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Rs 2,047 crore rail line project for Amaravati

Context:

- A new railway line to Amaravati costing **Rs 2,047 crore** has received **clearance from NITI Aayog**, revealed Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Key Points:

- This **56-km** railway line will be laid across **River Krishna from Vijayawada to Nambur in Amravati.**
- Minister Ashiwn also affirmed that the **total budgetary allocation** for railways is a staggering **Rs 9,151 crore for the year 2024-25**

About:

- **NITI Aayog** is the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India, established in **2015.**
- It **replaced the Planning Commission.**
- **NITI** stands for '**National Institution for Transforming India**'.

Key functions of NITI Aayog:

- Develops national development agenda
- Provides strategic and technical advice to the Centre and States
- Fosters cooperative federalism
- Evaluates and monitors public schemes
- Suggests policies and programmes for better outcomes

Andhra Pradesh govt. undoes name change of NTRUHS to YSRUHS

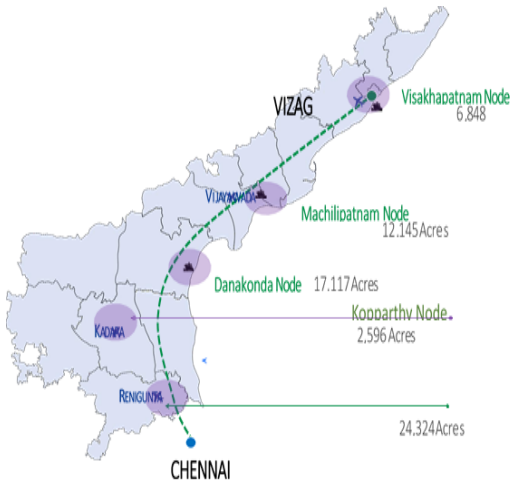


Context:

- The AP government has recently **reversed its decision to rename Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences (NTRUHS) to Dr. YSR University of Health Sciences (YSRUHS).**
- The university was **originally named after the legendary actor and former Chief Minister, N.T. Rama Rao.**
- In **2022**, the state government had **changed the name to honor former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy.**
- However, due to various reasons, including public opinion and political considerations, the government has decided to restore the original name.



### Vizag–Chennai industrial corridor set to be accelerated



### Context:

- The **Union Budget 2024-25** has set the stage for the **rapid development of the Visakhapatnam–Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC)**.
- The plan to **establish industrial parks with an investment of Rs 5,604 crore**, to be executed in two phases.
- It received approval from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB) in September 2016**.
- This ambitious project aims to **transform the eastern coast into a manufacturing and export powerhouse**.
- The **VCIC, which spans nine coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh**, received significant backing from the **TDP government during its 2014-19 tenure**. Initially, **four nodes were proposed, but the focus was narrowed down to two: one in Visakhapatnam (Vizag) and the other in Srikalahasti**.

### Key points:

- **Strategic location:** The corridor, spanning over 800 km, connects the ports of Visakhapatnam and Chennai, providing easy access to international markets.
- **Economic growth:** VCIC is expected to drive economic growth, create jobs, and improve the overall standard of living in the region.
- **Infrastructure development:** The project involves massive investments in transportation, logistics, and industrial infrastructure to facilitate smooth operations.
- **Global integration:** VCIC aligns with India's 'Act East' policy, aiming to strengthen economic ties with Southeast Asian countries

### Govt introduces Land Titling Repeal Bill in Assembly



### Context:

- Andhra Pradesh has taken a significant step towards addressing land-related concerns with the **introduction of the Land Titling Repeal Bill** in the state assembly.
- This bill aims to **overturn the controversial Land Titling Act**, which was previously implemented with the intention of reducing land disputes.
- However, the Act has been met with widespread criticism for creating new legal complexities and impacting the rights of landowners.



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- The government's decision to repeal this legislation is seen as a response to public pressure and a move to restore clarity and security to land ownership.



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