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<p>Prakasam Sesame Farmers Honored with IndGAP Certification</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers in Prakasam district have been recognized for their exceptional sesame seed cultivation, earning them the prestigious IndGAP (India Good Agriculture Practices) certificate. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India Good Agriculture Practices (INDGAP) certification scheme has been developed by Quality Council of India (QCI) to strengthen Good Agriculture Practices in India. The INDGAP provides a mechanism which gives direction to farms irrespective of size and resources to introduce quality in their production system to ensure food safety and hygiene thereby increasing acceptability of their produce by consumer and food processing industry. <p>INDGAP is aimed to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality and quantity of the produce obtained from a unit area Various aspects of food safety Pre-and post-harvest practices including workers health and safety Sustained supply of produce of the desirable quality.
<p>Allocation of Portfolios in Modi Cabinet</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinjarapu Ram Mohan, the three-time Srikakulam MP representing the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), has been allocated the Union Civil Aviation portfolio in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet. <p>Key points: Prime Minister: Shri Narendra Modi</p> <p>Prime Minister and also in-charge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister. <p>Shri G. Kishan Reddy : Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines.</p>



	<p>MINISTERS OF STATE:</p> <p>Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development; and • Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications. <p>Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs. <p>Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries; and • Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel.
<p>Amaravati remain as capital and Visakha to be developed as financial capital: CM</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chandrababu Naidu, the Chief Minister designate, has affirmed that Amaravati will continue to serve as the state capital, while Visakhapatnam will be developed as the financial capital. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amaravati, famous for the Amareswara temple, which is dedicated to Lord Shiva dates back to the 2nd century BCE and was once the capital of the Satavahanas and also the Pallava kings. • Amaravati was a seat of Buddhism prior to the rise of Satavahanas, and a stupa and monastery were built there during the reign of Emperor Ashoka (269-232 BC) under Mauryan Empire. • In February 2014, the state of Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated, leading to the need for a new capital city in the successor state of AP. • As per the AP Reorganization Act 2014, a new greenfield capital was to be developed for the state of Andhra Pradesh. • Hence, it was planned to construct a new greenfield capital “Amaravati” through LPS (Land Pooling Scheme) with active involvement of people. • The concept of land pooling was adopted where farmers/landowners (over and above 25,000 unique farmers) were appealed to pool their land (over and above 30,000 acres) to fulfil the land requirement to set up the people’s capital in Amaravati. • In return, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh promised to give them developed plots (residential and commercial) in a proportionate ratio of land pooled by them as per the predefined guidelines. • The Government made the people a partner in the development, rather than follow often coercive land



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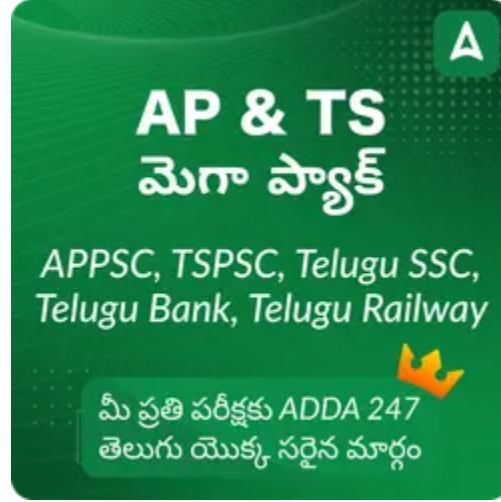
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acquisition.

- To make the process of distribution of developed plots completely transparent and unbiased, GoAP decided to adopt dynamic allocation of plots through a lottery system.



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