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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Home Affairs released Rs 1,036 crore to Andhra Pradesh as the Central share from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and an advance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). The financial aid comes in response to the devastating floods and heavy rains that hit AP. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), constituted under Section 48 (1) (a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. It is the primary fund available with State Governments for responses to notified disasters. Contribution: The Central Government contributes 75% of SDRF allocation for general category States/UTs and 90% for special category States/UTs (NE States, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir). <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).
<p>APAAR ID</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Union government has launched the 'One Nation, One Student ID' program in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020, introducing the APAAR ID initiative to enhance accountability and transparency in education by tracking student progress and streamlining academic records. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It serves as the comprehensive digital registry of the high school and higher education students' educational and learning achievements from the boards and universities in the country. It minimizes fraud and includes co-curricular achievements for holistic student development.
<p>Gangavaram Port</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adani Gangavaram Port secured the first prize in the 19th edition of the Continuous Improvement (Kaizen) competition organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) southern region.



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Key Points:

- The project focused on **optimizing the processes to enhance efficiency, reduce waste, improve quality through meticulous planning, cross-functional collaboration and the innovative application** of Kaizen principles.
- The competition featured a **diverse range of participants, representing various sectors**, showcasing the widespread implementation of Kaizen principles across industries.

Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

Why in news?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated two Ekalavya Schools in Alluri Sitarama Raju district.

Key Points:

- EMRS started in the year **1997-98 to impart quality education to ST children in remote areas to enable them to access the best opportunities in education** and to bring them at par with the general population.
- EMRS are established in the States/UTs from the grants received under **Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India**.

Kumki Elephants



Why in news?

- The Forest Department uses trained elephants, known as kumkis, to deter wild elephant herds from damaging crops in villages, especially in southwestern Rayalaseema and northern Uttarandhra.
- **Jayanth (67) and Vinayak (54)**, the two kumkis serving the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and stationed at the Naniyala forest camp in Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary.

Key Points:

- Kumki is a term used in India to refer to **trained captive Asian elephants**.
- They can **capture, rescue, and treat injured wild elephants**, as well as to drive them away from human settlements.
 - Some are trained to **follow commands and aid in training other elephants**.
 - They **participate in forest patrolling to support conservation initiatives**.



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