

AP History — Social & Cultural History of Andhra Pradesh

Group 2 Mains · Paper I · Section A · 75 marks — the official syllabus, then our reframed 5-Parvam segregation into **20 chapters + 5 theme notes**.

How to read this

Paper → Section → Parvam → Chapter → its sub-topics

పర్వం a book of a great story — a friendly signpost; read the English name, skip the rest

sub-topic what sits inside a chapter — your actual study units

Ch 14

just a label tying a chapter to the official syllabus line — ignore if new

Woven

AP

Woven = India+AP taught together; AP = Andhra-specific

✓ Every chapter here is placed by hand against the official syllabus — nothing auto-sorted, nothing dropped.

How to use this to study — the method

1. **Read the chapters in order** — Ch 1 onward is built to take a complete beginner from the ground up.
2. **Learn a chapter, then its sub-topics** — the chips are your checklist; cover every one.
3. **Write ONE answer cold** after each chapter — the only proof you've actually learnt it.
4. **Plan in days, write the date** — the **Days** column is a suggested pace (heavier chapters get more). Write the date you **Studied** a chapter, then revise it after **+7 days (R1)**, **+30 days (R2)** and in the **final run-up (R3)** — write the actual date in each box. Circle **Weak/OK/Strong** so revision hits the shaky chapters first.

The official syllabus — word for word

Paper I · Section A · Social & Cultural History of AP (75M) · reproduced exactly from APPSC Notification 11/2023.

1. **Pre-Historic Cultures** – The Satavahanas, The Ikshvakus: Socio-Economic and Religious Conditions, Literature, Art and Architecture – The Vishnukundins, The Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi, Andhra Cholas: Society, Religion, Telugu Language, Art and Architecture.
2. **Major and minor dynasties** that ruled Andhradesa between 11th and 16th centuries A.D. – Socio-Religious and Economic Conditions, Growth of Telugu Language and Literature, Art and Architecture.
3. **Advent of Europeans** – Trade centres – Andhra under the Company – 1857 Revolt – British Rule – Socio-Cultural Awakening, Justice Party – Nationalist Movement 1885–1947 – Socialists, Communists, Anti-Zamindari and Kisan Movements – Nationalist Poetry, Revolutionary Literature, Nataka Samasthalu, Women Participation.
4. **Origin and Growth of Andhra Movement** – Andhra Mahasabhas – Prominent Leaders – Formation of Andhra State 1953 – Press and Newspapers – Library Movement, Folk and Tribal Culture.
5. **Formation of Andhra Pradesh State** – Visalandhra Mahasabha – States Reorganization Commission – Gentlemen Agreement – Important Social and Cultural Events 1956 to 2014.

How we divide it

5 Parvams + Themes · 20 chapters + 5 themes

History is a 3,500-year **story**, so we tell it in **పర్వాలు (Parvams)** — the big books of one great story, the way the Mahabharata is told in parvas. Five Parvams run ancient → 2014, one age each; then 5 **Theme notes** gather the threads that run through all of them — language, art, religion, women, and the making of the state.

PARVAM	ENGLISH	THREE-WORD TAG	OFFICIAL	CH
ఆవిర్భావపర్వం	Genesis	రాయి · శాసనం · భాష	Unit 1	5
విజయపర్వం	The Age of Sovereignty	కిరీటం · కోట · గోపురం	Unit 2	4
పరపాలనపర్వం	Under Foreign Rule	ఓడ · పన్ను · గాయం	Unit 3	2
ఆంధ్రోద్యమపర్వం	The Andhra Awakening	పత్రిక · గొంతు · ఉద్యమం	Units 3–4	5
రాష్ట్రపర్వం	Statehood & Division	కలయిక · కలత · విభజన	Units 4–5	4
ఇతివృత్తాలు	Theme Notes	భాష · కళ · సమాజం	All units	5

PYQ analysis — what the examiner actually asks

156 past Group 2 Mains MCQs (cycles 2016 & 2023) map to these chapters. ★ marks the high-yield chapters — study these first.

