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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

**TTD adopts DRDO's biodegradable bag technology**

**Context:**

- **Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)**, the governing body of the famous **Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple**, has taken a significant step towards environmental sustainability.
- In collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**), **TTD has adopted a biodegradable bag technology for distributing the iconic laddu prasadam.**

**Key Points:**

- DRDO has developed a **biodegradable polymer from petroleum products or plant oils which can degrade within three months.**
- These eco-friendly bags will replace the conventional plastic bags, reducing plastic pollution and promoting a greener environment.

**DRDO:**

- DRDO is India's premier research and development organization dedicated to defense technologies.
- **Established in 1958**, it has grown into a vast network of laboratories working on diverse areas including aeronautics, armaments, electronics, and missile systems.
- DRDO plays a crucial role in strengthening India's military capabilities through indigenous development of cutting-edge technologies.

**Ravi Rongali to represent India at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.**



**Context:**

- **Ravi Rongali, a para-athlete from Anakapalle district, has been selected to represent India at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.**
- His selection came after an impressive performance at the selection trials held in Bengaluru in July.
- Ravi will **compete in the men's shot put (F40 category) at Paralympics.**

**Paralympics:**

- The Paralympics are a major international sporting event for athletes with a range of disabilities.
- They are **held every two years**, alternating between summer and winter games.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Paralympics have grown significantly since their inception in <b>1948</b>, and they are now considered to be one of the most prestigious sporting events in the world</li> <li>• <b>The 2024 Summer Paralympics</b> will be held in Paris, France, from <b>August 28 to September 8, 2024</b>.</li> <li>• This will be the first time Paris has hosted the Paralympic Games and only the second time France has done so</li> </ul>
<p><b>ICDS beefed up for ISO certification</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services)</b> is undergoing significant improvements to meet the stringent standards required for <b>ISO certification</b>.</li> <li>• This initiative <b>aims to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and overall quality of services provided by ICDS</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key aspects of the beef-up process include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Infrastructure upgrades:</b> Improving the physical facilities of ICDS offices to meet ISO standards.</li> <li>• <b>Process standardization:</b> Implementing standardized procedures and workflows for better efficiency.</li> <li>• <b>Staff training:</b> Equipping ICDS staff with the necessary skills and knowledge to adhere to ISO requirements.</li> <li>• <b>Data management:</b> Strengthening data collection, analysis, and reporting systems for better accountability.</li> </ul> <p><b>Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICDS is a <b>flagship program</b> of the Indian government aimed at improving the nutritional and health status of children <b>under six years of age, as well as pregnant and lactating women</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Launched in 1975</b>, it's one of the world's largest early childhood development programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key objectives of ICDS:</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improve nutritional and health status of children.</li> <li>● Lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical, and social development.</li> <li>● Reduce mortality, morbidity, malnutrition, and school dropout rates.</li> <li>● Coordinate policies and implementation for child development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Services provided under ICDS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supplementary nutrition</li> <li>● Immunization</li> <li>● Health check-ups and referrals</li> <li>● Pre-school non-formal education</li> <li>● Nutrition and health education</li> </ul>
<p><b>AP New Maritime Master Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP, with nearly 1,000 km coastline, is going to make most of it with its new <b>Maritime Master Plan</b>.</li> <li>● AP CM asked the officials to take immediate measures to restore all wealth generating projects, including the AP Maritime board, Maritime Infrastructure Development Corporation, special purpose vehicles and AP Inland Waterways Authority projects.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A robust maritime policy can be a powerful tool for economic growth.</li> <li>● By strategically harnessing ocean resources and optimizing maritime activities, nations can unlock significant wealth-creating opportunities.</li> <li>● The policy includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Port Development and Infrastructure</li> <li>● Blue Economy Focus</li> <li>● Maritime Security</li> <li>● International Cooperation</li> <li>● Research and Development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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