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Second phase of Jagaanna Aarogya Suraksha begins from Jan 2nd



Context:

- The second phase of the Jagaanna Aarogya Suraksha scheme begins from January 2nd in Andhra Pradesh.
- This flagship healthcare program aims to provide better medical services to the underprivileged population.

Key Features of the Second Phase:

- Expanded Coverage: The second phase expands the scheme's coverage to include 50 lakh (5 million) additional families, bringing the total beneficiaries to 1.5 crore (15 million) families.
- Enhanced Benefits: The revised scheme increases the cashless treatment limit for Aarogyasri card holders from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs per annum.
- Focus on Preventive Care: The second phase emphasizes preventive healthcare through initiatives like regular health checkups, early diagnosis of diseases, and vaccination drives.
- Improved Infrastructure: The government plans to upgrade primary health centers and hospitals, along with establishing new facilities, to cater to the increased demand.

SNA ropes in Kakinada's leather puppeteer Thota Balakrishna



Context:

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) has roped in a renowned leather puppeteer from Kakinada, Thota Balakrishna for its Kala Disha project.
- This initiative aims to preserve and promote the traditional art of leather puppetry, also known as Tholubommalata

About:

 Tholubommalata, meaning "the dance of leather puppets" in Telugu, is a captivating form of shadow puppetry native to the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

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	century BCE							

It brings colorful leather puppets to life against a translucent screen, weaving tales of mythology, folklore, and contemporary life through intricate movements and captivating storytelling.

Kala Disha Project



Context:

- Kala Disha is a cultural initiative launched by the Sangeet Natak Akademi
- It is under the Ministry of Culture, GOI and in collaboration with the Department of Culture, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- The project aims to revive and preserve endangered traditional art forms of Andhra Pradesh through mentorship and training programs.

Key Objectives:

- Identify and document endangered traditional art forms of Andhra Pradesh.
- Provide intensive training programs to young artists under the guidance of master practitioners.
- documentation Create and archival materials of the art forms for future generations.
- Promote and showcase the revived art forms through public performances and exhibitions.
- Foster cultural exchange and appreciation for these unique traditions

Andhra Pradesh power utilities bag three awards at 16th 'Enertia Awards-2023'



Context:

- Mumbai-based Enertia **Foundation** recognised Andhra Pradesh as the Best Meeting Renewable Power Purchase **Obligation** during its 16th **Enertia Awards-2023**
- This recognition highlights the state's significant achievements in promoting renewable maintaining energy and efficient transmission systems.
- **AP-Transco**, the state's transmission utility, was recognized for its exceptional performance maintaining consistently high transmission system

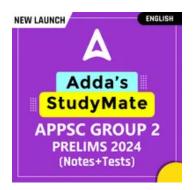






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	availability factor (99.7%) and keeping losses significantly below approved levels (2.74%).
ISRO launches 'Gaganyaan year' with XPoSat, India's eye in deep space	 Context: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) began the new year with the successful launch of its first X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) It will study X-ray polarization and its cosmic sources such as black holes and neutron stars. Studying this polarization offers a unique perspective on celestial objects, revealing details obscured by traditional methods.



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