Hottest: Theme 3 Religion & Society in Andhra (19); Ch 2 The Satavahanas (15); Ch 15 Andhra in the Freedom Struggle: Alluri Sitarama Raju, Duggirala (14); Ch 5 Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi & the Birth of Telugu (12); Theme 1 Telugu Language & Literature (11).

Cold (0 PYQ, but still in syllabus — don't skip): none.

Study & spaced-revision tracker — 20 chapters + 5 theme notes

Every chapter, in order. **Qs** = times asked (2016+2023); ★ = high-yield. **Days** is a suggested pace. Write the **date** you study a chapter and each revision date; circle **W/O/S** for confidence.

CHAPTER	QS	DAYS	STUDIED DATE	WROTE DATE	R1 +7 DAYS	R2 +30 DAYS	R3 FINAL	CONFIDENCE
ఆవిర్భావపర్వం · Genesis								
Ch 1 — Foundations	4	2						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 2 — The Satavahanas	15	3						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 3 — Buddhist Andhra: Ikshvakus, Amaravati & Nagarjunakonda	9	3						W · 0 · S
Ch 4 — Successor Kingdoms: Salankayanas, Vishnukundins & Renati Cholas	2	2						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 5 — Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi & the Birth of Telugu	12	3						W · 0 · S
విజయపర్వం · The Age of Sovereignty								
Ch 6 — The Kakatiyas	6	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 7 — Reddis, Velamas & the Musunuri Restoration	2	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 8 — Vijayanagara	6	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 9 — The Qutb Shahis & Golconda	2	2						W · 0 · S
పరపాలనపర్వం · Under Foreign Rule								
Ch 10 — Coming of the Europeans & the Trade Settlements	4	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 11 — Andhra under the Company & the Crown	7	2						W · 0 · S
ఆంధ్రోద్యమపర్వం · The Andhra Awakening								
Ch 12 — The Awakening of Andhra: Social & Religious Reform	4	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 13 — Modern Telugu Literature	5	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 14 — Andhra in Madras Politics: Justice Party & Non-Brahmin Movement	1	2						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 15 — Andhra in the Freedom Struggle: Alluri Sitarama Raju, Duggirala	14	3						W · 0 · S
Ch 16 — The Andhra Movement for a Separate Province	8	2						W · 0 · S
రాష్ట్రపర్వం · Statehood & Division								
Ch 17 — Hyderabad State & Telangana Integration	3	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 18 — Formation of Andhra State, 1953: Potti Sriramulu, Prakasam	5	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 19 — Emergence of Andhra Pradesh: Visalandhra to 1956	3	2						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 20 — Reorganization & Bifurcation: 1956 to the 2014 Act	9	3						W · 0 · S
ఇతివృత్తాలు · Theme Notes								
★ Theme 1 — Telugu Language & Literature	11	3						W · 0 · S
Theme 2 — Art, Architecture & Monuments	3	2						W · 0 · S
★ Theme 3 — Religion & Society in Andhra	19	3						W · 0 · S
Theme 4 — Women in Andhra History	1	2						W · 0 · S
Theme 5 — The Making of Andhra Pradesh	1	2						W · 0 · S
TOTAL — 20 chapters + 5 theme notes		57	suggested study days — add a final revision run-up. Fill your own dates above.					

Every chapter, opened into its sub-topics

ఆవిర్భావపర్వం · Genesis రాయి · శాసనం · భాష

Ancient Andhra · prehistory–1100 CE · Unit 1

Ch 1 Foundations Unit 1 4 Qs

Deccan geography Palaeolithic → Neolithic Mesolithic microliths Utnoor ash mounds Chalcolithic · Black-and-Red Ware Megalithic burials
Origins of the Andhras · Trilinga Megasthenes & Ashoka's edicts

Ch 2 ★ The Satavahanas Unit 1 15 Qs

Srimukha & founding Dating controversy Satakarni I & Ashvamedha Gautamiputra Satakarni Gautami Balasri inscription
Prakrit administration Maritime trade & Roman coins Hala & Gatha Saptasati Amaravati art Decline

