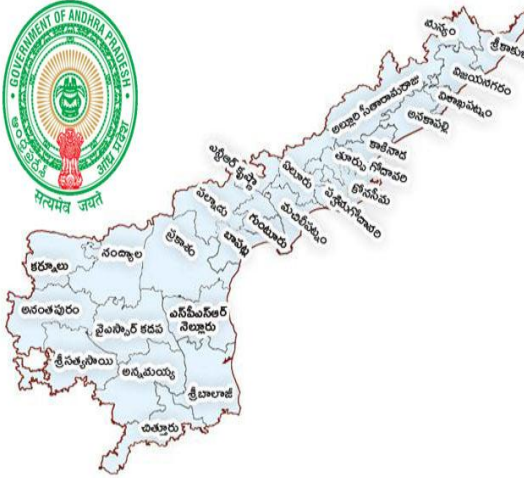




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<p>AP is the No. 1 Marine State in the country.</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The central government has declared AP as the No. 1 marine state in the country.On the occasion of World Fisheries Day, the award was presented along with a trophy and certificate <p>About World Fisheries Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">World Fisheries Day, observed annually on November 21, is a global initiative dedicated to highlighting the critical importance of healthy ocean ecosystems and ensuring sustainable stocks of fisheries worldwide. <p>Key objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Raise awarenessPromote sustainable practicesRecognize fisherfolk contributionsStrengthen international cooperation
<p>AP floats tenders to build 6 fish landing centres</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Andhra Pradesh government has floated tenders to construct six fish landing centres in different parts of the state.These centres would come up at Bheemili in Visakhapatnam district, Rajayyapeta in Anakapalli, Chintapalli in Vizianagaram, Rayadaruvu in Tirupati, Dondawaka in Anakapalli, and Uppalanka in Kakinada.
<p>AP bags Skoch Award for e-crop system</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The department of agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, bagged the Skoch Award (silver) for its initiative in promoting e-crop application for the year 2023.The award was presented to AP for its initiative in using digital Android technology for an e-crop system to identify the farmers on field and to register crops.The e-crop details are displayed in notice boards at gram sabhas.The e-crop system will help to get crop information on a single platform.



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About Skoch Award:

- The SKOCH Award is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon individuals, projects, and institutions that make substantial contributions to the betterment of society.
- Established in **2003**, the SKOCH Award is presented by the SKOCH Group, a leading think tank and knowledge management organization in India.

Objectives of the SKOCH Award:

- Recognizing and honoring outstanding achievements in governance, social inclusion, technology, and other fields.
- Promoting innovation, excellence, and positive impact in society.
- Inspiring and motivating individuals and organizations to continue their efforts towards social betterment.

National Award for Disbursement of Pensions

Context:

- Leading company **Scotch has announced the platinum award** for the ongoing pension distribution program in AP
- The social pensions program which is given on the same date every month has been recognized at the national level.
- Also, the Scotch organization **gave gold awards to women marts** in the state and **silver awards to programs for strengthening savings societies**.

Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP)

Context:

- Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) is an **autonomous society of the Department of Rural Development**, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- SERP is **implementing Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP), a statewide community-driven rural poverty reduction project** to enable the poor to improve their livelihoods and quality of life through their own organizations.
- It **aims to cover all the rural poor households** in the state with a special focus on the poorest of the poor households.



SOCIETY FOR ELIMINATION OF RURAL POVERTY
Department of Rural Development Government of Andhra Pradesh

Key features of SERP:

1. Community-driven approach
2. Focus on women's empowerment
3. Integrated approach

Major programs implemented by SERP:

1. **Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP):**



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- IKP is the flagship program of SERP, aiming to provide financial assistance to women self-help groups to enhance their livelihoods.
- 2. Amma Vodi:**
 - It provides financial assistance to mothers of school-going children to encourage school enrollment and attendance.
- 3. Cheyutha:**
 - It is a skill development program for youth, equipping them with employable skills to enhance their employment opportunities.



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