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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Fauna of India Checklist Portal</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India has become the first country to document over 1 lakh (100,000) fauna species, coinciding with the 109th foundation day of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).</li> <li>The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched a comprehensive checklist covering 1,04,561 species of the country's fauna.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fauna of India checklist is a detailed portal comprising 121 checklists of all known taxa, spanning 36 phyla. It includes endemic, threatened, and scheduled species, providing an extensive overview of India's biodiversity.</li> <li>According to the checklist, <b>Telangana is home to 59 of India's 455 mammal species</b>, with five species being endemic to the state.</li> <li>Additionally, <b>Telangana hosts 439 bird species, 11 of which are endemic.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Babli Project</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Babli project, located in Nanded district of Maharashtra, has opened its gates to allow water to flow into the Sriramsagar Project (SRSP) in Nizamabad, Telangana.</li> <li>This action, taken on Monday, aligns with a 2013 Supreme Court ruling that mandates the gates remain open until October 29, enabling floodwaters to replenish SRSP.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Babli project was built by the Maharashtra government approximately 80 kilometers upstream from the Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP).</li> <li>Its purpose was to store 2.80 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) of water for drinking water supply.</li> <li>However, the project faced legal challenges from the then unified Government of Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supreme Court Ruling (2013):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Maharashtra, but with safeguards.</li> <li>One stipulation was to open the Babli gates during the monsoon period (July to October) to allow inflows to SRSP.</li> <li>The Union Cabinet approved the formation of a 3-Member Supervisory Committee to implement the court's directions.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Indiramma Project Launch</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective:</b> Telangana State government to study housing schemes for the poor and weaker sections in different states before launching the Indiramma housing scheme.</li> <li>• Officials from the Housing department to visit Chennai, Bengaluru, and Mumbai.</li> <li>• Comprehensive report on housing models to be prepared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <p><b>Budget and Targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of 3,500 Indiramma houses in each constituency.</li> <li>• Funds allocated in the February budget.</li> <li>• Part of Congress' six guarantees from the 2023 Assembly elections.</li> </ul> <p><b>Development Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction along the outer ring road (ORR) and the proposed regional ring road (RRR).</li> <li>• Aim to support rapid development in Greater Hyderabad.</li> <li>• Encouragement to continue efforts similar to past LIG and MIG housing projects.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection (HYDRA)</b></p>	<p><b>Context: Reconstitution of EV&amp;DM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Telangana Chief Minister, A. Revanth Reddy, has initiated the reconstitution of the <b>Enforcement, Vigilance, and Disaster Management (EV&amp;DM) wing</b> of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This restructuring aligns with the city's planned expansion up to the Outer Ring Road.</li> <li>• Consequently, the newly restructured wing will be renamed <b>Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection (HYDRA)</b>.</li> <li>• This includes incorporating 27 municipalities/corporations and 33 village panchayats surrounding the GHMC into the revamped disaster management wing.</li> <li>• HYDRA will have dedicated teams from various departments, including GHMC, HMDA, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&amp;SB), city traffic police, and other relevant departments.</li> <li>• The responsibilities of HYDRA will <b>encompass protecting lakes, water bodies, and government lands within the 2,000 square kilometers of Hyderabad's region.</b></li> </ul>



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