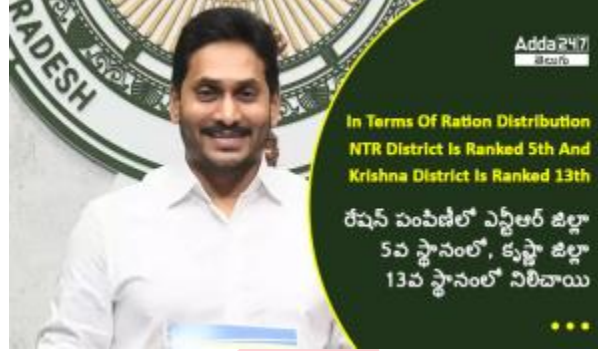


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### Andhra Pradesh State Weekly Current Affairs

#### 1. In distribution of ration, NTR district of Andhra Pradesh stood 5th and Krishna district 13<sup>th</sup>



The NTR and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh have achieved noteworthy rankings in the distribution of ration. As of July 6th, NTR district secured the 5th position

n, while Krishna district stood at the 13th position in the state.

In NTR district, there are a total of 589,229 ration cards, and the distribution process has been successfully completed for 516,893 individuals, covering an impressive 87.72% of the population. Similarly, in Krishna district, ration has been distributed to 441,775 people, accounting for 83.91% of the 526,440 ration cardholders.

However, certain areas have experienced delays in the distribution process due to the departure of MDU operators. Efforts are being made to address these concerns and ensure the efficient and timely distribution of ration across the districts.

The accomplishments of NTR and Krishna districts in ration distribution serve as an inspiring example of dedication and progress in fulfilling this essential task.

#### 2. The 'Mana Badi' program brought international recognition to education reforms in Andhra Pradesh



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The education reforms implemented by the government of Andhra Pradesh have garnered international recognition, particularly through the 'Mana Badi' (Our School) program. The Jagananna Vidyakanuka program, which provides essential items to students, and the distribution of nutritious food through gorumudda have become topics of discussion at the United Nations.

During the High-Level Political Forum held at the UN headquarters in New York, representatives from various countries attended a conference organized by the Economic and Social Council. An exhibition highlighting the welfare schemes and reforms implemented in Andhra Pradesh was also organized, drawing attention to the progress made in government schools, education standards, and girls' education. Delegates from around the world were impressed by the features of the 44,000 public schools in Andhra Pradesh, such as access to clean water, well-maintained washrooms, distribution of sanitary napkins, and digital education initiatives through English-medium instruction and the provision of educational gifts and technology. At the conference, Shakin Kumar, a member with UN Special Consultative Status, discussed the education reforms in Andhra Pradesh and emphasized the government's commitment to addressing gender discrimination and educational disparities. Representatives from Canada and California praised the significant progress made in the state's education sector.

In an exciting development, ten students from government schools in Andhra Pradesh have been selected to attend the United Nations Special Conference in the United States. These students will have the opportunity to interact with UN representatives and explain the successful programs implemented in government schools in the state.

### 3. The state of Andhra Pradesh has been recognized with the prestigious 'India Animal Health Leadership Award-2023'



The state of Andhra Pradesh has been recognized with the prestigious 'India Animal Health Leadership Award-2023' for its outstanding veterinary management. This esteemed award is part of the National Awards organized by the Agriculture Today Group to acknowledge excellence in various fields. The award will be presented

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during the India Animal Health Summit-23, scheduled to take place on July 26 in New Delhi. Andhra Pradesh has achieved significant progress in the field of veterinary medicine through innovative programs launched in the last four years. The state has established Rajanna Veterinary Centres (RBK) under the banner of Rajanna Veterinary Medicine, dedicated to providing high-quality veterinary services to dairy farmers. These centers offer a range of facilities, including readily available fodder and chaff cutters, all easily accessible at the village level.

