







### 27 February 2024 **Andhra Pradesh State Regional News**

Andhra Pradesh discoms put installation of smart meters on fast track	<ul> <li>Power utilities in Vijayawada are installing smart prepaid meters as per the Centre's advice to convert all existing meters by March 2025.</li> <li>The discoms have roped in private players and the Union energy ministry has issued a</li> </ul>
50-bed critical care block inaugurated at RIMS GGH in Kadapa	standard operating procedure for operating the smart meters.  Context:
	<ul> <li>A 50-bed critical care block was inaugurated at the RIMS Government General Hospital (GGH) in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>This initiative, funded by the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), aims to enhance critical care services in the region.</li> <li>The project, costing ₹23.75 crore, falls under the PM-ABHIM scheme implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.</li> <li>This scheme focuses on strengthening healthcare infrastructure at district-level health centers across India.</li> <li>Kadapa's RIMS GGH is one of the beneficiaries, receiving the grant to establish the critical care block.</li> </ul>
New critical care block to come up at Ruia hospital, Tirupati inaugurated by PM	<ul> <li>PM Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for a new critical care block at Ruia Hospital in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>The project is estimated to cost ₹23.75 crore and will create a 50-bed facility.</li> <li>This initiative falls under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, which aims to provide quality medical care to underprivileged patients.</li> <li>The new critical care block at Ruia Hospital is one of several such projects being launched across India.</li> <li>It signifies the government's commitment to improving access to critical care services, particularly for those in need.</li> </ul>







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PM inaugurates Food Testing Lab	<ul> <li>PM Modi dedicated the Microbiology Food Testing Laboratory set up in Visakhapatnam to the nation.</li> <li>This state-of-the-art facility, established by the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), is equipped with advanced technology to analyze food samples and detect harmful pathogens.</li> </ul>
	About:
Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi project	<ul> <li>Context:         <ul> <li>Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday inaugurated the Kuppam Branch Canal of the Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi project and released Krishna waters for the Kuppam and Palamaner Assembly constituencies.</li> <li>The canal has been constructed at a cost of ₹560.29 crore.</li> <li>This project aims to provide irrigation water to over 6,300 acres of land in the Kuppam and Palamaner constituencies.</li> <li>The canal, constructed under Phase II in Rama Kuppam mandal, will channel Krishna river water to 110 minor irrigation tanks in the region.</li> <li>This initiative is expected to improve agricultural productivity and benefit farmers in the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>







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