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<p>E-Mircha project</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The E-Mircha project in Andhra Pradesh aims to improve the quality and quantity of chillies using digital technology, benefiting around 67,000 chilli growers in Prakasam, Palnadu, Guntur, and Krishna districts since 2021. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh is a major chilli-producing state known for its high-quality produce, in demand globally for its rich color and pungency. Digital Green, in collaboration with the Horticulture department and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, introduced the E-Mircha project, focusing on enhancing chilli cultivation through digital technology to boost farmers' production capacity. The project established four international standard quality testing laboratories to assess parameters like moisture content, aflatoxins, pesticide residuals, foreign materials, oleo-resins percentage, capsaicin color, and capsanthin alkaloids, guiding farmers to produce export-quality yield and fetch better prices in international markets. Digital Green plans to expand the E-Mircha project to 13 other districts, extending digital technology and AI support to turmeric, groundnut, and tomato crops.
<p>Vangalapudi Anitha Becomes Youngest Minister in Naidu's Cabinet</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 40 years old, Anitha became the youngest minister in Nara Chandrababu Naidu's cabinet. She was sworn in as a minister in Gannavaram. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anitha was born in 1984 in Lingarajupalem village, S Rayavaram mandal of the erstwhile Visakhapatnam district. Following her father's path, she became a government teacher. Anitha's interest in politics led her to resign from her teaching position at 34. Her political career began at the village level in 2012, where her exceptional oratory skills garnered attention. On January 30, 2021, Anitha was appointed president of the Andhra Pradesh Telugu Mahila and became a member of the TDP's politburo, marking a significant

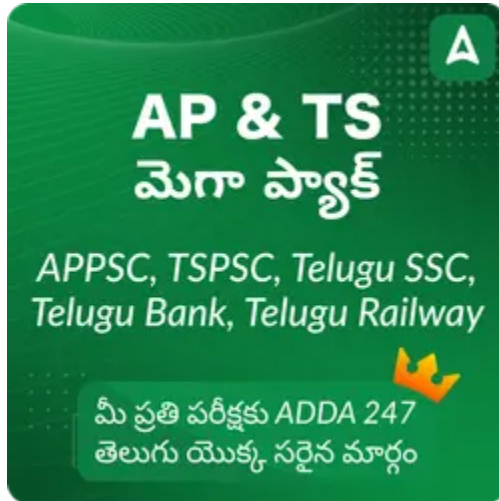


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	<p>milestone in her political career. Her journey reflects resilience and dedication to public service, solidifying her position in Andhra Pradesh politics.</p>
<p>17 new faces in AP Cabinet</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the recent Cabinet expansion in Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu introduced 17 new faces out of a total of 24 ministers, marking a significant change in the state's leadership. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among the newly appointed ministers are TG Bharath, S Savitha, and Y Satya Kumar, who have won MLA seats for the first time. • Notably, three women—S Savitha (BC), Gummadi Sandhyarani (ST), and Vangalapudi Anitha (SC)—have also been appointed as ministers. • Among the 17 new ministers, some, like Pawan Kalyan, are taking on ministerial responsibilities for the first time, while others, such as Payyavula Keshav, Gottipati Ravi Kumar, and Nimmala Ramanaidu, have previous MLA experience but have not held ministerial positions before.
<p>Anam Ramanarayana Reddy's Remarkable Political Journey</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, hailing from a professional political family, has set a rare record in Nellore district politics. • He has had a distinguished career, serving as a minister six times under four different Chief Ministers in the unified Andhra Pradesh since 1983. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reddy's political career began in 1983 when he was elected from the Nellore City constituency and served as the R&B Minister in Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao's cabinet. He continued his political success by winning the Rapuru Assembly segment in 1985. • In subsequent years, Reddy was re-elected from the Rapuru constituency in 1991 and 1999, and from the Atmakuru Assembly in 2004 and 2009. • During these terms, he held various important portfolios, including the Information & Public Relations Department (I&PR) and Finance Minister in Dr. YS Rajasekhara Reddy's cabinet. • After Dr. Reddy's death, Reddy maintained his portfolio under Konijeti Rosaiah and Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy's administrations until 2014.



- He then joined the YSRC Congress Party and won the Venkatagiri constituency in the 2019 elections. By 2024, Reddy had switched allegiances to the TDP and was elected from the Atmakuru Assembly segment, securing a ministerial position in Chandrababu Naidu's cabinet for the first time.



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