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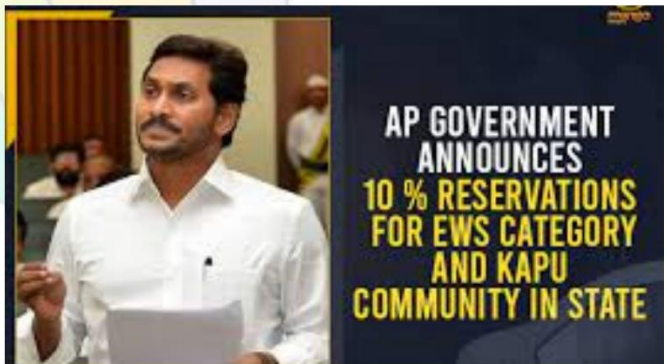
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1. Andhra Pradesh to give 10% Reservation for EWS.

- ★ The Andhra Pradesh government has announced a 10% reservation for the Kapu community and other Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for appointments in the initial posts and services in the State government by the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019.
- ★ The latest order practically annuls two laws enacted by the previous government in 2019 that split the 10 percent EWS reservation into equal halves.
- ★ with one half exclusively for the Kapu community, making it a sub-category under EWS.
- ★ The state government has been implementing EWS reservation in education for the last two years following interim orders passed by the High Court in a writ petition.
- ★ Persons who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and socially and educationally backward classes, with a gross family income below Rs 8 lakh per annum, will get the benefit of EWS reservation.



1. Jagan annaku chebudam :

- ★ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is all set to launch a toll-free helpline number, 1902, under the Jaganannaku Chebudam program on May 9.
- ★ This initiative aims to provide quick and quality solutions to people's grievances related to welfare schemes and government services.



- ★ This program allows people to register their grievances at any time of the day or night.
- ★ It is also designed to spread awareness about government services and welfare schemes among the people.
- ★ Once citizens register their grievances, they will be issued a unique Your Service Request (YSR) number.
- ★ They will then receive regular updates on the status of their grievances through IVRS and SMS-based communications.

2. Andhra Pradesh: 2nd State To Undertake Power Sector Reforms:

- ★ Andhra Pradesh has become the second State after Madhya Pradesh to undertake the power sector reforms stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- ★ As part of the reforms, the State has started Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of electricity subsidies to farmers with effect from September 2020. Thus, the State has successfully implemented one out of the three stipulated reforms in the power sector.
- ★ As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure, the States undertaking reforms in the power sector are granted permission to raise additional financial resources of up to 0.25 percent of the GSDP. This is linked to a set of 3 reforms in the sector:
 - ★ 0.05 % of GSDP for a reduction in Aggregate Technical & Commercial losses in the State as per prescribed targets.
 - ★ Another, 0.05 % of GSDP is allowed for a reduction in the gap between the Average Cost of Supply and Average Revenue Realisation (ACS-ARR gap) in the State as per prescribed targets.
 - ★ Finally, 0.15 % of GSDP of the State on the introduction of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to all farmers in the State instead of free/subsidized electricity. For this, the State government has to frame a scheme for the transfer of cash and implement the scheme in at least one district by 31st December 2020.



3. Andhra to launch India's first run government ambulance program:

- ★ The state government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to set up "India's first government-run ambulance network" for animals.
- ★ This decision was taken to further boost the animal husbandry and veterinary sector in the state.
- ★ The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, has made this ambulance network one of its main missions to help in reaching out to distressed animals to provide them with proper animal healthcare.
- ★ The Animal Husbandry Department was directed to set up one Mobile Ambulance Veterinary Clinic at each of the assembly constituency.



4. Ysr free crop insurance scheme :

- ★ The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy recently launched the YSR free Crop Insurance Scheme.
- ★ Under the scheme 1,252 crores of rupees have been credited into the bank accounts of 9.48 lacs of farmers as crop insurance.
- ★ The YSR free Crop Insurance Scheme was one of the promises made by Jagan during his 3648 km long Yatra.
- ★ Earlier the farmer had to pay his share for availing Crop Insurance in the state.
- ★ The new scheme does not demand a share from the farmer.

YSR Crop Insurance Scheme Andhra Pradesh



5. Andhra Pradesh sea harrier museum:

- ★ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy will inaugurate the Sea Harrier Museum on Beach Road and Indoor Sports Complex in MVP Colony of Visakhapatnam on May 11.
- ★ The Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) initiated the Sea Harrier Museum project in 2020
- ★ The museum will feature Sea Harrier, a fighter plane that was decommissioned by the Indian Navy.
- ★ It has been brought from Goa.
- ★ All the artifacts in the museum will give a detailed presentation of the history of this fighter plane to the visitors.



