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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>ASHA to temporarily halt admission of Aarogyasri patients</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Andhra Pradesh Special Hospital Association (ASHA) has declared a temporary halt to admitting new patients under the Aarogyasri healthcare scheme starting December 29, 2023. It is in a response to alleged non-payment of outstanding bills by the government, exceeding Rs 1,000 crore. ASHA cites unresolved operational issues, non-enhancement of package prices for a decade, and a meager 2% incentive for NABH quality as additional reasons for their action.
<p>Crime rate in Palnadu dist reduced significantly</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Palnadu district in Andhra Pradesh has witnessed a significant decrease in crime rates, bringing positive news and hope to the region. This downward trend is attributed to a combination of factors, including proactive policing, increased awareness, and targeted initiatives. The overall crime rate in Palnadu district has reportedly decreased by up to 30% compared to previous years.
<p>Crimes against women decreased by 10% in Bapatla</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crimes against women has witnessed a 10% decrease in Bapatla district This positive change is attributed to various women-friendly initiatives, including the introduction of the Mahila Police Duty Tracker website and the dissemination of a public awareness booklet. All these campaigns, workshops, and community outreach programs have played a significant role in creating awareness about women's rights and encouraging victims to report crimes.
<p>First COVID death reported in Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amid growing concerns around the rising cases of COVID-19 sub-variant JN.1, a 51-year-old woman from Visakhapatnam died of infection <p>About:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JN.1 is a subvariant of the Omicron BA.2.86 lineage with an additional spike protein mutation.
<p>Rs 5.9 crore proposal submitted to supply power to TIDCO houses in AP</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh authorities have submitted a proposal worth Rs 5.9 crore to the state government for developing the infrastructure to supply electricity to houses constructed by the Township and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TIDCO) near Koppolu village in Ongole city. • These houses were built for eligible beneficiaries, but lacked electrical infrastructure, hindering their occupation. <p>Note: TIDCO houses are covered already</p>
<p>Inland Water transport in Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 8 million tonnes per annum are transported through inland water transport in Andhra Pradesh, according to APIWA Chairman Dilip Kumar Dantuluri. • The state government has established APIWA to boost inland water transport, ensuring safe vessel movement through the Inland Vessel Act 2021. • Various projects are underway to facilitate cargo movement, connecting cement industries and power plants to inland waterways. • Other initiatives include roll-on/roll-off services, water-bound tourism circuits, and tapping into the state's 57 rivers and vast coastline for port-led development.

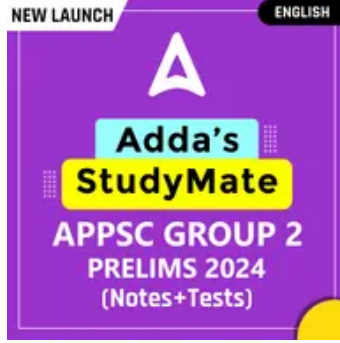


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