
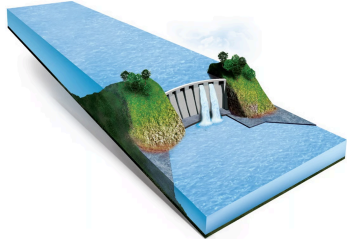




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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>Schemes in news: Unified Pension Scheme</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, the government introduced the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), effectively reversing a <b>21-year-old reform of India's civil services pension system</b> initiated by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) was introduced by the government on August 24, 2024, <b>replacing the 21-year-old National Pension System (NPS)</b> with a structure closely resembling the <b>Old Pension Scheme (OPS)</b>.</li> <li><b>The scheme is contributory, requiring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Employees</b> contribute <b>10% of their salary</b>.</li> <li><b>The government</b> is to contribute <b>18.5% of the salary</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Key Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guaranteed pension</li> <li>Dearness relief</li> <li>Family pension</li> <li>Superannuation payout</li> <li>Minimum pension</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh IT and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh said that the state government thinks the focus has shifted from making business easier (EODB) to making it faster (SODB).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) index</b> measures the regulatory environment in economies and its impact on business operations, <b>reflecting the level of ease or difficulty in starting and operating a business</b>.</li> <li>The <b>World Bank Group</b> releases the Ease of Doing Business Report every year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vedavathi Lift Irrigation Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experts have urged the CM to prioritize Completion of <b>Vedavathi Lift Irrigation Scheme</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vedavathi scheme of <b>80 metre lift on the Vedavathi River at Gulyam village</b> was first envisaged in December 2011 <b>to combat drought in Kurnool</b>.</li> <li>This project will become a <b>lifeline of the western parts of</b></li> </ul>



Kurnool district and stabilize the **Low-Level Canal (LLC)** and **High-Level Canal (HLC)** tail-end reaches, besides creating a new ayacut of 80,000 acres.

**Discuss:**

- Learn about Vedavati River

### Mangroves



**Why in news?**

- In collaboration with the TREE Foundation and local fishing communities, the Forest Department has been leading initiatives to restore and conserve mangrove ecosystems.
- They have launched a community-driven mangrove restoration programme titled, **Mangrove Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration (MECR)** in 2022.

**Key Points:**

- **Mangroves** are a unique type of coastal ecosystem found in **tropical and subtropical regions**.
- They are **dense forests of salt-tolerant trees and shrubs** that thrive in intertidal zones, where land meets the sea.
- These ecosystems are characterized by their ability to **withstand harsh conditions, such as saline water, tidal fluctuations, and muddy, oxygen-poor soils**.
- The MECR programme aims to **protect biodiversity, support sustainable livelihoods, and restore degraded coastal landscapes** while also mitigating climate change.

### Viksit Bharat @2047

**Why in news?**

- Decentralised Planning and implementation, promoting, dispelling misconceptions about government welfare schemes were discussed as the most important factors in achieving Viksit Bharat@2047.

**Key Points:**

- The campaign aims to address **various socio-economic challenges** through a holistic approach, focusing on **infrastructure, education, healthcare, technology, and sustainable development**.
- It strives for inclusive growth.
- It ensures **every citizen has access to basic necessities and opportunities** for advancement.
- Through collaborative efforts between government, private sector, and civil society, Viksit Bharat Abhiyan@2047 seeks to transform India into a global powerhouse.



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