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# ANDHRA PRADESH CURRENT AFFAIRS

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**ANDHRA PRADESH  
GUARANTEED PENSION  
SCHEME (GPS)**



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## 1. Andhra Pradesh guaranteed pension scheme:

- ★ In a significant policy decision, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet announced on June 7 its approval to replace the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) with the Guaranteed Pension Scheme (GPS) for government employees.
- ★ aims to provide enhanced financial security and benefits to pensioners.
- ★ GPS: pensioners will now receive 50% of their last drawn salary as pension, a substantial increase compared to the 20.3% they received under the CPS.
- ★ positive step towards prioritizing the welfare of retired government employees and acknowledging their dedicated service.
- ★ The government has also made provisions under the GPS to adjust for inflation
- ★ Under the CPS, employees who joined service after September 1, 2004, contributed 10% of their basic salary towards the pension, with the government matching the amount.
- ★ After retirement, employees were able to withdraw 60% of the pension corpus, while the remaining 40% was annuity investment subject to market fluctuations.



## 2. Machilipatnam port:

- ★ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday launched work on the Machilipatnam port, which is estimated to cost Rs 5,156 crore and will have an initial capacity to move 35 million tons of cargo
- ★ significant milestone in the state's infrastructure development.
- ★ transform Machilipatnam into a thriving port city, fostering economic growth and connectivity.
- ★ The construction of the Machilipatnam port is expected to be completed within a span of two years
- ★ paving the way for efficient trade and logistics activities.
- ★ The Machilipatnam port will enjoy excellent connectivity through multiple modes of transportation.
- ★ connected to the National Highway 216,
- ★ Gudivada-Machilipatnam railway line will establish a vital rail link, ensuring efficient transportation of cargo and enhancing the overall accessibility of the port.
- ★ Machilipatnam port will serve as a gateway for Telangana and Chattisgarh,



- ★ creation of direct and indirect employment opportunities for lakhs of people.
- ★ The Machilipatnam port is part of the government's comprehensive plan to enhance the state's infrastructure. With a total expenditure of over ₹16,000 crore.

### 3. Dotted lands in Andhra Pradesh:

- ★ The Andhra Pradesh government has identified approximately 2,06,171 acres of land as dotted lands
- ★ Dotted lands refer to disputed lands that lack ownership documents.
- ★ These disputes arise when multiple individuals, including the government's Revenue Department, assert their claims over the land.
- ★ During the British era, land surveys were conducted to identify government-owned and privately-owned lands.
- ★ dots were placed in the ownership column, signifying the disputed status of the land.
- ★ Nellore district stands out with the largest number of dotted land parcels, accounting for 43,000 acres, followed by Prakasam district with 37,000 acres.



### 4. Ysr matsyakara Bharosa:

- ★ initiative aims to provide crucial financial assistance to fishermen and their families during the annual ban period on marine fishing.
- ★ Each fisherman family receives ₹10,000 as a direct benefit.
- ★ The total assistance provided has now reached ₹538 crore.
- ★ Each family has already received ₹50,000 as a part of the scheme,
- ★ The construction of 10 fishing harbors and six fish landing centers of global standards, costing ₹3,767 crore.
- ★ The establishment of the AP Fisheries University in West Godavari district aims to produce skilled human resources for the industry.



### 5. Andhra Pradesh educational institutions' poor ranking in NIRF:

- ★ The higher educational institutions of Andhra Pradesh put up a poor show in national institute rankings.
- ★ Andhra University found a place in the list of top 100 institutions in the country.
- ★ In the university category rank of Andhra University has slid to 43.



### 6. Ysr Rythu Bharosa Kendras:

- ★ Rythu Bharosa Kendras are first-of-its-kind seeds-to-sales, single-window service centers set up by the state government of Andhra Pradesh.
- ★ multi-functional kiosks with digital Aadhar authentication equipment act as a one-stop solution for all requirements and grievances of farmers in the state.
- ★ These centres sell pre-tested quality seeds, certified fertilizers, and livestock feed.
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- ★ soil testing and consultancy regarding what crops to sow and the quality and type of fertilizer to be used
- ★ The RBKs were recently nominated for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's Champion Awards (CCA).

### 7. Working group on education :

- ★ Aim of raising standards in government schools and shaping the students of these schools into world-class performers.
- ★ Group will be headed by the school education principal secretary, IT secretary, school educational commissioner, etc.
- ★ Expertise in emerging technologies, like artificial intelligence, large language models, data analytics, chat GPT ETC.
- ★ Developing curriculum, lesson plans, methods of training, requirements of labs and human resources, etc.

