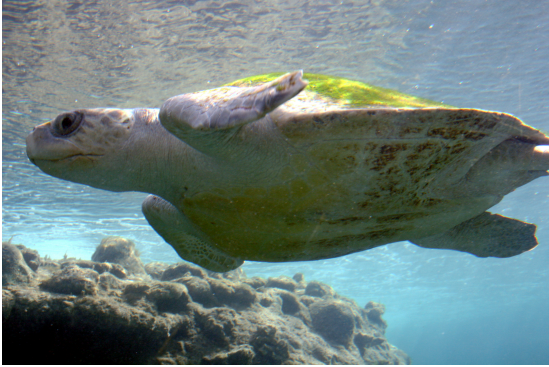




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<p>AP bans fishing within 5 km radius of Hope Island</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To safeguard the Olive Ridley turtles and investigate the cause of their mortality, the Andhra Pradesh government instituted a one-month fishing ban from February 15, 2024, within a 5-km radius of Hope Island, a key nesting site. <p>This temporary measure aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the risk of turtles getting entangled in fishing gear, a major cause of death. Create a disturbance-free zone to facilitate undisturbed nesting and hatching. Allow fisheries officials and researchers to gather data and investigate the turtle deaths. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Olive Ridley turtle is the smallest and most abundant sea turtle species, classified as Vulnerable by the IUCN. Kakinada Bay off the Andhra Pradesh coast is a crucial nesting ground for Olive Ridleys, experiencing mass nesting events ("arribadas") where thousands of females gather to lay eggs.
<p>Ministers launch distribution of APTIDCO houses in Nellore</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP's Ministers for Municipal Administration (Adimulapu Suresh) and Agriculture (Kakani Govardhan Reddy) officially launched the distribution of 15,522 houses constructed under the Nellore Municipal Corporation limits. These houses were built with an investment of ₹900 crore by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (APTIDCO). The project aims to provide affordable housing for eligible beneficiaries in Nellore.
<p>Andhra Pradesh Industries Minister lays stone, inaugurates projects worth ₹4,178 crore</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP's Industries Minister, Gudivada Amarnath, virtually laid the foundation



	<p>stones and inaugurated several industrial projects worth a total of ₹4,178 crore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This event took place at the Secretariat in Velagapudi. Additionally, he launched two major initiatives: • APMSMEONE website: This website aims to serve as a single-point access for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the state, offering information and services related to registrations, clearances, subsidies, and more. • Raising and Accelerating MSME Productivity (RAMP): This program aims to enhance the competitiveness and productivity of MSMEs in Andhra Pradesh through various interventions, including skill development, technological upgrades, and market linkages.
<p>Foundation stone laid for Reliance biogas plant in East Godavari</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The foundation stone was laid for a new biogas plant in East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is a collaboration between Reliance Bio Energy Limited and the East Godavari district administration. • The plant will be located in 36 acres at Kapavaram village in East Godavari district <p>Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The biogas plant will convert organic waste into renewable energy, contributing to India's clean energy goals. • It will create employment opportunities in the local community, both during construction and operation. • The project is expected to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and contribute to a more sustainable future.
<p>AP CM launches programme to distribute cash awards to volunteers</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP CM initiated a week-long statewide program “Volunteers Ku Vandanam” (Salute to Volunteers) on February 15, 2024, to present cash awards and appreciation to village/ward secretariat volunteers for their outstanding contributions



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About:

Three categories recognize volunteers at different levels of service:

1. Seva Vajra:

- Top performers (875 awardees) receive ₹45,000 each (increased from ₹30,000 previously).

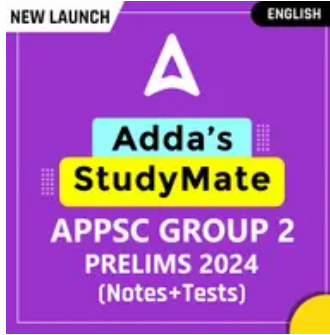
2. Seva Ratna:

- Exemplary performers (4,150 awardees) receive ₹30,000 each (increased from ₹20,000).

3. Seva Mitra:

- Dedicated volunteers (250,439 awardees) receive ₹15,000 each (increased from ₹10,000).

- **Total Awards: 255,464** volunteers across the state are being recognized, with a **total cash disbursement of ₹392.05 crore.**



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