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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

Southwest monsoon	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Southwest Monsoon has made its way into the Telugu states, bringing with it heavy rains and gusty winds.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Southwest monsoon:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Seasonal Timing:</b> The Southwest Monsoon typically begins in early June and lasts until the end of September.</li> <li><b>Geographical Coverage:</b> It affects the Indian subcontinent, including India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and parts of Pakistan.</li> <li><b>Monsoon Winds:</b> These winds originate from the southern hemisphere and move northwards towards the Indian subcontinent.</li> <li><b>Two Branches:</b> The monsoon has two branches – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Arabian Sea Branch:</b> Hits the western coast of India, including Kerala, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.</li> <li><b>Bay of Bengal Branch:</b> Travels through the Bay of Bengal and affects the northeastern states and eastern India.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Monsoon Trough:</b> A low-pressure area that extends from the northwest to the Bay of Bengal, influencing the intensity and distribution of rainfall.</li> <li><b>Withdrawal:</b> Starts from northwest India around the beginning of September and recedes completely from the country by mid-October.</li> </ul>
Kilkari	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh has made remarkable progress in enhancing maternal and child health through the implementation of innovative programs such as Kilkari and Mobile Academy.</li> <li>These initiatives, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), aim to transform healthcare delivery by providing essential information and training to new mothers and healthcare workers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kilkari: Free Audio Healthcare Messages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Kilkari program, developed by the Health and Family Welfare Department in collaboration with ARMMAN, is an IVR-based mobile health service.</li> <li>It delivers free, weekly, and timely audio messages</li> </ul>



	<p>covering pregnancy, childbirth, and childcare directly to families' mobile phones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This service starts from the <b>fourth month of pregnancy</b> and continues until the child turns one year old, <b>delivering a total of 72 messages designed to enhance knowledge</b>, shift attitudes, and build self-efficacy among pregnant women, new mothers, and their families.</li> </ul> <p><b>How Kilkari Works:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Registration:</b> A pregnant woman or a new mother registers her pregnancy with an Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) or Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM).</li> <li>• <b>Database Entry:</b> Her data is entered into the Reproductive Child Health (RCH) database.</li> <li>• <b>Message Delivery:</b> She automatically begins receiving Kilkari messages.</li> </ul> <p>As of February 8, Kilkari is operational in 20 states and union territories, with over 40 million subscribers and more than 515 million minutes of content delivered.</p>
<p><b>Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jawahar Reddy</b>, the Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh, has taken leave just as the state is on the brink of forming a new government.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <p><b>Appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chief Secretary is appointed by the <b>Chief Minister of the state</b>.</li> <li>• Although the Chief Minister makes the appointment, it is carried <b>out in the name of the Governor, as it is an executive action</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Position:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Chief Secretary holds the senior-most position within the civil services of Indian states and union territories.</b></li> <li>• This role is a cadre post for the Indian Administrative Services (IAS).</li> <li>• The Chief Secretary serves as the principal advisor to the Chief Minister on all cabinet matters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tenure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The position of Chief Secretary is not governed by the tenure system.</b></li> <li>• There is no specified duration for the tenure of the Chief Secretary.</li> </ul>



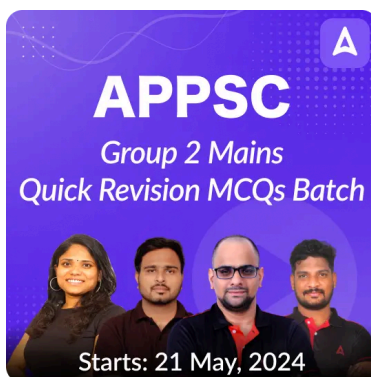
Sant Tukaram

Why in the news?

- For the **339th Palkhi ceremony of Jagadguru Shri Santshreshtha Tukaram**, pairs of **bulls have been selected to carry the Palkhi chariot** during the Sant Tukaram Palkhi Sohala 2024.

About Sant Tukaram:

- **Full Name:** Tukaram Bolhoba Ambile
- **Birth:** 1608 CE in **Dehu**, a village near **Pune**, Maharashtra
- **Death:** 1649 CE
- **Bhakti Movement:** Sant Tukaram was a **prominent figure in the Bhakti movement**, a devotional trend that emerged in medieval Hinduism.
- **Influence of Vitthala:** His devotion was primarily towards **Lord Vitthala (a form of Krishna) of Pandharpur**.
- **Teachings:** Emphasized the **importance of a personal god and the expression of love and devotion to God through bhajans and kirtans** (devotional songs).
- **Abhanga:** Known for his Abhangas (devotional poetry)
- **Gatha:** His collected works are known as **Tukaram Gatha**, which is **revered in Marathi literature**.
- **Equality and Social Justice:** Advocated for equality and criticized the caste system and ritualistic practices.
- **Humanism:** Preached compassion, humility, and the welfare of all beings.
- **Festivals:** His life and works are celebrated in festivals such as **Tukaram Beej** and **Ashadhi Ekadashi**.





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