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Telangana State Regional News

<p>Telangana Govt to provide group accidental insurance of Rs 10 lakh for SHG members</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana government has announced a new initiative to provide group accidental insurance coverage of Rs 10 lakh to Self-Help Group (SHG) members in the state. This scheme aims to financially support the families of SHG members in case of unfortunate accidental deaths. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative is a welcome step by the Telangana government to empower SHG women and provide them with social security. The accidental insurance cover will act as a safety net for their families in times of crisis. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coverage: Rs 10 lakh in case of accidental death of an SHG member. Beneficiaries: All SHG members in Telangana. Objective: To provide financial assistance to families of deceased SHG members.
<p>Telangana Govt constitutes committee to strengthen eco-tourism policy</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana government has formed a committee to improve its ecotourism policy. This committee, led by Forest Minister Konda Surekha, will identify areas with ecotourism potential, both within forests and on private land in eco-sensitive zones. <p>The committee's goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a comprehensive ecotourism policy: This policy will be sustainable and follow central government guidelines and forest regulations. Identifying suitable locations: The committee will recommend locations for ecotourism projects on both government and private land. Public-private partnerships: They will suggest ways for the Telangana State Forest Development Corporation (TSFDC) and the Forest Department to collaborate with private businesses in these projects.



Ordnance Factory Medak to upgrade 693 infantry fighting vehicles for Indian Army



- **Attracting investment:** The committee will recommend methods to draw investment, sponsorships, and encourage private participation in ecotourism.
- **Wildlife tourism:** Exploring the possibility of wildlife safaris in protected areas is on the agenda.

Context:

- **Ordnance Factory Medak (OFMK)**, a key player under Armored Vehicles Nigam Ltd (AVNL), **signed a contract to upgrade 693 BMP-II infantry fighting vehicles for the Indian Army.**
- This upgrade, designated **BMP-IIM**, focuses on enhancing night-fighting capabilities and fire control systems.

The improvements include:

- **Night Vision:** Upgraded thermal imaging systems to provide superior vision in low-light conditions.
- **Fire Control Systems:** Integration of advanced fire control systems with auto-targeting capabilities for improved accuracy and lethality.

About:

- This project signifies a **significant achievement for India's defense self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat).** Developed in collaboration with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).**
- It **strengthens domestic research and development in the defense sector.**

World Consumer Rights Day



Context:

- World Consumer Rights Day is an **annual event held on March 15th.**
- It's a day to **raise awareness about consumer rights and empower consumers around the world.**

Theme 2024:


- This year's theme is **"Fair and Responsible AI for Consumers"**.
- It focuses on the **impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on consumers and the need for ethical and transparent practices.**

History:

- Inspired by a **1962 speech by President John F. Kennedy** on consumer rights, the consumer movement began **marking World Consumer Rights Day in 1983.**



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	<p>Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The day promotes informed consumer choices, fights against unfair business practices, and educates consumers about their rights.
<p>World Kidney Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Kidney Day is observed each year on the second Thursday of March (which was March 14th, 2024) It is a global campaign to raise awareness about kidney health. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme for the 2024 campaign is 'Kidney Health For All.' This theme focuses on the increasing burden of chronic kidney disease and achieving optimal kidney care to overcome these challenges at different levels. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Kidney Day first took place in 2006. It was established by the International Society of Nephrology and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations with the goal of raising awareness about the importance of kidney health and reducing the impact of kidney disease. The first year's slogan was "Are Your Kidneys OK?"



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