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| <p>Global Recycling Day</p>  | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Recycling Day is an annual event on March 18 that helps to acknowledge that recycling is a key part of a circular economy that helps to protect the environment and Earth's natural resources <p>History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was the brainchild of the Bureau of International Recycling, with the first announcement coming in 2015 by its president, Ranjit Singh Baxi. The inaugural celebration followed a few years later in 2018. The day is now recognized by the United Nations as well. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The year 2024 marks the 7th Global Recycling Day Global Recycling Day 2024 focuses on the theme #RecyclingHeroes. It's a call to recognize individuals and initiatives making a positive impact through recycling. |
| <p>Guntur Municipal Corporation to implement SCADA for safe drinking water</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to provide safe drinking water to every household and prevent water scarcity during the summer, Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) officials are gearing up to implement the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCADA systems are the brains behind industrial automation. They use a combination of hardware and software to monitor and control machines and processes. The SCADA system can monitor tank levels, chemical levels, ultraviolet (UV) intensity, and environmental conditions, as well as pumps, valves, and filters. Remote monitoring of filtration plants allows managers to detect conditions requiring |



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| | <p>maintenance immediately without needing to send staff out on rounds</p> |
| <p>BSNL Research and Incubation Centre</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vice-Chancellor of JNTU-Gurajada Vizianagaram (JNTU-GV), K. Venkata Subbaiah, inaugurated a BSNL Research and Incubation Centre at the Satya Institute of Technology and Management (SITAM) in Vizianagaram. This initiative will foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the region, particularly in the field of telecommunications. |
| <p>87 more mandals declared drought-hit in Andhra Pradesh</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh has declared 87 more mandals (administrative divisions) drought-hit, adding to the existing water scarcity woes. This brings the total number of affected mandals to 1,068. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision follows reports of deficient rainfall, reduced crop areas, and moisture stress in crops. The scarcity of drinking water and fodder for cattle in some areas is another concerning factor. Districts like Chittoor, Srikakulam, and Prakasam are among the worst affected. The government based its decision on reports submitted by district collectors. |
| <p>Ordnance Factories Day</p>  | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordnance Factories Day is celebrated on March 18th every year in India. It commemorates the establishment of the first Ordnance Factory in Cossipore, Kolkata, in 1801. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The day highlights the contributions of the Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) to India's self-reliance in defense equipment. The OFB is a crucial organization under the Ministry of Defence. It is responsible for manufacturing a wide range of weaponry and ammunition for the Indian Armed Forces. Often referred to as the "Fourth Arm of Defence", the OFB plays a vital role in national security. |



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- Ordnance Factories Day 2024 theme is "Operational Efficiency, Readiness, and Mission Accomplishment in the Maritime Domain".



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