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Second phase of Jagaanna Aarogya Suraksha begins from Jan 2nd



Context:

- The **second phase of the Jagaanna Aarogya Suraksha scheme** begins from January 2nd in Andhra Pradesh.
- This flagship healthcare program **aims to provide better medical services** to the underprivileged population.

Key Features of the Second Phase:

- **Expanded Coverage:** The second phase expands the scheme's coverage to include **50 lakh (5 million)** additional families, bringing the total beneficiaries to **1.5 crore (15 million)** families.
- **Enhanced Benefits:** The revised scheme increases the cashless treatment limit for Aarogyasri card holders from **Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs per annum.**
- **Focus on Preventive Care:** The second phase emphasizes **preventive healthcare through initiatives like regular health checkups, early diagnosis** of diseases, and vaccination drives.
- **Improved Infrastructure:** The government plans to **upgrade primary health centers and hospitals**, along with establishing new facilities, to cater to the increased demand.

SNA ropes in Kakinada's leather puppeteer Thota Balakrishna



Context:

- The **Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA)** has roped in a renowned leather puppeteer from Kakinada, **Thota Balakrishna** for its **Kala Disha project.**
- This initiative aims to **preserve and promote the traditional art of leather puppetry**, also known as **Tholubommalata**

About:

- **Tholubommalata**, meaning "the dance of leather puppets" in Telugu, is a captivating form of shadow puppetry native to the Indian state of **Andhra Pradesh.**



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- It is believed to have originated in the 3rd century BCE
- It brings colorful leather puppets to life against a translucent screen, weaving tales of mythology, folklore, and contemporary life through intricate movements and captivating storytelling.

Kala Disha Project



Context:

- Kala Disha is a cultural initiative launched by the Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA)
- It is under the Ministry of Culture, GOI and in collaboration with the Department of Culture, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- The project aims to revive and preserve endangered traditional art forms of Andhra Pradesh through mentorship and training programs.

Key Objectives:

- Identify and document endangered traditional art forms of Andhra Pradesh.
- Provide intensive training programs to young artists under the guidance of master practitioners.
- Create documentation and archival materials of the art forms for future generations.
- Promote and showcase the revived art forms through public performances and exhibitions.
- Foster cultural exchange and appreciation for these unique traditions

Andhra Pradesh power utilities bag three awards at 16th 'Enertia Awards-2023'



Context:

- Mumbai-based Enertia Foundation recognised Andhra Pradesh as the Best State in Meeting Renewable Power Purchase Obligation during its 16th Enertia Awards-2023
- This recognition highlights the state's significant achievements in promoting renewable energy and maintaining efficient transmission systems.
- AP-Transco, the state's transmission utility, was recognized for its exceptional performance in maintaining a consistently high transmission system



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	availability factor (99.7%) and keeping losses significantly below approved levels (2.74%).
ISRO launches 'Gaganyaan year' with XPoSat, India's eye in deep space	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) began the new year with the successful launch of its first X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) • It will study X-ray polarization and its cosmic sources such as black holes and neutron stars. • Studying this polarization offers a unique perspective on celestial objects, revealing details obscured by traditional methods.



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