Moreover, Andhra Pradesh has introduced two mobile animal health service vehicles that promptly reach remote villages to provide veterinary services to farmers within 20 minutes of calling emergency numbers 104 and 108. The state has taken a pioneering step by launching the country's first telemedicine call center, facilitating scientists and veterinarians to offer crucial advice and guidance to dairy farmers from remote areas. Furthermore, Andhra Pradesh has set up 154 YSR Veterinary Labs at the constituency level to improve services through timely disease diagnosis. The state has also established the country's first generic animal medicine center in Vijayawada, addressing the need for affordable branded medicines for animal husbandry. Plans are underway to set up 300 additional centers across the state following the success achieved in Andhra Pradesh. The remarkable efforts of Andhra Pradesh have served as an inspiration for other states like Punjab, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand, which are now actively working towards implementing similar initiatives such as laboratories, call centers, cow breeding centers, and veterinary ambulances in their regions. The success of the Vijayawada Centre has also led the central government to announce the establishment of Generic Animal Medicine Centers across the country.

#### 4. Araku Coffee is gaining global fame and appreciation as India's tribal coffee brand



Araku Coffee Ghumaghmalu has become a topic of discussion on the international Twitter platform and has once again gained global recognition. Former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant tweeted that Araku Coffee, the world's first copy of tribal tradition, was one of the great Indian brands, while Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra welcomed it. With this, there is once again a big debate on Araku

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coffee on the Twitter platform internationally. Notably, this excellent coffee was served to foreign delegates at the G-20 meetings held in India. Amitabh Kant praised Araku coffee for consistently achieving more than 90 marks in organic cultivation tests, cementing its position as India's premier coffee. It has not only evolved into a popular brand but has positively impacted the lives of tribal communities and contributed to their progress.

In response to Amitabh Kant's tweet, Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra praised the decision to showcase Araku coffee, which represents India's success. The success of the brand has brought a change in the lives of the tribals and has become a symbol of positive change.

#### 5. Andhra Pradesh Badminton Star Satwik Sairaj Holds Guinness World Record for Fastest Smash



Andhra Pradesh's famous badminton star Satwik Sairaj Ranki Reddy has dominated the doubles titles for the past two years. Recently, he achieved a great feat by getting a place in the prestigious 'Guinness Book of World Records'. Adding to his impressive record, Sathwik recently won the men's doubles title at the Indonesia Open with his partner Chirag Shetty.

However, in a recent test conducted by Japanese sports equipment company Yonex at their factory, Satvik smashed with rocket speed. The shuttle hit Satvik Smash at a speed of 565 kilometers per hour. This extraordinary speed displayed by Satwik's smash set a new benchmark in the world of badminton. A decade later, Malaysian shuttler Tan Boon Hiang (in 2013) reached 493 km/h. Satvik broke the fastest smash record. So Satwik Sairaj has written the record of 'Fastest Smash' in his name in the Guinness Book. Similarly, Malaysian shuttler Tan Pearly's smash record of 438 kmph in the women's category has also entered the Guinness Book of Records. Continuing his prowess, Sathwik is currently participating in the Korea Open World Tour Super-500 tournament along with his partner Chirag Shetty. They made an impressive start by winning the men's doubles first round on 18 July. Satwik and Chirag advanced to the pre-quarterfinals with a 21-16, 21-14 scoreline win over Supak Jomko-Kitinipong Keren of Thailand.

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#### 6. Andhra Pradesh has released 10 million Gambusia fish to control malaria and dengue



The Andhra Pradesh government has recently released lakhs of Gambusia fish in reservoirs to control malaria, dengue and mosquito-borne diseases. In the last 6 months, 2,339 dengue cases and 1,630 malaria cases have been reported in Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh government has released about 10 million Gambusia fishes in the water bodies of the state to control these increasing cases of malaria and dengue.

#### About Gambusia fish:

- This fish belongs to the family Posilidae and genus Gambusia.
- Fish species have high reproductive capacity for example a single female Gambushia can produce between 900 and 1200 offspring in a lifetime.
- It is also known as mosquito fish and is used as a biological agent to control mosquito larvae.
- A full-grown fish eats 100 to 300 mosquito larvae per day.
- It has been part of mosquito control strategies for over a century in various parts of the world, including India.
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature has declared Gambusia to be one of the world's 100 most invasive alien species.