Ch 3 ★ **Buddhist Andhra: Ikshvakus, Amaravati & Nagarjunakonda** Unit 1 9 Qs

Ikshvakus of Vijayapuri Royal women as patrons Nagarjunakonda complex Amaravati & Krishna-valley stupas Mahayana & Nagarjuna
Theravada / Mahasanghika split Trade routes to Sri Lanka & SE Asia Decline

Ch 4 **Successor Kingdoms: Salankayanas, Vishnukundins & Renati Cholas** Unit 1 2 Qs

Salankayanas of Vengi Vishnukundins & Madhavavarma Undavalli & Mogalrajapuram caves Shift to Sanskrit Renati Cholas
Earliest Telugu inscription (Kalamalla, 575 CE) Andhra Cholas of coastal Andhra Post-Satavahana fragmentation

Ch 5 ★ **Eastern Chalukyas of Vengi & the Birth of Telugu** Unit 1 12 Qs

Kubja Vishnuvardhana Rashtrakuta wars Gunaga Vijayaditya III Chalukya-Chola alliance & Rajaraja Narendra Socio-religious restructuring
Nannaya & the Andhra Mahabharatamu Origin of Telugu language & script 108 Saiva temples

విజయపర్వం · The Age of Sovereignty కిరీటం · కోట · గోపురం

Medieval Andhra · 11th–17th c. · Unit 2

Ch 6 **The Kakatiyas** Unit 2 6 Qs

Prola II to Ganapatideva Rudramadevi Prataparudra & the end, 1323 Nayankara land-service system Tanks (Pakala, Ramappa-cheruvu)
Ramappa & Thousand-Pillar temples Warangal fort & Kala Thoranam Motupalli pearl trade

Ch 7 **Reddis, Velamas & the Musunuri Restoration** Unit 2 2 Qs

Musunuri Prolaya & Kapaya Nayaka Vilasa grant Reddi kingdoms of Kondaveedu & Rajahmundry Srinatha at the Reddi court
Velama Nayakas (Rachakonda-Devarakonda) Battle of Kandukuru Telugu reassertion between empires

Ch 8 **Vijayanagara** Unit 2 6 Qs

Four dynasties (Sangama → Aravidu) Harihara & Bukka, Vidyaranya Krishnadevaraya & Amuktamalyada Amaranayaka & Ayagar systems
Foreign travellers (Razzaq, Paes, Nuniz) Battle of Talikota, 1565 Hampi, Lepakshi, Tadipatri

Ch 9 **The Qutb Shahis & Golconda** Unit 2 2 Qs

Sultan Quli & the Golconda Sultanate, 1518 Muhammad Quli & the founding of Hyderabad, 1591 Charminar Patronage of Telugu language & culture
Golconda diamonds & Masulipatnam trade Fall to Aurangzeb, 1687

పరపాలనపర్వం · Under Foreign Rule ఓడ · పన్ను · గాయం

colonial Andhra · 1500s–1858 · Unit 3

Ch 10 **Coming of the Europeans & the Trade Settlements** Unit 3 4 Qs

Andhra chintz & calico trade Portuguese, then Dutch (Pulicat) English at Masulipatnam · Golden Farman 1634 French (Yanam, Pondicherry)
Getting Madras · Fort St George 1640 Anglo-Dutch rivalry The weaving towns & Circar economy

Ch 11 **Andhra under the Company & the Crown** Unit 3 7 Qs

Northern Circars & Ceded Districts Poligar & zamindar resistance · Uyyalawada 1846 Zamindari vs Ryotwari revenue
Famines vs Arthur Cotton's anicuts 1857 & the Hyderabad Residency attack Decline of handicrafts 1858 transfer to the Crown

ఆంధ్రోద్యమపర్వం · The Andhra Awakening పత్రిక · గొంతు · ఉద్యమం

reform & nationalism · 1858–1953 · Units 3–4

Ch 12 **The Awakening of Andhra: Social & Religious Reform** Unit 3 4 Qs

Western education, press & missionaries Kandukuri Veeresalingam Widow remarriage & girls' schooling Anti-nautch / Devadasi reform
Brahmo / Prarthana / Theosophy Early Telugu journalism First political stirrings (Vande Mataram)

