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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News	
South Central Railway (SCR)	 Why in news? Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager of South Central Railway (SCR), announced the completion of a detailed project report (DPR) for a new 56 km railway line connecting Errupalem and Namburu via Amaravati.
	 Key Points: The South Central Railway (SCR) is a zonal constituent of Indian Railways that serves the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, and parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Madhya Pradesh. Headquarters: Secunderabad Divisions: Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur, and Nanded
Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme (DDNS)	 Why in news? Under DDNS, the monthly remuneration of Archakas was increased to Rs 10,000 from Rs 5,000. Of the total amount, Rs 7,000 will be given as remuneration to the Archakas, and Rs 3,000 will be set aside for the performance of Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam. The total Rs 10,000 will be credited directly into the Archakas' bank accounts.
	 Key Points: The Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme (DDNS) is a program that allows donors to support the Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam scheme at a temple of their choice. The Endowments Department will appoint an Archaka to perform daily pooja at the temple in the donor's name for three years. The donor can choose a temple in their village, rural area, or semi-urban area.
Person in news: Mantena Ramaraju	 Why in news? Mantena Ramaraju has been appointed as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Corporation (APIIC).
	 Key Points: Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd also known as APIIC is an Andhra Pradesh Government initiative for providing infrastructure through development of industrial areas. Established in 1973, the organization focuses on

identifying and developing potential growth centers within the state.



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	 These centers are designed to be fully equipped with developed plots, sheds, roads, drainage, water, power, and essential infrastructural facilities.
Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA)	Why in news? ■ Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) achieved a new milestone in cargo handling by achieving 41.79 MMTs during the first half of FY 2024-25, marking a 6 percent growth.
	 Fort authorities attributed the growth to the increased handling of key commodities such as crude, LPG, coal, and other cargoes, reinforcing VPA's position as a leading port in India. The VPA is focusing on key sectors, including IT advancements, green initiatives, infrastructure projects and corporate social responsibility initiatives under 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.



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