#### 7. Rock art in Rudragiri hillock

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In Andhra Pradesh, a fascinating discovery awaits on the Rudragiri hillock, situated in Orvakally village, Guntur district. This ancient site amidst the Eastern Ghats holds a captivating blend of history. The hillock served as living quarters for people during the Mesolithic age, dating back to around 5000 B.C., and bears witness to luminous rock paintings from that era. At the southern end of Rudragiri, two natural caves have unveiled their artistic treasures. The murals found within these caves showcase the exquisite artwork from the renowned Kakatiya Kingdom. The first cave mesmerizes visitors with a narrative mural depicting the intense battle between the Vanara Brothers, Vali and Sugriva, with Rama providing support from behind.

The middle cave captivates onlookers with a grand sketch of Hanuman, holding the Sanjeevani Hills in his right hand, symbolizing his heroic mission to save Lakshmana's life. Sacred symbols of the conch (Sankha) and fire altars add to the mystical allure of the depiction. The third cave houses prehistoric rock paintings from the Mesolithic period, giving us a glimpse into the lives and artistry of our ancient ancestors. The Mesolithic age, also known as the Middle Stone Age, existed from 9,000 B.C. to 4,000 B.C. and marked a transitional phase between the Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages. The people of this era relied on hunting, fishing, and food gathering for sustenance, leaving behind a legacy of intriguing Microliths, small bladed stone tools. This archaeological site on Rudragiri hillock showcases a captivating blend of prehistoric rock paintings and intricate Kakatiya artwork, providing a fascinating journey through time and human creativity.

#### 8. AP has introduced mobile teacher system for ekopadhyay schools

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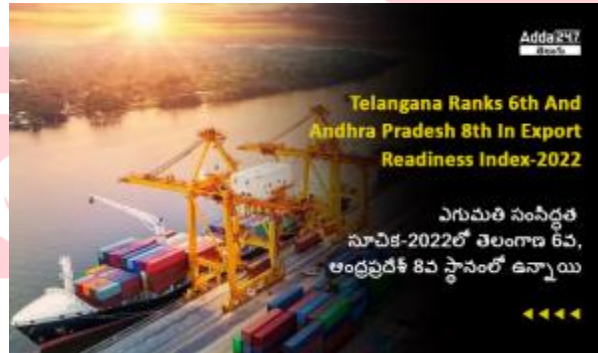


The Andhra Pradesh government has implemented a 'Cluster Reserve Mobile Teacher' (CRMT) policy to ensure continuous teaching in schools across the state. In this system, whenever teachers in the school are on leave, the cluster reserve from the resource pool is replaced by mobile teachers. An order to this effect was issued by Praveen Prakash, principal secretary, school education department.

Even if one or two teachers are on leave where there are so far, or go elsewhere on deputations, alternative arrangements have not been made, causing difficulty in teaching. To address this issue, the CRMT system was introduced.

### Telangana State Weekly Current Affairs

1. **Telangana ranks 6th and Andhra Pradesh 8th in Export Readiness Index-2022**



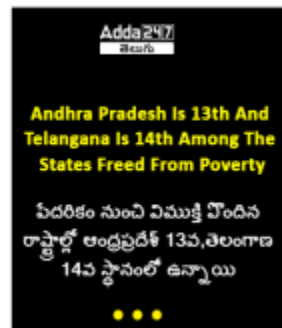
Telangana has secured the 6th position and Andhra Pradesh the 8th position in the Export Readiness Index-2022 released by NITI Aayog. Andhra Pradesh improved by one position compared to the previous year, while Telangana made significant progress, moving up from 10th to 6th place. The top five positions in the index are held by Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Haryana. Telangana scored 61.38% and Andhra Pradesh scored 59.27% in the overall assessment.

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The states were categorized into Coastal, Himalayan, and Landed States, and rankings were assigned accordingly. Andhra Pradesh, previously ranked 5th among coastal states, now holds the 8th position. On the other hand, Telangana, previously ranked 5th among landlocked states, has now secured the 2nd position.

The assessment by NITI Aayog takes into account the policies of state governments, business environment, favorable conditions for exports, and export performance. Andhra Pradesh recorded exports worth \$19 billion in the financial year 2021-22, with major export commodities including rice, drug formulations, vehicles, granite, spices, and agrochemicals. Telangana's exports reached \$10.9 billion, driven by its evolving business environment and the presence of APIs. Improving business infrastructure, expanding internet coverage, reducing electricity costs, and addressing industry-related challenges are recommended to further enhance exports in both states. Additionally, district-wise planning for agricultural exports in Telangana is expected to contribute to regional development. However, the report also highlights the need for geographically identifiable products to overcome potential disadvantages.

