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Tirupati MP seeks 'National importance' tag to SVIMS

Context:

- Tirupati MP **Maddila Gurumurthy**, has urged the central government to grant national importance status to the Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS).

Key Points:

- He sought the 'Institute of National Importance' (INI) status for Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam's (TTDs) Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, which has been functioning since 1993 and has been serving the underprivileged patients of the Rayalaseema region for the last three decades.
- This move aims to enhance the institute's capabilities and resources, enabling it to provide better healthcare services to a wider population.
- By obtaining this tag, SVIMS could potentially receive increased funding and support from the central government, allowing for expansion and improvement of its facilities and infrastructure.

UAE and A.P. explore greater economic and investment engagement

Context:

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Andhra Pradesh are actively exploring avenues for deeper economic and investment cooperation.
- A recent roundtable discussion highlighted the significant potential for collaboration between the two entities.



Key points:


- **Increased trade:** The UAE is already APs 11th largest trading partner in India, with trade volume reaching \$1.46 billion in the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- **Investment opportunities:** The UAE is keen on investing in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in sectors like infrastructure, technology, and renewable energy.
- **Enhanced connectivity:** Improving air connectivity between the UAE and Andhra Pradesh is seen as crucial for boosting



	<p>people-to-people exchange and facilitating trade and investment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Potential areas of cooperation:</b> Both sides are exploring <b>collaborations in agriculture, food processing,</b> and other mutually beneficial sectors.</li> <li>● This growing partnership is expected to <b>create new job opportunities, stimulate economic growth,</b> and strengthen bilateral ties between the UAE and India.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AP CRDA decides to seek Singapore government's help for construction of Amaravati</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>AP Capital Region Development Authority (AP CRDA)</b> has decided to <b>collaborate with the Singapore</b> government for the <b>development of Amaravati, the proposed new capital city of the state.</b></li> <li>● Singapore, renowned for its efficient urban planning and development, is expected to <b>provide expertise in areas such as infrastructure, transportation, and sustainable urban design.</b></li> <li>● This partnership aims to <b>transform Amaravati into a world-class city.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Six medical colleges from AP receive approval under Centrally Sponsored Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP has received a <b>significant boost to its healthcare infrastructure with the approval of six medical colleges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.</b></li> <li>● The government medical colleges in <b>Vizianagaram, Eluru, Nandyal, Rajamahendravaram, and Machilipatnam,</b> along with the private <b>Sri Balaji Medical College in Chittoor,</b> have been <b>granted Letter of Permission (LoP) by the National Medical Commission (NMC).</b></li> <li>● This development is expected to enhance medical education and healthcare accessibility in the state.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>The National Medical Commission (NMC):</b> It is the regulatory body for medical education and practice in India.</li> <li>● It replaced the Medical Council of India (MCI) to streamline the medical education system and improve its quality.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Letters of Permission (LoP):</b> These are crucial documents issued by the NMC to medical colleges and institutions.</li> <li>• These letters grant permission to start new medical courses, increase the number of seats in existing courses, or establish new medical</li> </ul>
<p>Drip irrigation in 3 lakh hectares this year in AP</p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchan Naidu has announced plans to subsidize drip irrigation across 3 lakh hectares of land in the state this year.</li> <li>• This move is aimed at boosting agricultural productivity and income for farmers.</li> <li>• The government is also working to clear pending arrears of Rs 1167 crore to farmers related to previous drip irrigation schemes.</li> <li>• By promoting drip irrigation, the state aims to increase farmers' income by approximately Rs 3,450 crore.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drip irrigation is a water-saving irrigation method that delivers water directly to plant roots through a network of pipes and emitters.</li> <li>• This precise application minimizes water loss through evaporation and runoff, making it highly efficient.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water conservation</li> <li>• Increased crop yield: Provides optimal moisture levels for better plant growth and higher production.</li> <li>• Improved soil quality</li> <li>• Fertilizer efficiency</li> <li>• Labor reduction</li> </ul>



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