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<p>Hyderabad Ceases to be Common Capital</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On June 2nd, Hyderabad officially ceased to be the common capital of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. According to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act of 2014, Hyderabad was designated as the common capital for up to ten years. However, this was more symbolic since Amaravati was declared the capital of Andhra Pradesh in 2015. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) assumed power in 2014, they decided to govern the residual state from Amaravati, even as development plans for the new capital were still being drafted. Initially, Vijayawada served as a temporary administrative center. In 2019, the YSR Congress Party (YSRC) proposed a plan for three capitals to ensure decentralized administration. This proposal faced significant resistance and legal challenges. The outcome of the upcoming Assembly elections on June 4 will determine the future capital of Andhra Pradesh.
<p>Mr. Continental World India 2024</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syed Abubakar, a 28-year-old from Railway Kodur, has brought immense pride to his native Kadapa district by winning the prestigious 'Mr. Continental World India 2024' title. The event took place in Bangkok on May 29 and saw participation from 17 countries. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mister Continental World is one of the most prestigious male beauty pageants in the world. The contest was first held in 1995 and has undergone 29 successful seasons.
<p>Southwest Monsoon Arrives in Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Southwest Monsoon has entered Andhra Pradesh earlier than usual, arriving a couple of days before the typical onset date of June 4. This early arrival has brought rain to various parts of



	<p>the Rayalaseema region.</p> <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South West Monsoon Season – June to mid-September. • South West Monsoon Season is also called as hot-wet season. • In 2023, the Southwest Monsoon was delayed, resulting in the state receiving 13% less rainfall. • However, this season is expected to be different, with the transition from El Nino to ENSO-neutral conditions imminent, and the possibility of La Nina developing between June-August or July-September.
<p>Government Launches Cancer Screening Programme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Andhra Pradesh government, in collaboration with the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Visakhapatnam, and the World Health Organisation (WHO), has launched a comprehensive cancer screening programme (CCSP). • This initiative, aimed at individuals aged 30 and above, focuses on early detection and management of breast, oral cavity (dental), and cervical cancers. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer remains one of the most formidable health challenges of our time, affecting millions of people worldwide with its myriad forms and complexities. • Recognized annually on February 4th, World Cancer Day aims to shed light on this critical issue, advocating for advances in research, prevention, and patient care. • The ongoing theme for World Cancer Day from 2022 to 2024, “Close the Care Gap: Everyone Deserves Access To Cancer Care,” focuses on the disparities in cancer care across different communities and regions. • The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, launched India’s first home-grown gene therapy for cancer at IIT Bombay on April 4, 2024. • This groundbreaking treatment, called ‘CAR-T cell therapy’, is a major breakthrough in the battle against cancer. • According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for nearly 1 in 6 deaths globally.

**Justice AV Sesha Sai****Context:**

- On June 1, 2024, the Full Court of the Andhra Pradesh High Court held a farewell ceremony for Justice AV Sesha Sai, who is set to retire on June 2.
- Justice Sesha Sai has been instrumental in resolving nearly 23,000 cases and has served in various capacities within the judiciary, including as the executive vice chairman of the State Legal Services Authority and in training bank officials.

About:

- **Justice Sesha Sai was born in Bhimavaram, West Godavari district, in 1962.**
- His judicial career began when he was appointed as an **additional judge in the High Court of undivided Andhra Pradesh.**
- In 2014, he was elevated to the position of a permanent judge.

**Bifurcation Issues Between
Telangana and Andhra Pradesh****Context:**

- On June 2, 2024, it marks a decade since Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated to form the new state of Telangana.
- Despite the passage of time, many significant issues remain unresolved, primarily due to ongoing court cases.
- These issues are outlined in the AP Reorganisation Act of 2014 (APRA-2014), which aimed to address the division of assets and institutions between the two states.
- Key unresolved matters include the establishment of a thermal power plant, a tribal university, and the sharing of river waters.
- Additionally, Telangana has not received funds under the Backward Region Grant Fund.

AP Reorganisation Act of 2014

- The AP Reorganisation Act of 2014 (APRA-2014) is comprehensive, consisting of 12 parts and 13 schedules, with 108 sections detailing the reorganisation of undivided Andhra Pradesh.

Schedule IX Institutions

- Originally, Schedule IX listed 89 institutions, which was later increased to 91 with the addition of AP Vaddera Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd and AP State Cooperative Rural Irrigation Corporation.
- An expert committee, chaired by Dr. Sheela Bhide, was set up by the then Andhra Pradesh government to recommend the bifurcation of assets and liabilities



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of these institutions. The committee also handled the division of employees.

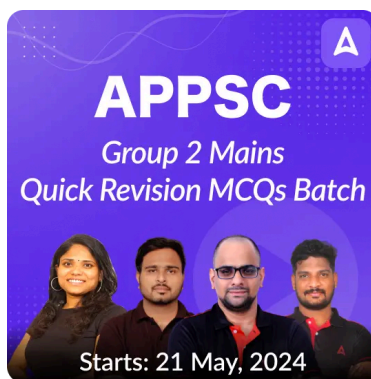
Sheela Bhide Committee's Recommendations:

- The Sheela Bhide committee made recommendations for 90 companies and corporations, excluding the Andhra Pradesh State Finance Corporation (APSFC). The demerger plan for APSFC was directly submitted to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services, on January 29, 2016.

Dispute Resolution Efforts:

- To resolve disputes between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the Ministry of Home Affairs constituted a dispute resolution committee.
- This committee held 31 meetings and suggested a phased approach to dividing Schedule IX institutions:
 - Phase One: Resolve 53 public sector units (PSUs) with no disagreements between the states.
 - Phase Two: Address 15 PSUs agreeable to Telangana but contested by Andhra Pradesh.
 - Phase Three: Tackle 22 institutions opposed by Telangana.

However, the Andhra Pradesh government insisted on settling all Schedule IX institutions simultaneously and moved to court, while Telangana preferred the headquarters definition provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Telangana argued that the Sheela Bhide committee's stance differed from theirs.



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