### 8. Vidya kanuka kits:

- ★ Chief Minister Y S Jagan mohan reddy launches distribution of Jagan anna vidya kanuka kits.
- ★ To student of 1- x in government-aided and government schools.
- ★ Each kit cost 2,400.
- ★ Kit consists of three pairs of uniform dresses, school bags, bilingual texts, textbooks, notebooks, workbooks, pair of school shoes, two pairs of socks, English to Telugu dictionary, etc.
- ★ Ap government signed MOU with educational testing service, to train students from from classes three to nine.



### 9.Exercise Prasthan:

- ★ Exercise Prasthan was organized from October 11 to 12 of this year in the Krishna Godavari Basin Offshore Development Area.
- ★ Prasthan is an offshore security exercise that is held every six months.
- ★ The main purpose is to integrate the efforts of all stakeholders involved in offshore defense.
- ★ It was recently conducted under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy.
- ★ The exercise witnessed the participation of various oil operators like ONGC, Reliance Ltd, Vedanta, and others involved in Maritime Security.
- ★ participation of Andhra Pradesh's marine police and fisheries department as well as the Indian Coast Guard.
- ★ oil operators to validate their standard operating procedures (SOPs) laid out for the various ODA contingencies.
- ★ Krishna Godavari Basin is a deltaic plain formed by the eastern coastal rivers – Krishna and Godavari.
- ★ It spans across Andhra Pradesh and the nearby areas of the Bay of Bengal
- ★ ONGC was the first to discover gas in this region in 1983.



### 10.E- autos under clean Andhra Pradesh initiative:

- ★ E autos worth 22.18cr would be deployed in 36 municipalities for garbage collection in an eco-friendly manner.
- ★ AP government aims for all cities of AP – Bin free, litter-free, and garbage-free.
- ★ 80-100 women were allowed to become drivers of e-autos under the initiative.
- ★ 2, 525 garbage free tippers were being used for garbage collection in municipalities
- ★ .waste to energy products have been started in Guntur Visakhapatnam.



### 11.Andhra Pradesh –ACB-14400 APP:

- ★ An app named “ACB 14400” has been
- ★ launched by the Chief Minister of



Andhra Pradesh,YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

- ★ This app was launched to curb corruption at government offices across the State.
- ★ developed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).
- ★ the people can lodge corruption-related complaints against any government officials in the State.
- ★ people could file a complaint through a toll-free number, 14400.
- ★ By using this mobile application, people can attach proof such as videos, audio, and images while reporting any corruption case.
- ★ The ACB 14400 app can be downloaded from the Google play store.
- ★ An OTP will be to the mobile number through which registration is being done, and once registered, the app will be ready to use.
- ★ This app has two key features:
- ★ One is to live record audio, photo, or video and lodge a complaint instantly.

### 12.Organic farming in Ap:

- ★ Organic crops have high demand in the global market.
- ★ Enhances export opportunities for agriculture, horticulture, and processed food products.
- ★ There was a high level of outflow of agri products from state to other states, as also markets abroad.
- ★ Better prices for agricultural products, which should be more than the remunerative prices.
- ★ Establishment of Jagan Anna Yantra scheme at RBK.

### 13.Andhra Pradesh starts GEF Project :

- ★ Andhra Pradesh has been selected for the Global environment facility project.
- ★ The GEF –project –transforming agricultural systems, and strengthening local economies in high biodiversities of India, through sustainable landscape management and public-private finance.
- ★ A total of 10 lakh hectares will be covered under the project, with the major objective to reduce land degradation and ensure biodiversity conservation, in agricultural landscapes in the eastern ghats.

### 14.Andhra Pradesh and world economic forum projects

- ★ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's interactions with the business leaders at the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ★ Officials of the Industries Department and AP-Economic Development Board (AP-EDB) signed MoUs in a wide range of sectors.
- ★ MoUs with Adani, Greenko, and Aurobindo for green energy projects account for a major share (₹1.25 lakh crore) of the total investments.



- ★ Once these projects are implemented, around 27,700 MW of clean energy will be available.
- ★ AP CM said that the state has the potential to increase the renewable energy installed capacity to up to 33,000 MW.
- ★ Andhra Pradesh signed a pact with the WEF for support to advanced manufacturing that helps in the manufacturing of world-class products.
- ★ The focus of CM was on port-based industrialization.