### 2. Andhra Pradesh is 13th and Telangana is 14th among the states freed from poverty



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In the last five years, NITI Aayog announced a significant milestone stating that 13.5 crore people in the country have been lifted out of multidimensional poverty. Suman Beri, currently Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog along with members VKPal, Arvind Veeramani and CEO BVR Subrahmanyam revealed these details in the report 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index-A Progressive Review-2023' which was launched on July 17.

To assess the situation in different states, NITI Aayog used two key metrics, education and healthcare. These estimates have been made based on the statistics of 36 states/UTs and 707 districts across the country. According to these metrics, the poverty rate declined from 24.85% to 14.96% between 2015-16 and 2019-21,



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with record declines seen in UP, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. According to the report, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are at the 13th and 14th positions among the states where most people have been freed from poverty. Proportionally, Telangana is 14th and Andhra Pradesh is 17th. During this five-year period, the report indicates that significant progress has been made in reducing poverty in both Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana, especially in their rural areas. In AP, the proportion of people freed from poverty is 5.71%, while in Telangana it is 7.30%.

Rural areas have seen significant improvement, the report revealed, with poverty falling from 32.59% to 19.28% in AP and from 15.3% to 8.7% in Telangana. It has been analyzed that this is possible due to the sector wise measures taken by the government. According to the National Family Health Survey data, in 2015-16, 11.77% of the population in AP was in poverty. However, by 2019-21, this ratio has come down significantly to 6.06%, resulting in 30.02 lakh people being lifted out of poverty in the state. Similarly, 20.76 lakh people have been freed from poverty in Telangana as poverty has reduced from 13.18% to 5.88%. According to this, Kumurambim Asifabad district of Telangana has the highest number of poor while Warangal has the least poverty.

### 3. Justice Alok Aradhe has been appointed as the Judge of Telangana High Court



Justice Alok Aaradhe has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, currently serving as a Judge of Karnataka High Court. Justice Shyam Kashi has been transferred as a Judge of Telangana High Court from Chhattisgarh High Court. The appointments were approved by the President after the Supreme Court collegium recommended the transfers of several judges. Along with these appointments, new Chief Justices were also appointed to other High Courts: Justice Shubhasis Talapatra for Odisha High Court, Justice Sunita Agarwal for Gujarat High Court, and Ashish Jitendra Desai for Kerala High Court. The President approved their appointments in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

### 4. Dassault Systems ties up with T-Works to establish Startup Center of Excellence in Telangana

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French software solutions company Dassault Systems has partnered with T-Works, Government of Telangana, to establish a startup center of excellence in Hyderabad. The agreement was signed on July 19, aiming to provide optimal solutions for startup founders facing challenges in creating prototypes for their products. The center will offer 3D designs needed by startups in various industries. Dassault Systems' 3D software has been widely adopted in the aviation and automotive sectors, with leading companies like Boeing and Mercedes-Benz using it for product design processes. The upcoming 3D Experience Center is expected to be invaluable for next-generation startups, helping them adapt products to meet market needs and tackle innovation challenges effectively.

### About Dassault

Founded in 1981, Dassault Systèmes, also known as 3Ds, specializes in offering a wide range of products including 3D designing software, digital mockup and product life cycle management. In particular, their 3D software played an important role in the aviation industry in the 90s. Four out of every ten aircraft use Dassault system software. The company's software has been widely adopted in the aviation and automotive sectors, with leading companies such as Honda, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Boeing using it for their product design processes.

### 5. Telangana is ranked 7th and Andhra Pradesh is ranked 14th in attracting foreign direct investment.



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In the last three years, Andhra Pradesh has received only 0.36% of the total foreign direct investment (FDI) that has entered the country, resulting in the state being ranked 14th in FDI attract. Telangana, on the other hand, stood at the 7th position with a share of 2.47 per cent.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the number of labourers dependent on agriculture and its allied sectors has come down by 18% in the last 27 years. In 1993-94, nearly 64.8% of workers were engaged in these sectors, but by 2020-21 this number had come down to 46.5%.

