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Parliament Passes Bill Declaring Amaravati as Permanent Capital of Andhra Pradesh

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The Indian Parliament has passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, granting statutory status to Amaravati as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh.

Key Highlights

The Bill was passed by both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

It amends the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

Amaravati is now officially recognised as the only capital of Andhra Pradesh.

The move provides legal clarity and ends long-standing uncertainty over the capital issue.

The Bill follows a resolution passed by the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly (March 2026).

Objective of the Bill

To provide constitutional/legal backing to Amaravati as capital

To ensure administrative stability and clarity

To boost investor confidence and infrastructure development

To resolve disputes arising after the 2014 bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh

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Background

Under the 2014 Act, Hyderabad served as a temporary joint capital for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for up to 10 years.

After bifurcation, Andhra Pradesh faced absence of a permanent capital and financial challenges.

A three-capital model (Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, Kurnool) was proposed earlier but is now effectively discontinued.

Amaravati:

Located on the banks of the Krishna River

Planned as a greenfield capital city

Developed under the Land Pooling Scheme (LPS) involving thousands of farmers

Around 30,000+ farmers contributed land for capital development