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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>BC Bhavan inaugurated in Kadapa</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>BC Bhavan</b>, a dedicated facility for <b>Backward Classes (BC) communities</b>, was inaugurated in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>The bhavan was built on the premises of <b>Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS)</b> at a cost of <b>Rs. 6.15 crore</b>.</li> <li>This facility is expected to serve as a <b>central hub for BC communities</b>, potentially offering resources, services, or programs aimed at their empowerment and development.</li> </ul>
<p><b>APSRTC bags five national level awards</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC)</b> has achieved remarkable success by <b>securing five national awards for the year 2022-23</b>.</li> <li>This recognition highlights their <b>excellence in various areas of public transportation</b>.</li> <li>The awards reportedly cover categories such as:</li> </ul> <p><b>Technology adoption:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This signifies APSRTC's innovation and implementation of effective technological solutions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fuel efficiency:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The award acknowledges their efforts in optimizing fuel consumption, leading to environmental and cost benefits.</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-ticket revenue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This category suggests APSRTC has found creative ways to generate revenue beyond just ticket sales.</li> </ul> <p><b>Employee welfare:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The award recognizes APSRTC's commitment to employee well-being and creating a positive work environment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Digital services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This win emphasizes APSRTC's focus on providing convenient and user-friendly digital services for passengers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sri Kodanda Ramalayam</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>annual Brahmotsavams</b> at <b>Sri Kodandaramalayam temple of Vontimitta</b> will be held from <b>April 17 to 25</b>, with the initiatory ritual '<b>Ankurarpanam</b>' slated for <b>April 16</b>.</li> </ul>



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## Note:

- The Vontimitta Brahmotsavams is a grand celebration dedicated to Lord Rama, Sita, and Lakshmana.
- It is usually held around springtime and is a ten-day celebration.
- It coincides with the Sri Rama Navami festival, marking Lord Rama's birthday.

## Background:

- Sri Kodandarama Swamy temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Rama, located in Vontimitta town in Rajampet taluk of Kadapa District in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.
- The temple, an example of Vijayanagara architectural style, is dated to the 16th century.
- The temple was built during the reign of Chola and Vijayanagara kings around the 16th century.
- Legends say two reformed robbers carved the deities from a single stone, leading to the temple's name "Ekasila Nagaram" (town of single stone).

## World Sleep Day

## Context:

- World Sleep Day is observed on the Friday before the March equinox ( This year it is 15th March)
- It is a global event raising awareness about the importance of sleep.

## Key Points:

- It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, formerly World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM)
- The first World Sleep Day was held on 14 March 2008.


## Theme:

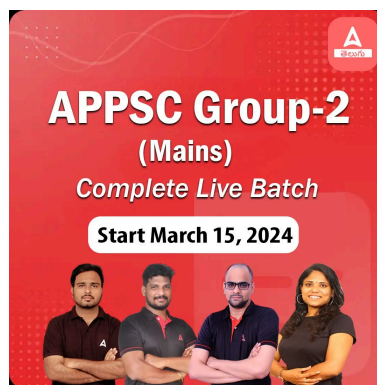
- The theme for this World Sleep Day is "Sleep Equity for Global Health"
- The day promotes the benefits of adequate sleep and the negative consequences of sleep disorders.
- It aims to educate people about sleep medicine, prevention, and management of sleep problems.

## About:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>March equinox</b> or <b>northward equinox</b> is the equinox on the Earth when the subsolar point appears to leave the Southern Hemisphere and cross the celestial equator, heading northward as seen from Earth.</li> <li>• The <b>March equinox</b> is known as the <b>vernal equinox</b> (spring equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and as the <b>autumnal equinox</b> (autumn equinox) or <b>fall equinox</b> in the Southern Hemisphere.</li> </ul>
<p><b>National Vaccination Day</b></p>  <p>THE NATIONAL VACCINATION DAY</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 16 March <b>1995</b>, the <b>government of India started the pulse polio Immunization Programme</b> as the first attempt of eradicating the disease from the country.</li> <li>• Since then, <b>March 16</b> has been celebrated as <b>National Vaccination Day</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Vaccination Day</b> aims to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines.</li> <li>• It recognizes the <b>life-saving benefits of vaccination in preventing serious diseases</b>.</li> <li>• This day encourages people to get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on their immunizations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>vaccination campaign, "Do Boond Zindagi Ki,"</b> has targeted children between the ages of <b>0 and 5</b>, and <b>two drops of the vaccine orally</b> are administered at public health centers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The theme for <b>National Vaccination Day 2024</b> is <b>"Vaccines Work For All"</b></li> </ul>



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