### 15. Ap mass mortality of spot-billed pelicans:

- ★ Andhra Pradesh State Forest Department has approached experts from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII-Deharadun), Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Zoological Survey of India (ZSI-Kolkata).
- ★ Prevent mass mortality of spot-billed pelicans in Naupada swamp at Telineelapuram, Srikakulam district.
- ★ Telineelapuram is a designated Important Bird Area (IBA), where pelicans have been succumbing to 'Nematode infestation' since December 2021.
- ★ It is also home to painted storks. However, Stork has not been infected with Nematode infestation so far.
- ★ At least five spot-billed pelicans are dying every day, on average, at Telineelapuram.
- ★ The spot-billed pelicans or grey pelicans are scientifically called *Pelecanus philippensis*.
- ★ They are a member of the pelican family.
- ★ The species breed in South Asia from southern Iran to east India to Indonesia.
- ★ The bird lives in coastal waters and large inland, especially large lakes.
- ★ Breeding population of these species is limited to India, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka.
- ★ In the non-breeding season they are recorded in Myanmar, Nepal, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- ★ IUCN red list has listed the species in the Near Threatened list. While in Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, it is a Schedule IV species
- ★ Thus, its hunting is prohibited but the penalty for any violation is less.



### 16. Pasuvula panduga cattle festival:

- ★ Pasuvula Panduga is a cattle festival that is observed annually during Kanuma (3rd day of the Sankranti Festival).
- ★ festival is held in the Rangampet village of Andhra Pradesh.
- ★ Around 30 people were injured during the



recently held festival with the police booking several cases against the organizers.

- ★ Before the start of this event, the cows and bulls are colorfully decorated with trophies being attached to the horns.
- ★ the animals are forced to go through the narrow road leading to the fields, with villagers on either side.
- ★ The purpose of this sport is to snatch the trophies from the horns of the cattle as it runs via the snaky path of the village.
- ★ At times money ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000 is also tied to the horns with a winner takes it all policy.

### 17. Ap mahila police wing :

- ★ The Andhra Pradesh State Government recently notified rules for the Mahila Police Wing.
- ★ it has created a separate women police cadre.
- ★ The uniform of the new women police is Khaki color.
- ★ The wing comprises inspectors, sub-inspectors, senior Mahila police, assistant sub-inspectors, and Mahila police personnel.
- ★ women police will wear a special separate emblem called the Mahila Police Emblem.
- ★ 90% of the posts are to be recruited by the police recruitment board.
- ★ 5% from eligible villages and 5% from home guards.
- ★ The inspectors and sub-inspectors of the Mahila wing will report to DSP and ACP respectively.



### 18. Jagan Anna smart townships :

- ★ Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, launched the “Jagananna Smart Township website” on January 11, 2022.
- ★ The website was launched because most middle-class families attempt to buy a house or land for building their dream home, but they fall prey to real estate agents sometimes and end up in a deal that isn’t economically sound.
- ★ website would help the citizens in completing their dream of owning a house.
- ★ website will provide the land with clear and litigation-free titles in a transparent manner as well as provide reasonable prices below the non-profit market.
- ★ State government of Andhra Pradesh is being set up by Jagananna Smart Townships (MIGs) for fulfilling the dream of middle-class families to own a home in urban as well as rural areas.



**19.Vidya Deewana scheme of Andhra Pradesh:**

- ★ The Andhra Pradesh Government recently released Rs 686 crores for the Vidya Deewana Scheme.
- ★ This is the third tranche of the scheme. It is an education assistance scheme.
- ★ The Vidya Deewana Scheme provides scholarships (in terms of fee reimbursements) to students who are not able to pay their college fees.
- ★ That is, the students pay the educational institutes and the government pays the students.
- ★ The scheme mainly focuses on students seeking higher education.
- ★ If the student has attendance is less than 75% then the fee disbursement is not done.
- ★ Also, the scheme is not applicable to students in private or deemed universities.
- ★ The scheme is not applicable for distant learning and NRI quota.
- ★ Through the scheme, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is aiming for a 100% literacy rate in the state.



**20.Andhra Learning transformation :**

- ★ Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Union government and the World Bank have signed legal agreements for a loan of \$250 million for the “Supporting Andhra’s Learning Transformation (SALT) project”.
- ★ SALT project aims to improve the quality of learning for more than 50 lakh students in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- ★ 40 lakh students aged between six to fourteen across 45,000 government schools
- ★ 10 lakh children, aged between three to six, enrolled in Anganwadis,
- ★ 1,90,000 teachers and
- ★ More than 50,000 Anganwadi workers.
- ★ Under this project, a one-year preschool-level course will be introduced in 3,500 schools in tribal blocks.
- ★ SALT is the first of its kind innovative project to train teachers, facilitate State-level assessment, and establish an effective education management & information system.
- ★ It will help in providing universal access to quality education in the state.

