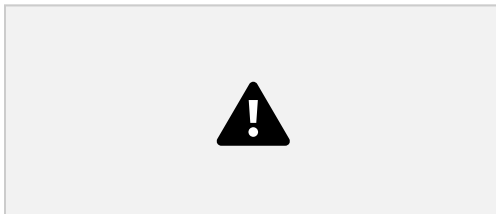




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Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

57th Commission on Population and Development



Context:

- Kunuku Hemakumari, the sarpanch of Pekeru village in West Godavari district, **has been chosen by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj** to participate in a UN event in New York.
- She will share her experiences in women's empowerment at the 57th Commission on Population and Development.

Key points:

- The event is hosted by the **Permanent Mission of India and MoPR, in collaboration with UNFPA**, under the theme '**Localising the SDGs: Women in Local Governance in India, Lead the Way.**'
- Hemakumari, along with two other women representatives from Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Tripura, will represent India at the international level.

About:

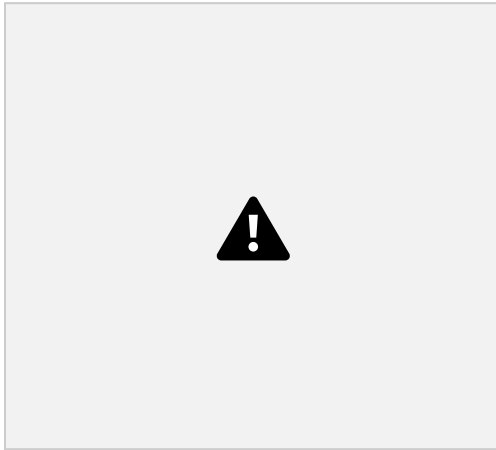
- **Background:** Thirty years have passed since the landmark International Conference on Population and Development, which prioritized human rights, including sexual and reproductive health, in sustainable development.
- **Theme:** The session's theme is "**Assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.**"
- **Significance:** This anniversary provides a critical opportunity to review progress, **discuss global changes, and celebrate successes.** However, progress has been slow and unequal, with marginalized communities often left behind.
- **Challenges:** **Climate change, pandemics, economic instability,** and inequality remain significant global threats. Maternal mortality rates, for instance, are still high, with a woman dying every two minutes due to pregnancy or childbirth.
- **Call to Action:** Greater political will and investment are needed to address social and structural barriers preventing marginalized groups from reaching their full potential.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commemorative Event: A United Nations General Assembly event will celebrate the anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development during the Commission on Population and Development's weeklong session, featuring high-level officials and interactive discussions. • Commission Composition: The Commission on Population and Development consists of 47 Member States elected by the United Nations Economic and Social Council for a four-year term, representing various geographic regions.
<p>Viksit Bharat Ambassador Campus Dialogue</p>	<p>Context: At this recent event in Visakhapatnam, Sitharaman emphasized India's economic progress under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sitharaman highlighted India's economic ascent from 10th to 5th rank since 2014 and expressed the government's objective to elevate India to the third largest economy globally. • The Finance Minister stressed the importance of sustained GDP growth, cohesive policies, visionary leadership, and corruption-free governance for economic development. • She underscored the need for stability, inclusive growth, and government accountability to cater to all sections of society. • Regarding the goals of Viksit Bharat, Sitharaman outlined a path towards achieving a 'developed India' by 2047. <p>Viksit Bharat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Viksit Bharat 2047' agenda is a vision plan by the Indian government to turn India into a developed nation by 2047, the 100th anniversary of its independence. • It focuses on economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance. • The essence of Indian development is highlighted through the Prime Minister's commitment to five vital principles, with Viksit Bharat being one of them and extremely important. • The four pillars of Viksit Bharat are Youth, Poor, Women, and Farmers. • It emphasizes that happiness should be the primary pursuit, as development lacks meaning without it. • Interestingly, while nations have developed, people are not necessarily happier.



Andhra Pradesh Demands Formation of Farmers' Commission



Context:

- Various organizations **advocating for farmers' issues are urging political parties to establish a 'farmer commission'** in the state, following Punjab's example.

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh has witnessed a **significant number of farmer suicides, with 4,564 cases reported between 2018 and 2022**, including 571 women.
- The state ranks **third in farmer suicides in the country, as per the NCRB report.**
- B Kondal Reddy, secretary of Rythu Swarajya Vedika (RSV), highlights that the **majority of farmers in the state are tenants**, yet the government has failed to recognize them, leading to over 90% of tenant farmers being denied government benefits.
- The agricultural distress is evident **in the increasing number of farmer suicides**, attributed to mounting debts, low market prices for agricultural produce, and the neglect of tenant farmers.
- Despite the state government's plan to establish cold storages in almost all villages, no progress has been made in two years.



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