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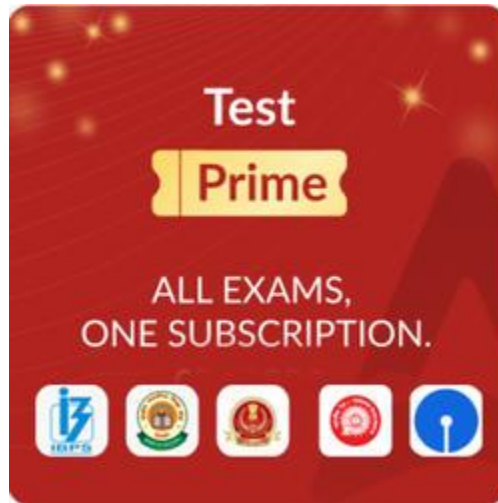
Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p>Overview of the Integrated Energy Policy and MSME Growth Initiatives</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cabinet has approved the Integrated Energy, MSME, and Food Processing policies. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IEP was developed by an expert committee to address all aspects of energy, including: energy security, access and availability, affordability and pricing, efficiency, and the environment. The IEP's vision is to provide energy that is safe, convenient, and affordable, while also being technically efficient, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable. MSME stands for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. MSMEs are businesses that produce, process, and preserve goods and commodities. Food processing policies are designed to promote the growth of the food processing sector and create a conducive environment for investment.
<p>Person in news: Nayab Singh Saini</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu will visit Haryana on Thursday for Nayab Singh Saini's oath-taking ceremony as Chief Minister. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nayab Singh Saini is an Indian politician serving as the Chief Minister of Haryana since March 2024. Previously, he was the president of the Haryana state unit of Bharatiya Janata Party from 2023. This visit is significant as it marks a collaboration between the two leaders in the wake of political developments in their respective states.
<p>Samagra Shiksha Scheme</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National ST panel has issued a notice to Samagra Shiksha. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an integrated scheme for school education covering complete pre-primary to senior secondary (up to class 12th). It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to universalize access to school education; to promote equity through the inclusion of disadvantaged groups and weaker sections, and



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to improve the quality of education across all levels of school education.
Awards & Honors: Best District (South Zone) Award	Why in news? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visakhapatnam bagged the coveted Best District (South Zone) Award at the National Water Awards for its remarkable contribution to water conservation and efficient management. Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Best District (South Zone) Award is an accolade recognizing exemplary performance and achievements in governance, development, and public service at the district level in southern India. This award evaluates districts based on various criteria, including social development, infrastructure, health, education, and community welfare initiatives. The water conservation efforts of Visakhapatnam include renovation of water bodies, restoration of over 2,000 artificial recharge structures, etc.
AP New Policies	Why in news? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh has unveiled six policies aimed at fostering economic growth, increasing exports, and creating job opportunities. Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulated for the period 2024-2029, the new policies aim to mobilize ₹30 lakh crore in investments. They are expected to create five lakh new jobs in the manufacturing sector alone over the next five years.





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