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### Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

<p><b>SEIL Energy wins UBS Forums' CSR award</b></p>	<p><b>Conext:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent power producer (IPP), <b>Sembcorp Energy India Limited (SEIL)</b>'s green initiative has won the best CSR Impact Award at the 9th Edition of Corporate Social Responsibility Summit and Awards held by UBS Forums in Bengaluru.</li> <li>The award was presented to SEIL for its exemplary contributions in decarbonisation.</li> <li>SEIL has implemented many environment friendly initiatives, including installation of solar rooftops, solar street lights and solar water heaters; plantation drives; and supporting research on carbon capture</li> </ul>
<p><b>AP tops in internships, future skills</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Andhra Pradesh emerged as the frontrunner in internship interest with over 98%</b> of aspirants eager to gain experience, according to <b>India Skills Report (ISR) 2024</b></li> <li><b>AP stood first among all the states in the country in future skills.</b></li> <li><b>Telangana stood second</b> in internship aspirations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5th Schedule of indian Constitution</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>5th Schedule</b> of the Indian Constitution deals with <b>the administration and control of Scheduled Areas</b>, which are tribal-dominated regions in India.</li> <li>It <b>aims to protect the tribal way of life, customs, and rights</b> over land and resources.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Features of the 5th Schedule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Scheduled Areas:</b> The Schedule identifies specific areas in <b>10 states (including AP)</b> across India as Scheduled Areas.</li> <li>These areas are predominantly <b>inhabited by Scheduled Tribes (STs)</b>.</li> <li><b>Tribal Advisory Council:</b> Each state with Scheduled Areas <b>must establish a Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) to advise the Governor</b> on matters related to tribal welfare and development.</li> <li><b>Panchayats and Village Councils:</b> Traditional tribal councils and panchayats are recognized and empowered to administer local affairs in Scheduled Areas.</li> <li><b>Restrictions on Transfer of Land:</b> The Schedule <b>restricts the transfer of tribal land to non-tribals</b></li> </ul>




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	<p>without the approval of the government, protecting them from exploitation and land alienation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Special Provisions for Scheduled Tribes:</b> The Schedule allows for special provisions for STs in education, employment, and forest rights, aimed at promoting their social and economic development.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TTD launches 20-page Bhagavad Gitas for youth</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)</b> launches <b>20 page Bhagavad Gita</b> for students in simple languages.</li> <li>• The <b>Bhagavad Gita</b> will be in <b>Telugu, English, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi languages</b> will be distributed among students across various States to contribute to their moral and spiritual education</li> <li>• It also unveiled the <b>temple calendars, and Govinda Koti books</b> at an event which took place at the <b>Tirumala Annamayya Bhavan</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>NGT Issues notice to AP over presence of Arsenic and fluoride groundwater</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>National Green Tribunal</b> has issued notices to <b>24 states, including AP</b>, and four Union Territories in a matter regarding the presence of <b>arsenic and fluoride in groundwater</b>.</li> <li>• The presence of these metals or chemicals are "<b>very serious</b>" and requires "urgent preventive and protective steps".</li> <li>• <b>Effects of Arsenic:</b> Long-term exposure to arsenic can lead to a multitude of health problems, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Skin lesions and hyperkeratosis (thickening of the skin)</li> <li>◦ Cancer of the skin, bladder, lung, and other organs</li> <li>◦ Cardiovascular diseases</li> <li>◦ Diabetes</li> <li>◦ Developmental problems in children</li> <li>◦ Neurological disorders</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Safe Level:</b> According to the WHO, the <b>safe limit for arsenic in drinking water is 10 micrograms per liter (µg/L)</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Effects of Fluoride:</b> While fluoride in appropriate amounts helps prevent dental cavities, excessive exposure can cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dental fluorosis (discoloration and weakening of teeth)</li> <li>◦ Skeletal fluorosis (stiffness and pain in bones and joints)</li> <li>◦ Gastrointestinal problems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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- Neurological damage
- Safe Level: The **WHO recommends a fluoride level of 1.5 mg/L**, with adjustments based on climate and age of the population.

### About:

- The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** is a specialized body in India established to handle expeditious disposal of cases related to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.
- It was set up under the **National Green Tribunal Act, 2010**, to address environmental disputes and provide speedy access to justice in such matters.
- NGT is a **Quasi-judicial body**
- It aims to **deliver speedy resolutions** to environmental disputes, reducing delays often associated with traditional courts.



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