Ch 13 **Modern Telugu Literature** Unit 3 5 Qs

Vyavaharika vs grandhika debate Gurajada & Kanyasulkam Gidugu Ramamurthy Bhavakavita (Rayaprolu) Viswanatha & the Jnanpith
Sri Sri & revolutionary poetry Dalit & progressive writing

Ch 14 **Andhra in Madras Politics: Justice Party & Non-Brahmin Movement** Unit 3 1 Qs

South Indian Liberal Federation, 1916 'Justice' daily · Tyagaraja Chetti, T.M. Nair 1920 dyarchy ministry Non-Brahmin & Telugu-Tamil rivalry
Andhra University, 1926 Sri Bagh Pact, 1937

Ch 15 ★ **Andhra in the Freedom Struggle: Alluri Sitarama Raju, Duggirala** Unit 3 14 Qs

Vande Mataram → mass politics Duggirala & Chirala-Perala Palnadu forest satyagraha Alluri Sitarama Raju & the Rampa rebellion
Prakasam 'Andhra Kesari' & Simon boycott Salt Satyagraha & women Anti-zamindari & kisan movements Quit India

Ch 16 The Andhra Movement for a Separate Province Unit 4 8 Qs

Pre-political grievances of Telugu districts First Andhra Mahasabha, Bapatla 1913 The four resolutions Andhra Mahasabhas & prominent leaders
Congress linguistic support Radical-moderate split

రాష్ట్రపర్వం • Statehood & Division కలయిక • కలత • విభజన
1948–2014 • Units 4–5

Ch 17 Hyderabad State & Telangana Integration Unit 4 3 Qs

Nizam's state & the Razakars Telangana Armed Struggle (Sundarayya) Gram rajyams Operation Polo, 1948 Land questions
Integration into the Union Mulki rules

Ch 18 Formation of Andhra State, 1953: Potti Sriramulu, Prakasam Unit 4 5 Qs

Forty years of demand JVP Committee Potti Sriramulu's fast unto death Government capitulation Andhra State Act, 1953
Prakasam first CM • Kurnool capital

Ch 19 Emergence of Andhra Pradesh: Visalandhra to 1956 Unit 5 3 Qs

Concept of Visalandhra Visalandhra Mahasabha, 1949 States Reorganisation Commission (Fazl Ali) Telangana caution
Gentlemen's Agreement, 1956 States Reorganisation Act • Hyderabad capital

Ch 20 ★ Reorganization & Bifurcation: 1956 to the 2014 Act Unit 5 9 Qs

Early tenures • Sanjivayya 1969 Telangana & 1972 Jai Andhra Six-Point Formula & Art 371-D NTR & the TDP Naidu & HITEC City • YSR
The Telangana movement A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014

ఇతివృత్తాలు • Theme Notes భాష • కళ • సమాజం
threads that run through every age • All units

Theme 1 ★ Telugu Language & Literature Theme 11 Qs

From stone-record to summit The Kavitraya & Nannaya Palkuriki, Srinatha, Pothana Ashtadiggajas & prabandha Modern & revolutionary Telugu
Theatre & folk forms

Theme 2 Art, Architecture & Monuments Theme 3 Qs

Amaravati school Cave temples (Undavalli) Kakatiya temples (Ramappa) Vijayanagara & Lepakshi Golconda & Charminar Bronze & Nataraja

Theme 3 ★ Religion & Society in Andhra Theme 19 Qs

Buddhism's peak Saiva / Vaishnava currents Varna, jati & guilds Tank irrigation & land tenure Foreign visitors on society
Bhakti & popular faith

Theme 4 Women in Andhra History Theme 1 Qs

Satavahana & Ikshvaku women patrons Rudramadevi Two-sided medieval status Reform-era women Salt Satyagraha women
Durgabai Deshmukh & public life

Theme 5 The Making of Andhra Pradesh Theme 1 Qs

Language → identity Press, library & folk mobilisation 1953 formation → 1956 merger The undoing, 2014 Social & cultural events, 1956–2014