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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Pro-tem Speaker</b></p> <p><b>Person in News : Butchaiah</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TDP MLA Butchaiah was sworn in as <b>pro-tem speaker</b> for 16th AP Legislative Assembly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pro tem Speaker is a <b>temporary speaker</b> appointed for a limited period of time.</li> <li>He is <b>appointed by the President</b> to preside over the sittings of the newly elected house.</li> <li>The Pro-tem Speaker presides over the <b>first sitting of the Lok Sabha</b>, administers the <b>oath of office to the newly elected MPs</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Places in News : Visakhapatnam</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>marine cargo exports</b> from Visakhapatnam port ranked <b>highest</b> among all the ports in the country accounting for almost 29.7% of the total marine cargo exports of the country in the year 2023 - 2024.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visakhapatnam Port, also known as Vizag Port, is situated in Visakhapatnam city, <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>.</li> <li>It is a <b>natural harbor</b> and one of India's <b>oldest ports</b>, known for its depth and safety.</li> <li>It's the <b>second largest in the country for cargo handling</b> and consists of three harbors: inner, outer, and fishing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During Covid-19 pandemic which was fuelled by various stages of lockdown, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) generated around 25.9 crore person-days marking the highest in Andhra Pradesh's history.</li> <li>The year 2023-24, recorded around 25.5 crore person-days, ranking as second highest for Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul>



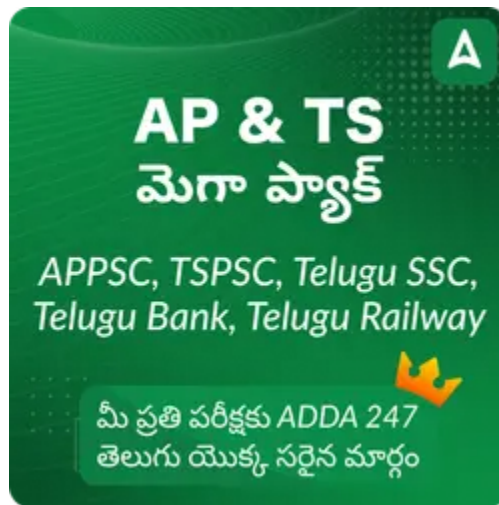
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### Key Points:

- MGNREGA is the abbreviation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 that guarantees the "**right to work**" to rural citizens of India.
- Under this, the government assures a **minimum of 100 days of unskilled manual work** to an adult member of an eligible rural household.
- The objective is to provide **employment to rural citizens** and **improve their economic conditions**.
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
  - Citizen of India
  - 18 years of age at the time of application
  - Rural Household
  - Willing to do unskilled work



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