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<p><b>APCNF Joint Winner of Gulbenkian Prize</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)</b> programme, initiated by the State government in 2016, has <b>garnered international acclaim by jointly winning the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2024.</b></li> <li>This prestigious award, <b>shared with Padma Shri Rattan Lal (USA/India) and SEKEM (Egypt),</b> recognizes APCNF's role in promoting sustainable agriculture.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led by <b>Rythu Sadhikaraka Samstha (RySS)</b>, APCNF operates across 500,000 hectares, impacting over a million predominantly female farmers.</li> <li>The programme advocates for natural farming techniques such as <b>organic residue use, minimal tillage, indigenous seed reintroduction, and crop diversification, including agroforestry.</b></li> <li>These practices have significantly boosted yields, incomes, and nutritional security from the first season while contributing to environmental conservation by sequestering soil carbon, reversing land degradation, and promoting biodiversity.</li> <li><b>APCNF's recognition underscores its pivotal role in the global movement towards regenerative agriculture,</b> validating its grassroots-driven approach that combines environmental sustainability with economic empowerment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>P-4 policy</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu unveiled the <b>P-4 policy (Public-Private-People Partnership)</b> during a virtual address at the <b>Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) conference in Visakhapatnam.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This initiative aims to tackle economic disparities by encouraging the <b>top 10% of the population to support the bottom 20% through comprehensive long, medium, and short-term plans.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Government Initiatives and Commitments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighting the state's progress, Naidu underscored reforms in the power sector and emphasized support for</li> </ul>



	<p>industries such as automobiles, hardware manufacturing, and green energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He assured stakeholders of robust government backing from both the Central and State levels to foster industrial growth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education and Skill Development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasizing the importance of a knowledge economy, Naidu invited the <b>CII to establish a new university campus in Amaravati, offering land support.</b></li> <li>• This initiative aims to <b>enhance educational infrastructure and prepare youth for global employment opportunities through skill development initiatives.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sectoral Focus and Economic Strategies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CII conference also focused on <b>supporting agriculture, promoting aquaculture, horticulture, and leveraging the state's extensive coastline for economic development.</b></li> <li>• Naidu stressed the importance of public policies and welfare measures aimed at achieving a <b>poverty-free society, urging active participation in the P-4 process to realize these goals.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Plan for Road Construction in Andhra Villages</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Andhra Pradesh government under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan plans to <b>construct 7,213 km of roads in rural areas with an allocated budget of Rs 4,976 crore.</b></li> <li>• This initiative aims to bolster the <b>state's rural infrastructure, crucial for overall development.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <p><b>Government Initiative and Funding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project, initiated in collaboration with the <b>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</b>, focuses on improving road connectivity to villages with populations exceeding <b>250.</b></li> <li>• Since its launch in <b>2018-19</b>, the project has been pivotal in enhancing accessibility and connectivity in rural Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Financial Arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To expedite road construction, the <b>state government and AIIB have structured financing where the government provides a matching grant of Rs 75 crore monthly, supplemented by Rs 125 crore from the bank.</b></li> </ul>



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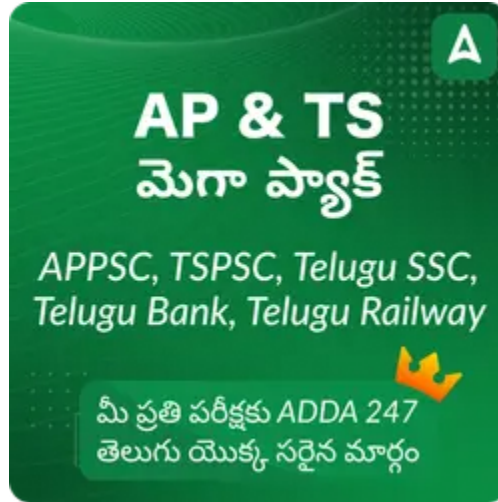


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- This financial arrangement allows for sustained progress in road development.

**Implementation Strategy:**

- During a recent review meeting, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan emphasized the need for detailed estimates and efficient project management.
- Officials were instructed to create a **dedicated online portal for the AP Rural Road Project**, facilitating transparent progress tracking and public engagement.
- The government aims to **streamline project execution and has proposed reducing the required matching grant to further accelerate construction.**
- By focusing on rural road infrastructure, the Andhra Pradesh government **aims to stimulate economic growth, improve access to services, and enhance the overall quality of life in rural communities.**



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