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**Andhra Pradesh State Regional News**

<p><b>National Health Mission (NHM)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh Minister for Health and Family Welfare Satya Kumar Yadav has requested the Union Government to allocate an additional ₹259 crore to the State under the National Health Mission (NHM) and other schemes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHM was launched by the <b>government of India in 2013</b> <b>subsuming the National Rural Health Mission (Launched in 2005) and the National Urban Health Mission (Launched in 2013).</b></li> <li>The main programmatic components include <b>Health System Strengthening in rural and urban areas for - Reproductive-Maternal- Neonatal-Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A), and Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases.</b></li> <li>The NHM envisages achievement of <b>universal access to equitable, affordable &amp; quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>NTR Vaidya Seva scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitals empanelled under the NTR Vaidya Seva scheme have threatened to suspend medical services from April 7 unless the State government clears pending dues of ₹3,500 crore.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Dr. Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao Vaidya Seva scheme is a health insurance program in Andhra Pradesh that <b>provides financial assistance to the poor.</b></li> <li>The scheme provides up to <b>₹25 lakhs in coverage per family per year.</b></li> <li><b>Eligibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPL families identified by the Civil Supplies Department are eligible.</li> <li>People with a photo and name on a BPL ration card and suffering from certain diseases are also eligible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The scheme offers <b>free medical tests in government hospitals, free follow-up medicines for 138 procedures, and a postoperative sustenance allowance.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Species in news: Water hyacinth</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The West Godavari district administration has launched a water</li> </ul>



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hyacinth composting project, the first of its kind in the state, to address environmental concerns while promoting sustainable agriculture.

- The project, involving women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs), transforms the invasive aquatic weed into nutrient-rich organic fertiliser, creating both ecological and economic benefits.

**Key Points:**

- It is a **perennial, free-floating aquatic plant native to tropical regions of South America, and now present on all continents except Antarctica.**
- This plant rapidly **increases biomass and forms dense mats in lakes, dams and irrigation channels and chokes them.**
- This is **not an indigenous species but was introduced to India during the British colonial rule as an ornamental aquatic plant from South America.** The plant produces beautiful purple flowers that have high aesthetic value.
  - It is **rich in fibrous stems that can be processed into a wide array of handbags, interior decorative material, table mats, baskets and other products.**
- **Significance**
  - The plant has been used as a biofertilizer in some organic agriculture practices.
  - It has been reported that this plant is a good phytoremediation species, suggesting it has the ability to trap and remove toxic metabolites and harmful heavy metals from water.

**Compressed Biogas (CBG)****Why in news?**

- Anant Ambani, Director of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), along with Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh, will inaugurate the foundation stone for a compressed biogas (CBG) project at Diwakarapuram village in P.C. Palli mandal, Prakasam district.

**Key Points:**

- Compressed Biogas (CBG) means the **mixture of hydrocarbon gasses and vapors consisting mainly of Methane in gaseous form, which has been produced by the decomposition of animal and plant waste**, purified and compressed for use as an automotive fuel and industrial application.
- Biogas can be compressed after removal of carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide, the same way as natural gas is compressed to CNG, and used to power motor vehicles.
- Its **solid by-products can be used as bio-manure.**

**National Education Policy (NEP) 2020****Why in news?**

- Krishna University Vice Chancellor K. Ramji said that the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) enables students to acquire multiple skills over time.

**Key Points:**



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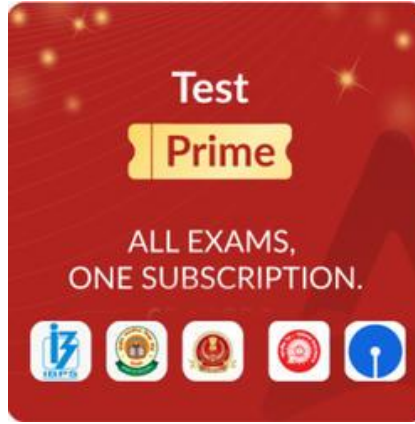
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- The new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is the first education policy of the 21st century in India, which replaces the previous **National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986**.
- The Ministry of Education formed a committee under **Dr. K Kasturirangan**, which outlined this new policy.
- The National Education Policy 2020 proposes various reforms in school and higher education, including technical education, that are suited to 21st-century needs.
- **5 foundational pillars of NEP 2020:** Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability.



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