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Amaravati Gets Statutory Status as Capital of Andhra Pradesh

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Amaravati has been granted statutory status as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh after the enactment of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Act, 2026.

Key Highlights

The law came into effect after assent by Droupadi Murmu.

Parliament passed the Amendment Bill in April 2026.

A Gazette notification officially declared Amaravati as the sole and permanent capital.

The law has retrospective effect from June 2, 2024.

It amends the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

Key Provisions of the Amendment

Section 5(2) of the 2014 Act modified to state:

“Amaravati shall be the capital.”

Ends the earlier ambiguity over capital location.

Provides legal and permanent status, preventing frequent policy changes.

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Rejects the earlier three-capital proposal (Executive–Visakhapatnam, Judicial–Kurnool, Legislative–Amaravati).

Background

After the Andhra Pradesh bifurcation 2014,

Hyderabad served as joint capital for 10 years.

The 10-year period ended on June 2, 2024, necessitating a permanent capital.

Amaravati was originally planned as a greenfield capital city in 2015.

About Amaravati

Located on the banks of the Krishna River.

Planned as a smart, sustainable greenfield city.

Developed under: