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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Guaranteed Pension Scheme for government employees in AP</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b> Andhra Cabinet approves Bills relating to Guaranteed Pension Scheme for government employees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh Cabinet approved the Bills relating to the <b>Guaranteed Pension Scheme (GPS)</b> for government employees and the regularization of contract employees besides the amendment bills of AP Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, endowments, PoT of assigned lands, private universities, APSSG, APGST and Bhoodan Acts.</li> <li>It has also approved the <b>Jagananna Arogya Suraksha programme</b> that will run for 45 days from September 30.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Andhra Pradesh Guaranteed Pension Scheme (GPS)</b></p> 	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Andhra Pradesh Guaranteed Pension Scheme (GPS) is a new pension scheme for state government employees that was <b>introduced in 2023</b>.</li> <li>The scheme is designed to provide a guaranteed pension to employees after retirement, regardless of their market performance.</li> <li>Under the GPS, employees will contribute 10% of their basic salary to the pension fund.</li> <li>The state government will also contribute an equal amount.</li> <li>The pension fund will be invested in a variety of assets, including government securities, corporate bonds, and equity.</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Baccalaureate (IB) syllabus in government schools</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b> IB syllabus in AP Govt schools, a historic decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Andhra Pradesh government has taken a historic decision to introduce the International Baccalaureate (IB) syllabus in government schools.</li> <li>The decision was taken to raise the educational standards to international level.</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b></p>	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The International Baccalaureate (IB) syllabus is a rigorous and academically demanding curriculum that is designed to prepare students for success in university and beyond.</li> </ul>




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IB offers four different programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), and the Career-related Programme (CP).</li> <li>• The IB syllabus is characterized by its focus on critical thinking, problem solving, and global citizenship. Students are encouraged to think critically about the world around them and to develop their own unique perspectives.</li> <li>• They are also encouraged to be active participants in their communities and to contribute to the global good.</li> <li>• The IB syllabus is taught in over 5,000 schools in over 150 countries around the world</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shankar Acharya New chancellor of AP Central University</b></p> 	<p><b>In News:</b> Economist Shankar Acharya appointed chancellor of AP Central University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veteran economist Shankar Acharya was appointed as the chancellor of the Central University of Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After a six-year stint as an economic advisor in the Ministry of Finance, Acharya emerged as India's longest-serving chief economic adviser (CEA), who advised Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram and Yashwant Sinha for eight long years between 1993 and 2001.</li> <li>• He was also a member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) during the later half of his eight-year tenure as the chief economic adviser, said an official statement.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Samsung to get Rs. 500 cr. PLI</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b> Samsung to get about Rs 500 cr PLI incentive: Official</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samsung Electronics will receive incentives worth Rs 500 crore under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for extra production of mobile phones in 2020-21.</li> <li>• The company had claimed a PLI incentive of Rs 900 crore.</li> <li>• The claim was filed by the South Korean electronics manufacturer under the Production Linked Incentive scheme for large-scale electronics manufacturing announced in 2020.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme is a government of India initiative to boost domestic manufacturing and exports.</li> <li>• The scheme provides financial incentives to eligible companies that produce goods in selected sectors in India. The sectors covered under the PLI scheme include electronics, automotive, pharmaceuticals, and textiles.</li> <li>• The PLI scheme is designed to attract investments, create jobs, and reduce India's dependence on imports.</li> <li>• The scheme is also expected to boost India's manufacturing competitiveness and make it a global leader in the production of selected goods.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)</b></p>  <p><i>Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation</i></p>	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is a flagship mission of the Government of India launched in June 2015</li> <li>• Its aim is to improve the quality of life of urban residents by ensuring basic infrastructure and services.</li> <li>• The mission focuses on improving water supply, sewerage and drainage, urban transport, and public spaces in 500 cities across India.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key objectives of AMRUT:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure adequate water supply and sewerage facilities for all urban households</li> <li>2. To improve urban transport and connectivity</li> <li>3. To develop green spaces and public spaces</li> <li>4. To reduce pollution levels in cities</li> </ol> <p>AMRUT has been divided into two phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1: This phase covers 500 cities and has been completed.</li> <li>• Phase 2: This phase covers all statutory towns in India and is currently underway.</li> </ul>



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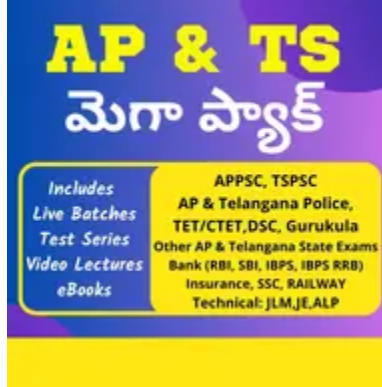


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### Gorantla water project

**In News:** Gorantla water project moving at a snail's pace

- Under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), a drinking water project was initiated at Gorantla with an estimated cost of Rs 33 crore in 2017.
- The 53 MLD project includes a 10-km pipeline and two reservoirs, one with 600 KL and another with 4,200 KL capacity, aiming to provide drinking water to about 2.34 lakh people in the merged villages under the corporation limits.



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