

**Need to construct new multipurpose cyclone centres in Machilipatanam  
Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh-Laid**

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