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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Nagarajunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest Department officials are working to improve prey density in the Nagarajunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR), Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prey Animals Relocation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support tiger cubs, officials are increasing the population of herbivorous animals.</li> <li>Relocated 15 spotted deer and 28 sambars from a private zoo by Nagarjuna Fertilisers in Kakinada to Nallamala forest area.</li> </ul> <p><b>NSTR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Largest among India's 53 tiger reserves.</li> <li>Spread over five districts: Nandyal, Prakasam, Palnadu in Andhra Pradesh, Nalgonda, and Mahabubnagar in Telangana.</li> <li>Total area: 3,728 sq km; core area: 1,200 sq km.</li> <li>Home to approximately 73 Bengal Tigers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>State Government's Initiative: Nenu Badiki Pota</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Objective:</b> Ensure 100% student enrollment by identifying and enrolling school dropouts and out-of-school children.</li> <li>Duration: June 13 to July 12.</li> <li>Target Group: Children aged 6 to 14 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Implementation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the guidance of Samagra Shiksha.</li> <li>Village, mandal, and district-level committees established.</li> <li>Home visits by village volunteers, parents committee members, and community leaders to identify non-enrolled children.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational awareness campaigns conducted daily as per Samagra Shiksha's schedule.</li> <li>Focus on enrolling all children within the specified age group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Focus:</b> Emphasis on the enrollment and education of girls.</p>

**Special Tiger Corridor to Connect Nallamala and Seshachalam Forests****Context:**

- The Forest Department in Andhra Pradesh is developing a **special corridor to connect the Nallamala and Seshachalam forests, aiming to facilitate the movement of tigers.**
- This initiative marks a significant effort to reintroduce tigers to the **Seshachalam area**, where they have been absent for nearly a century.

**Increasing Tiger Activity and Conservation Efforts:**

- Officials have observed that tigers frequently visit the Seshachalam forest before returning to Nallamala.
- Due to the rising tiger activity between the Nellore and Kadapa districts, the Forest Department has expedited plans to establish the corridor, submitting proposals to the Centre for approval.
- This corridor will provide a safe passage for tigers, enhancing their protection and conservation in Andhra Pradesh.

**Corridor Coverage and Training:**

- The proposed corridor will cover approximately 1.50 lakh hectares within the Venkatagiri, Atmakur, Rapur, and Udayagiri ranges of the undivided Nellore district.
- It will span across four districts, including nearly 4 lakh hectares of forest area in Nellore, Tirupati, Kadapa, and Prakasam.

**Vijayawada RPO Receives Best Passport Office Award****Context:**

- The Regional Passport Office (RPO) in Vijayawada has been recognized as the best office in Best Service category for the year 2023-24.
- Regional Passport Officer Siva Harsha received the prestigious award from Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh in New Delhi.

**Service Excellence:**

- The Vijayawada RPO's jurisdiction includes two Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in Vijayawada and Tirupati, along with 13 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs).
- The office has been recognized for maintaining exceptional standards in service delivery to the citizens.

**Commemoration and Conference:**

- The award ceremony coincided with the 12th Passport Seva Divas, which commemorates the enactment of the Passports Act on June 24, 1967.
- The Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) marked the occasion by organizing a three-day Regional Passport



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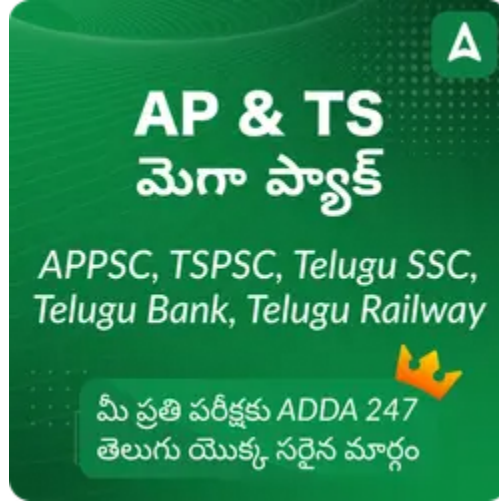


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Officers Conference starting on June 22 in Delhi.

### Remarkable Growth:

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar, in his message on Passport Seva Divas, highlighted the significant annual growth of nearly 15% in passport-related services. The Ministry rendered 1.65 crore passport-related services to citizens in 2023, reflecting the overall efficiency and dedication of the passport offices across the country.



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