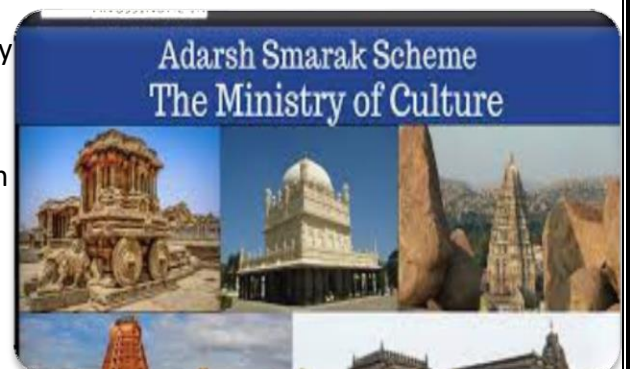
6. Vizag tech park:

- ★ The 300-Megawatt (MW) data center being set up by the Adani Group at Visakhapatnam would facilitate the laying of a submarine cable from Singapore and help change the future dynamics of broadband services.
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- ★ The Adani Group is setting up two data centers — one of 200 MW and the other of 100 MW.
- ★ The Adani data center would be the biggest such facility in the country and the two data centers are also unique because they will run entirely on green power.



7. Adarsh Smarak:

- ★ This scheme has been launched by the Ministry of Culture in the year 2014.
- ★ Three monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been identified under the Adarsh Smarak Scheme.
- ★ These monuments will be provided with additional amenities and will be made into

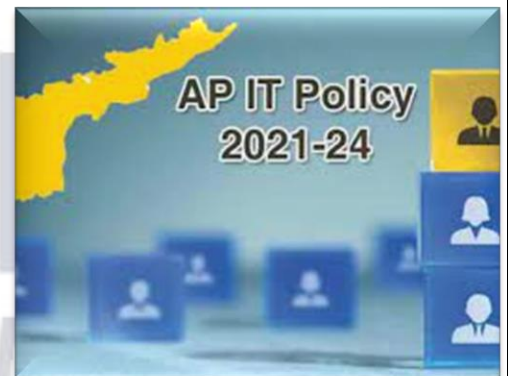


more tourist-friendly sites.

- ★ This was announced by the Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region G Kishan Reddy
- ★ The Buddhist remains at Salihundam in Srikakulam, monuments at Nagarjunakonda in Guntur, and Veerabhadra temple (Lepakshi) in Anantapur have been selected under the Adarsh Smarak Scheme.
- ★ They will be provided with various additional facilities like a cafeteria, Wi-Fi, Braille signages, interpretation center, illumination, etc.
- ★ Currently, 135 sites in Andhra Pradesh are centrally protected monuments and they are provided with amenities and various Upgradation regularly.
- ★ The preservation, conservation, and environmental development and Upgradation in and around the protected monuments and sites are taken by their need and priority.
- ★ This scheme has been taken up to maintain and develop 100 monuments protected monuments in the country.

8. Andhra IT policy for 2021-2024:

- ★ Andhra Pradesh government launched its new 'AP Information Technology Policy 2021-24' on June 30, 2021.
- ★ New policy was approved by State Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- ★ This policy is expected to generate more than 55,000 jobs in the next three years.
- ★ To implement the policy, a robust and holistic business environment would be created.
- ★ IT, Electronics, and Communications Department would also be transformed into revenue centers in a bid to achieve self-sustenance.
- ★ It will also create 1.65 lacks of indirect employment and ensure a holistic ecosystem development.
- ★ Policy will be in force till March 31, 2024.
- ★ New IT Policy links the incentive disbursement to the realization of committed direct employment which ensures transparent & effective utilization of public funds



9. World's largest Integrated Renewable Energy storage project:

- ★ The world's largest Integrated Renewable Energy Storage Project (IRESP) is coming up in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district with an investment of over \$3 billion.
- ★ project being implemented by Greenko Group.
- ★ The company said this 5,230 MW IRESP will play a pivotal role in India attaining energy security and enabling global energy transition.



- ★ According to Greenko, this is the first of its kind single-location energy storage project with wind and solar capacities.
- ★ The project is being implemented with an investment of over \$3 billion comprising pumped storage (10,800 MWh of daily storage), solar (3,000 MW), and wind (550 MW).
- ★ The project will help avoid 15 million tonnes of CO2 annually which is equivalent to emissions from three million cars.

10. Andhra Pradesh tops in telemedicine consultations in the country:

- ★ Union Ministry of Health and family welfare, which initiated e –sanjivini concept.
- ★ 3 crore calls were reported to the YSR telemedicine center, out of 2.7 crore calls received from all the states for consultation through telemedicine in the country.
- ★ Karnataka is next with around 42 lakh calls followed by West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.
- ★ Dedicated services were extended by health workers and field officials in creating awareness of telemedicine.
- ★ Takes comprehensive health services to the doorstep of the people.



11. Mobile vet clinics in Andhra Pradesh :

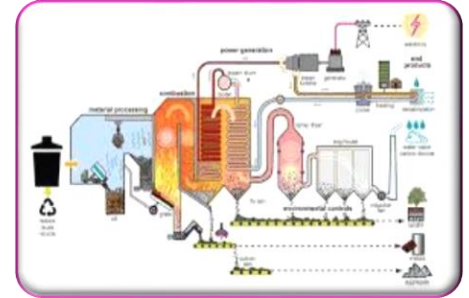
- ★ Andhra Pradesh CM to flag off 175 mobile vet clinics
- ★ Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will flag off 175 Mobile Ambulatory Veterinary Clinics (MAVCs).
- ★ state government is launching 340 Dr. YSR SanchaaraPasu Aarogya Seva or Mobile Ambulatory Veterinary Clinics (MAVC) in the State with an outlay of Rs 278 crore.
- ★ strengthen the services delivery mechanism to ensure better accessibility of veterinary services extended by the animal husbandry department at the ground level.
- ★ The Veterinary Telemedicine Facility with the toll-free number 1962 has been launched.



