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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS)</b> has been nominated for the prestigious <b>Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2024</b>.</li> <li>The <b>Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)</b> programme, launched by RySS in collaboration with the <b>Department of Agriculture in 2016</b>, is the world's largest agroecology initiative, involving over a million farmers.</li> <li>Natural farming under this programme is practised across more than <b>500,000 hectares in Andhra Pradesh</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity:</b></p> <p><b>Purpose and Impact:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity, <b>established in 2020</b>, honors individuals and organizations making significant contributions to combat climate change.</li> <li>The Prize, worth <b>1 million euros</b>, acknowledges efforts that provide climate action and solutions, inspiring global hope.</li> </ul> <p><b>Selection Process:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The independent jury, chaired by former German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel, will select the 2024 winner from 181 global nominations.</li> <li><b>If APCNF wins, it will be a historic first for India.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>AP Additional Advocate General</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ivana Sambasiva Pratap</b>, a senior High Court advocate with over 40 years of experience, has been appointed as <b>Additional Advocate General (AAG) of Andhra Pradesh</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pratap hails from Tillapudi village in the West Godavari district.</li> <li>Served for the Municipalities of Andhra Region from 1996 to 2002.</li> <li>Represented numerous prominent banks, insurance companies, and public sector organizations as their Standing Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b> <b>Assisting the Advocate General (AG):</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AAG supports the Advocate General of a state or union territory in legal matters.</li> <li>• This role involves providing legal assistance and performing duties as assigned by the AG.</li> </ul> <p><b>Appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Governor of the state appoints the AAG.</li> <li>• This appointment is made based on the recommendation of the Advocate General.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Responsibilities:</b></p> <p><b>Court Appearances:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AAG represents the state government in the High Court and other judicial forums.</li> </ul> <p><b>Legal Opinions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides legal advice and opinions on various matters to the state government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Drafting Pleadings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepares and drafts legal documents and pleadings for court cases.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bhogapuram Greenfield International Airport</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bhogapuram International Airport is expected to significantly boost the economy of North Andhra.</b></li> <li>• Civil aviation minister K Rammohan Naidu inspected the Bhogapuram airport site.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The construction of the Greenfield airport was first proposed by the state government after the bifurcation of the state in <b>2014</b>.</li> <li>• Under the leadership of N Chandrababu Naidu, the former TDP government kickstarted the process of acquiring land for the airport and subsequently <b>allocated an area of 2,700 acres to GMR Group to construct the airport.</b></li> <li>• However, legal hurdles related to land acquisition prevented the project from taking off.</li> <li>• The Jagan Mohan Reddy government re-initiated the land acquisition process with a new alignment for the airport on <b>2,200 acres and finalized tenders for construction under Public-Private Partnership mode by GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Limited.</b></li> <li>• The airport is scheduled to be completed by <b>2026</b>.</li> <li>• Upon commencement, the airport is expected to handle around 50 lakh passengers annually, which is nearly double the current traffic at Vizag airport.</li> </ul> <p><b>Do you know?</b></p>



### Child Marriage in India States : Key Insights and Measures Needed

- Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh is the first greenfield airport in India.

#### Context:

- The Union government recently presented alarming statistics on child marriages in India, highlighting Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and West Bengal as states with the highest reported incidents.
- **Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, and Maharashtra also recorded significant numbers.**
- Despite efforts to prevent these marriages, prosecution of offenders remains notably low.

#### Key points:

- According to the Ministry of Women and Child Development, over the past three years, Tamil Nadu witnessed 8,966 child marriages, followed closely by Karnataka with 8,348, and West Bengal with 8,324 cases. **Telangana reported 4,440 incidents, followed by Andhra Pradesh with 3,416, and Assam with 3,316.**
- Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana also reported substantial numbers.

#### Legal and Operational Challenges:

- While many child marriages were prevented before solemnization, the **enforcement of the Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 2006 remains inadequate.**
- Few FIRs have been filed against those responsible for facilitating these marriages, despite efforts by state authorities.

#### Judicial Response and Recommendations:

- During proceedings, the **Supreme Court emphasized the importance of education, awareness campaigns, and socio-economic welfare initiatives to combat this pervasive social issue.**
- Concerns were raised about the delegation of responsibilities to district magistrates and officials, with calls for dedicated Child Marriage Prevention Officers in each state.

#### Court Verdict and Future Steps:

- The Supreme Court has **reserved its judgment and is considering directives to enhance governmental efforts at both Union and state levels.**
- The focus remains on **strengthening measures to eradicate child marriage through comprehensive legal, educational, and administrative reforms.**



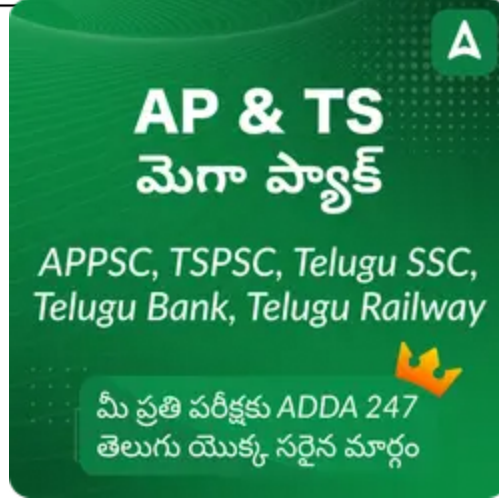
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