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<p><b>66L people to get enhanced pension of Rs 3,000 from Jan 1</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Government of Andhra Pradesh</b> has announced an increase in the monthly pension amount for over 66 lakh social pension beneficiaries.</li><li>• Starting from <b>January 1st, 2024</b>, these individuals will receive <b>Rs. 3,000</b>, a considerable hike from the previous amount of <b>Rs. 2,250</b>.</li></ul>
<p><b>Chenchu tribals get sewing machines for sustenance</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Nandyala Forest Division</b> distributed <b>20 sewing machines</b> to Chenchu tribals in the <b>Pacherla and Ahobilam</b> regions.</li><li>• It is aimed at providing the tribals with a means of self-employment and fostering a positive start to the year within the community.</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Chenchus</b> are an indigenous tribe inhabiting the <b>Nallamala forests</b> of <b>Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Odisha</b>.</li><li>• They live in harmony with their natural environment, practicing a traditional way of life deeply connected to the forest.</li><li>• Chenchus are <b>Dravidian tribes</b> with their own unique language, <b>Chenchu</b>, belonging to the <b>Telugu family</b>.</li></ul>
<p><b>Araku Coffee won ODOP Award</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Araku Coffee</b>, a unique and flavorful coffee grown in the <b>Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh</b>, has bagged the prestigious <b>One District One Product (ODOP) Award for 2023</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Araku Coffee</b> is a <b>shade-grown, organic coffee</b> variety known for its <b>rich aroma, smooth taste, and hints of honey and chocolate</b>.</li></ul>



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ODOP:

- The **One District One Product (ODOP) programme** is a Government of India initiative **launched in 2014**
- It aims to **promote the manufacturing and marketing** of one unique product from each district of the country.

National Youth Award 2024



Context:

- **Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** has selected **Bisathi Bharat of Anantapur district** for the **National Youth Award (NYA) 2024**.
- Hailing from **Kandikapula village in Singanamala constituency**, Mr. Bharat represents the zone comprising **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka**.
- He organised **125 social empowerment activities during 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'** by collecting 1,250 units of blood, honored fourteen heroes of Indian freedom struggle, provided **career guidance training to 2,800 youth** in rural pockets, in association with the **Departments of Education and Panchayat Raj**.

About:

- The **National Youth Awards** was instituted in **1979 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, Government of India
- It is **conferred annually** to individuals and voluntary organizations **servng in the arena of youth development**.

Bommalattam

Context:

- **Bommalattam, meaning "puppet dance" in Telugu**, is a vibrant and captivating folk art form from **Andhra Pradesh**,
- It involves the **rhythmic manipulation of beautifully crafted string puppets to tell stories, enact folktales, and celebrate cultural traditions**.



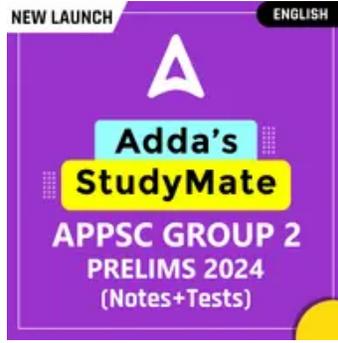
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- It is believed to have originated in the 17th century
- It is traditionally performed during festivals and special occasions and serves as a medium for entertainment, education, and the transmission of cultural values.



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