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<p>CAG points out lapses in the execution of Veligonda project</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Poola Subbaiah Veligonda Project (PSVGP) is aimed to provide irrigation and drinking water to drought-prone areas in Andhra Pradesh. However, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) report identified several concerns in its execution. <p>Key Lapses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Irregularities: Schedule of payments were approved with inflated values for certain works, exceeding agreed rates. Planning Deficiencies: Issues were found in the planning of tunnels, reservoir, canal network, and distributaries. For example, tunnel capacity exceeding feeder canal capacity could hinder achieving the intended irrigation area. Execution Delays: The project, initially planned for completion within five years, remains unfinished, leading to cost overruns and missed benefits.
<p>Rs 96.34 crore released for land acquisition in Ongole</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State government has released Rs 96.34 crore, bringing the total to Rs 126.34 crore, for land acquisition to provide house sites for approximately 24,000 beneficiaries of the housing scheme within Ongole city limits. The Prakasam district authorities transferred the funds directly into the bank accounts of 236 farmers, who offered 435 acres of agriculture land for the scheme in Malleswara Puram, N Agraharam, Yarajarla, and Vengamukkala Palem villages under Ongole rural mandal jurisdiction. Recently, under the State government directives, Prakasam district Collector AS Dinesh Kumar has released Rs 30 crore, totalling 126.34 crore, benefitting 236 out of 270 farmers.
<p>Centurion University to set up agriculture, nursing and pharmacy colleges</p>	<p>Context:</p> <p>Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) in Vizianagaram, Andhra</p>



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	<p>Pradesh, is taking a significant step towards expanding its educational offerings by establishing three new colleges:</p> <p>School of Smart Agriculture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimed at equipping students with knowledge and skills in advanced agricultural technologies to address contemporary challenges and opportunities. <p>School of Nursing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused on preparing competent and compassionate nurses to meet the growing demand for healthcare professionals. <p>School of Pharmacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed to provide students with a strong foundation in pharmaceutical sciences and prepare them for diverse career paths.
<p>80 lakh workers from Andhra Pradesh registered on eShram</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Rameswar Teli said that as many as 80 lakh workers from Andhra Pradesh have been registered on eShram portal up to January 31, 2024 This upsurge signifies a positive step towards enhancing social security and promoting skill development opportunities for unorganized sector workers. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The eShram portal was launched in August 2021 by the Ministry of Labour and Employment It serves as a nationwide database for informal workers across diverse sectors like construction, agriculture, street vending, and domestic work.
<p>APSSDC ties up with Thunderbird to launch global initiative</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) has partnered with Thunderbird School of Global Management (Thunderbird), Arizona State University (ASU) to launch the Najafi 100 Million Learners Global Initiative across the State.

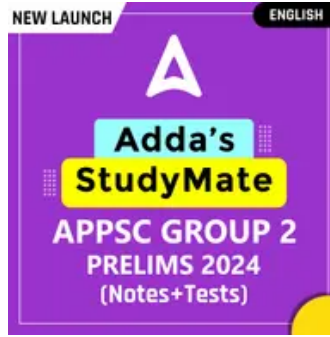


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- The initiative is powered by Thunderbird and it offers online global education in 40 different languages at absolutely no cost to learners.
- Women, mostly young, account for 70% of the 100 million learners programme.
- It will be covered by full scholarship and, thus, is at no cost to learners because of the philanthropic support undergirding the initiative.
- Thunderbird will offer three online educational programmes such as foundation, intermediate and advanced in Andhra Pradesh for personal and professional development with a special focus on entrepreneurship and innovation.



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