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# AP High Court Dismisses Three-Capital Petitions as Amaravati Declared Sole Capital

The Andhra Pradesh High Court declared over 120 petitions against the three-capitals proposal infructuous following Parliament's amendment to the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.

It is a judicial determination resolving pending petitions against the three-capital plan after Parliament statutorily designated Amaravati as Andhra Pradesh's capital.

## KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **AP High Court** Bench headed by **Chief Justice Lisa Gill** declared over **120 petitions** infructuous.
- The petitions had challenged the previous state government's proposal to establish **three separate capitals** across **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Parliament** enacted an amendment to the **AP Reorganisation Act, 2014**, establishing **Amaravati** as the sole statutory capital.
- The **High Court** posted the remaining procedural cases to **November 20, 2026**.
- The **Supreme Court** is scheduled to hear appeals regarding the 2022 Amaravati judgment on **November 29, 2026**.

## DID YOU KNOW..!?

**Article 3** of the Indian Constitution empowers **Parliament** to form new States and alter boundaries or names of existing States.

The **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act** was enacted in **2014** to bifurcate the unified state into Andhra Pradesh and **Telangana**.

Under **Section 5** of the AP Reorganisation Act 2014, **Hyderabad** served as the common capital for both states for a maximum of **10 years**.

**Article 214** provides for High Courts in States, while **Article 226** empowers High Courts to issue constitutional writs.

The permanent seat of the Andhra Pradesh High Court is located at **Nelapadu** in the **Amaravati** capital region.

Parliament holds supreme legislative authority over state reorganization under **Article 3** and **Schedule 1** of the Constitution.

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*Amaravati established as AP's sole statutory capital by Parliament amending the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.*

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 5 questions on Article 3, AP Reorganisation Act 2014, and High Court writ jurisdiction under Article 226.

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