, Telaprolu, and Nuzvid stations**.



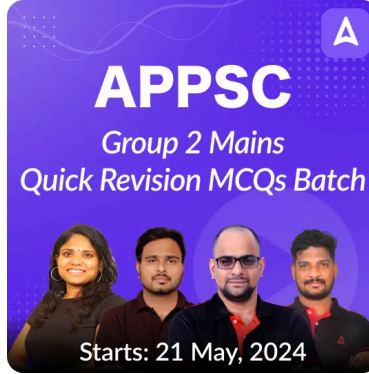
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Key points:

- The Gati Shakti Team of Vijayawada Division invested Rs 31.81 crore in this project.
- The ABS system divides a railway line into successive track sections or blocks, controlling train movements between these blocks using automatic signals.
- This system enhances safety, increases sectional capacity, accommodates more trains, and ensures swift rail traffic movement compared to traditional signalling systems.



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