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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>ISRO chief Somanath to get Pinnamaneni Award</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pinnamaneni and Sitadevi Foundation (PSF) announced ISRO chief Somanath as the recipient of the Foundation award for the present year.</li> <li>This year marks the 30th annual award of the Foundation of PSF.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Pinnamaneni and Smt. Seetha Devi Foundation (PSF) is a foundation established in 1989 to honor the memory of Dr. Pinnamaneni Venkateswara Rao and his wife, Smt. Seetha Devi.</li> <li>The Foundation honors eminent persons in the fields of literature, culture, fine arts, medicine, science, sports, social services.</li> </ul>
<p><b>High salinity, fluoride levels found in groundwater in many districts of Andhra Pradesh</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A recent parliamentary disclosure by Minister of State for Environment, Forests, and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey shed light on the toxic elements found in groundwater across various States.</li> <li>He pointed out that the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) currently monitors groundwater quality at 33 locations in Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fluoride:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The latest assessment of groundwater under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) in 2023 indicates that out of the 33 locations, 25 comply with the acceptable fluoride levels set by the BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) Drinking Water Specifications IS:10500:2012, while eight locations do not meet these standards.</li> <li>Levels exceeding 1.5 mg/L, the recommended limit set by the World Health Organization (WHO), were found in these districts.</li> <li>Chronic exposure to high fluoride can lead to dental fluorosis and other health problems.</li> </ul> <p><b>Salinity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Its presence indicates the presence of dissolved salts</li> </ul>



World Obesity Day



- As many as **23 districts** have reported high salinity, which is indicated by **Electrical Conductivity (EC)** above **3,000 micro mhos/cm**.

Context:

- **World Obesity Day**, held annually on **March 4th**, is a unified day of action to **raise awareness and encourage solutions** to address the **global obesity crisis**.

About:

- The inaugural **World Obesity Day** was held on **March 4th, 2015**.
- It was established by the **World Obesity Federation**
- It aimed to **bring global attention to the rising issue of obesity** and encourage collaborative efforts to address it

Theme:

- The World Obesity Day 2024 theme is **“Let's Talk About Obesity and...”**
- This theme emphasizes to **encourage people to start conversations that address obesity from a cross-cutting perspective**.
- The idea is to look at **health, youth, and the world as a whole** in order to find ways to **combat obesity together**.

Vizag poised to be a leader in Mission LiFE



Context:

- **Visakhapatnam**, also known as **Vizag**, is emerging as a potential leader in India's **Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)**.
- The **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) Director General, Abhay Bakre**, acknowledges the city's commitment to sustainable practices and its alignment with **LiFE's goals of promoting mindful consumption and energy efficiency**.

About:

- **Mission LiFE**, launched in **October 2022** by the **Indian PM Modi**
- It is a **global initiative promoting a sustainable lifestyle for environmental protection**.
- It aims to nudge individuals and communities towards adopting simple, positive actions in their daily lives to **reduce their environmental footprint**.



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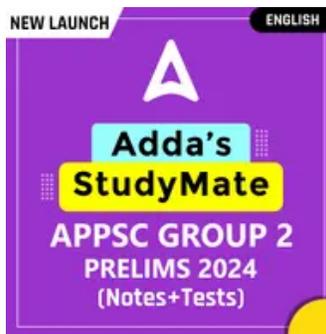


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Obesity, a growing health concern in Andhra Pradesh

Context:

- According to the **National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)**, AP faces **significant challenges in terms of obesity and overweight prevalence**.
- Nearly **36% of women and 31% of men** in the State fall into the obese or overweight category.
- Conversely, **only 14.8% of women and 16.5% of men have a below-normal Body Mass Index (BMI)**, indicating a concerning trend.
- A **high-risk waist-to-hip ratio is observed in around 49% of women and 53% of men**, highlighting the need for targeted interventions to address these health concerns.



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