- ★ make animal husbandry more profitable and provide better veterinary services closer to people.

12. Andhra Pradesh Waste to Energy plant in Palnadu:

- ★ located on the outskirts of Guntur city, will generate 15MW of power with garbage collected from Guntur and Vijayawada.
- ★ Jindal Group owned JITF urban infrastructure ltd, signed MoU with the state government.
- ★ Waste from GMC, VMC, and nine municipalities such as Mangalagiri, Tadepalli, Tenali, Chilakaluripet, Sattenapalli, Narsaraopet, and Piduguralla will be recycled and utilized for power generation at Jindal Urban Waste Management (Waste-to-Power) Plant in Guntur.
- ★ garbage collected is properly segregated.
- ★ The State government will purchase the electricity produced for Rs 6.12 paise.
- ★ Another similar waste-to-energy plant will be set up in Vishakapatnam soon.
- ★ The plant has an operational capacity of 1,200 tonnes per day with a design capacity of 1,600 TPD and can produce 15 MW of electricity.
- ★ The waste includes 320 TPD from GMC, 525 TPD from VMC, and the remaining 355 TPD from nine ULBs.



13. Ysr yantra seva pathakam scheme 2022:

- ★ To improve the financial condition of the farmers, the government implements various kinds of schemes.
- ★ agricultural machinery will be provided on a rental basis.
- ★ the government will provide necessary machinery and equipment to the farmers on a rental basis through community recruitment centers which are set up at the cost of Rs 2,134 crores.
- ★ The government has set up around 10750 community recruitment centers.
- ★ In each Mandal of east and West Godavari, Krishna, and Guntur districts 1,035 cluster level CHC with harvesters will be set up at the rate of 5 units.
- ★ The Chief Minister has also deposited an amount of Rs 25.55 crore into the account of 1,720 farmers groups under this scheme.



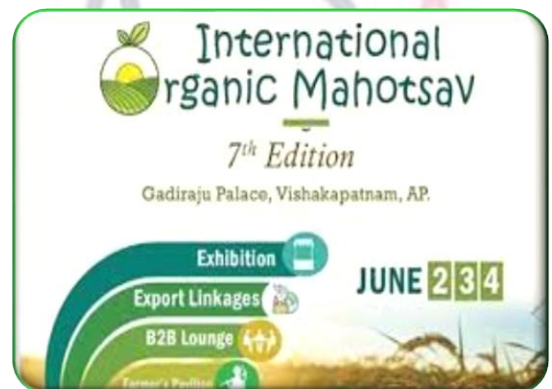
14. Zero shadow astronomical event in Visakhapatnam:

- ★ Zero Shadow Day occurs when the Sun will be directly overhead at local noon, and hence any vertical object will cast no shadow.
- ★ This happens for places between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Arctic Circle.
- ★ An astronomical event in which the sun doesn't cast a shadow at solar noon, the phenomenon occurred in the city at 11.53 a.m.
- ★ this annual celestial phenomenon occurs twice a year for places between +23.5 and -23.5 degrees latitude.
- ★ The Sun is rarely exactly overhead at noon but usually transits a bit lower in altitude, a bit to the north or a bit to the south.



15. Vizag to host international organic Mahotsav- 2023

- ★ The International Organic Mahotsav-2023 will be organized at the Gadiraju Palace in Visakhapatnam from June 2 to 4.
- ★ Agriculture and Cooperation Minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy will Inaugurate the event on June 2.
- ★ The Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS) is organizing the event.
- ★ Encourage the farmers who are practicing natural farming methods and connect them with the consumers within the country and outside.
- ★ domestic and international FPOs, agripreneurs, government and private agri-business firms, and technology companies will set up stalls.



- ★ Organic farm products from different States and millet-based products will be on display.

16. Ysr Kadapa and Jal Jeevan mission tops in national level implementation of Jal Jeevan mission:

- ★ The YSR Kadapa and Visakhapatnam districts have won top ranks at the national level in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission – vis-a-vis the ‘best performing’ and ‘fastest moving’ categories.
- ★ The drinking water and sanitation department runs two major programs to meet the drinking water and sanitation needs of the country – namely, the Swachh Bharat Mission- Gramin (SBM-G) and the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJEM) SBM-G, which aims to make rural India ODF Plus.
- ★ aim of ODF Plus is to provide complete sanitation while JJEM aims to provide quality tap water supply to every household,
- ★ one of the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms is assessment surveys namely Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG) and Jal Jeevan Sarvekshan (JJS), which ranked states, Union Territories, and their districts based on their performance in SBM.
- ★ Jal Jeevan Mission scheme was designed by the central government to provide tap water to every household in rural areas by 2024.



Source: Government of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti