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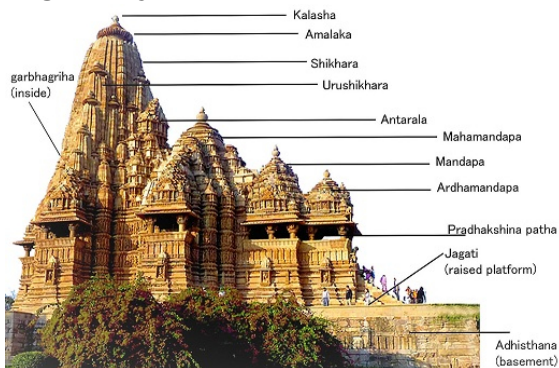
Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

AP's education skewed towards STEM

Context:

- The **Annual Status of Education Report (ASER-2023)** has once again highlighted **Andhra Pradesh's heavy lean towards STEM** (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) courses in higher education.
- **Compared to the national average of 32%, nearly 70% of the state's students are enrolled in STEM programmes.**
- This places **AP second among all 26 surveyed states** in terms of STEM enrollment, **just trailing behind Tamil Nadu.**

Ayodhya's Ram temple is being built in Nagara Style



Context:

- The **Ram temple in Ayodhya** have been **designed by Chandrakant Sompura and his son Ashish**
- The **temple design complex is in the Nagara style** of temple architecture.

About:

- The **Nagara style of temple architecture emerged some time in the fifth century CE**, during the **late Gupta period**, in northern India.
- Some important features of Nagara Style Architecture are:

Shikhara:

- The crowning glory of Nagara temples is the shikhara, a curvilinear tower that tapers upwards, symbolizing the ascent towards the divine.
- Its shape can vary depending on the sub-style, ranging from the beehive-like Rekha to the segmented Bhumija

Amalaka and Kalasha:


- Atop the shikhara sits the amalaka, a fluted disc representing the sun. It's crowned by the kalasha, a pot symbolizing prosperity and the containment of the sacred essence within the temple

Mandapa:

- The mandapa serves as a gathering space for devotees, often featuring intricately carved pillars and ceilings. It can be enclosed or open-air, depending on the temple's layout.



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	<p>Garbhagriha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The innermost sanctum of the temple, the garbhagriha houses the main deity. It's typically the most sacred space, often dimly lit and adorned with religious iconography
<p>Visakhapatnam Port Authority urges exporters of Guntur to use the facilities in Vizag</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Visakhapatnam Port Authority(VPA), in association with the AP Chamber of Commerce, organized a trade meet at Guntur with a view to attract the exporters and importers from Guntur. VPA urged the traders to use the facilities in Visakhapatnam, particularly those who are engaged in chili, textile, cotton, tobacco and other agricultural commodities As per the report, Not even five per cent of the cargo from Guntur district is loaded or exported from the VPA and entire goods are being exported through Chennai Port.
<p>15th century Telugu inscription discovered in Nallamala forest of Andhra Pradesh</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A stone inscription belonging to the time of Devaraya II, Vijayanagara king, was found in the Nallamala forest, on the outskirts of Ponnalabailu village of Yerragondapalem mandal in Prakasam district. The inscription was explored by Thurimella Srinivasa Prasad The inscription is crafted in the elegant Telugu script of the Vijayanagara period It dates back to 1436 CE.
<p>K'patnam port to shift container terminal ops</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All container terminal operations at Adani group-owned Krishnapatnam port are likely to be shifted to Tamil Nadu by the end of January. This will result in loss of employment to over 10,000 people and loss of ₹1,000 crore revenue to the State exchequer.

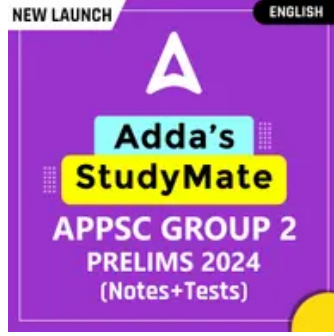


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