



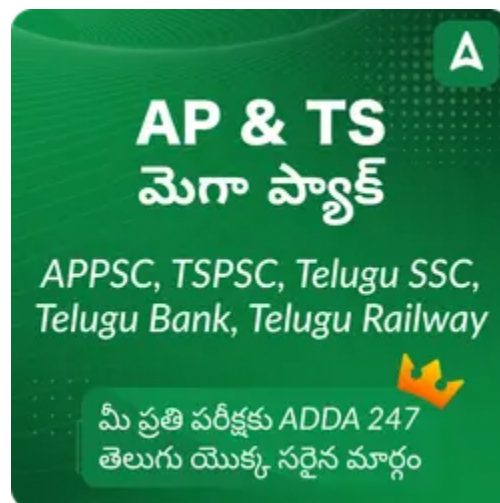
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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Andhra Pradesh Government's Ambitious Mission to Eradicate Sickle Cell Anaemia by 2047</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Andhra Pradesh Government is on a mission to eradicate sickle cell anaemia by 2047, with a focus on creating awareness, screening 7 crore people in affected tribal areas, and providing counselling through collaborative efforts of Central Ministries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCD is a genetic disorder affecting haemoglobin in red blood cells, leading to chronic anaemia, acute painful episodes, organ infarction, chronic organ damage, and a significant reduction in quality of life and life expectancy.</li> <li>J Venkata Murali, Director of the Tribal Welfare Department, noted the Central government's mission for the <b>elimination of Sickle Cell Disease by 2047</b>, involving awareness creation, universal screening of 7 crore people aged 0-40 in affected tribal areas, and counselling through collaborative efforts of Central Ministries.</li> <li>He mentioned <b>Andhra Pradesh's ambitious screening targets, aiming to screen 5,39,443 individuals for the year 2023-24</b>, with 17,141 traits and 1,579 cases of the disease already identified.</li> </ul> <p><b>Initiatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murali highlighted the <b>State's commitment to addressing the health challenge, mentioning that the government provides Rs 10,000 per month as a social security pension to SCD patients</b>, along with free lifelong medication for 943 SCD patients currently benefiting from this scheme.</li> </ul>
<p><b>YSR insurance scheme now 'Chandranna Bima Yojana'</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Minister for Labour and Insurance Medical Services, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MLA Vasamshetty Subhash announced the renaming of the YSR insurance scheme to Chandranna Bima Yojana.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The YSR Bima Scheme is designed to provide financial support to primary breadearners from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the state. Eligible beneficiaries must be between 18 and 70 years of age.</li> </ul>



	<p><b>Benefits under the YSR Bima Scheme</b></p> <p><b>Natural Death Benefit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For beneficiaries aged 18 to 50 years, a relief amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh is provided to their nominees in the event of natural death.</li><li>• This amount is directly disbursed by the Government through the GV/WV &amp; VS/WS Department.</li></ul> <p><b>Accidental Death/Permanent Disability Benefit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A relief amount of Rs. 5.00 lakh is available to beneficiaries aged 18 to 70 years in cases of accidental death or permanent disability.</li><li>• This benefit is provided through an insurance company under a suitable Group Insurance Scheme.</li><li>• The total premium for this insurance coverage is paid by the Government.</li></ul>
<p><b>"Dwaraka Tirumala Rao Appointed as Andhra Pradesh's New DGP"</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dwaraka Tirumala Rao, a 1989 batch officer, has been appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Andhra Pradesh.</li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This appointment was made by Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad, as per a Government Order issued on Wednesday night. He will assume office from the current DGP, Harish Kumar, who was appointed by the Election Commission of India during the election process.</li><li>• Currently, Tirumala Rao serves as the Commissioner of the Public Transport department. His appointment comes as a significant development in the state's administrative setup.</li></ul>





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