

Need to consider Konaseema district in Andhra Pradesh as a regular centre for entrance and recruitment examinations-Laid

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