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Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Kancha Gachibowli issue</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court issued a stay on deforestation in Hyderabad's Kancha Gachibowli forest amid massive protests against state-led land auction for IT development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kancha Gachibowli, a biodiverse urban forest area near the University of Hyderabad, is home to more than 730 plant species and 220 bird species.</li> <li>The Telangana government plans to auction 400 acres of this land for IT infrastructure, sparking protests from students, environmentalists, and civil society.</li> </ul> <p><b>Issue of controversy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 400 acres are part of the 2,300 acres allocated to the University of Hyderabad (UoH) in 1974, although legal ownership rests with the state government.</li> <li>Previous allotments from this land were made for public infrastructure projects such as IIIT, a stadium, and a depot. In 2003, the land was handed over to a private firm but was reclaimed in 2006.</li> <li>While the land is not officially demarcated or notified as a forest, it forms an integral part of the larger forest ecosystem.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Importance of Urban Forests in Indian Cities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ecological Buffers:</b> Regulate temperature, air quality, and prevent habitat fragmentation.</li> <li><b>Carbon Sequestration:</b> Absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and reduce heat island effects.</li> <li><b>Public Health:</b> Improve respiratory health, reduce stress, and enhance mental well-being.</li> <li><b>Livelihood &amp; Culture:</b> Provide grazing land, herbs, and sacred spaces.</li> <li><b>Climate Resilience:</b> Vital for adapting to heatwaves, pollution, and water crises.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Godavari-Banakacherla link project</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the 17th meeting of the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB), Telangana raised concerns about the Polavaram (Godavari)-Banakacherla (Krishna) link project proposed by Andhra Pradesh and requested the board to share the project details submitted by A.P. and the letters</li> </ul>



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	<p>received from the Centre.</p> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The primary objective of this project is to <b>transfer water from the Godavari River to the Krishna Basin.</b></li> <li>This will help in ensuring a <b>steady water supply to areas that often face water shortages, especially in the drought-prone Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh.</b></li> <li>The project <b>connects the Godavari River (one of India's largest rivers) to the Banakacherla region, which lies in the Krishna Basin.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About Godavari River:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is <b>India's second-longest river after the Ganga and the third-largest in India</b>, drains about 10% of India's total geographical area.</li> <li>It is also called <b>`Dakshina Ganga`, which translates into South Ganges River.</b></li> <li>The <b>origin of the Godavari River is in Brahmagiri Mountain at Trimbakeshwar in the Nashik district of Maharashtra.</b></li> <li>It runs for a length of about <b>1,465 kilometers.</b></li> <li><b>Tributaries:</b> The principal tributaries of the river are the Pravara, the Purna, the Manjra, the Penganga, the Wardha, the Wainganga, the Pranhita (combined flow of Wainganga, Penganga, Wardha), the Indravati, the Maner, and the Sabri.</li> </ul>
<b>Krishna River</b>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minister stated that Telangana will make efforts to secure its share of Krishna water.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In terms of water inflows and river basins, <b>Krishna is the fourth largest river after Ganga, Godavari, and Brahmaputra.</b></li> <li>It rises in <b>western Maharashtra in the Western Ghats range near Mahabaleshwar, about 64 km from the Arabian Sea.</b></li> <li>It passes through Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh and meets the Bay of Bengal at Hamasaladeevi in Andhra Pradesh, on the east coast.</li> <li><b>Total Length: 1300 km</b></li> <li>It is <b>bounded by the Balaghat range on the north, by the Eastern Ghats on the south and the east, and by the Western Ghats on the west.</b></li> <li>Its principal tributaries joining from the right are the <b>Ghatprabha, the Malprabha, and the Tungabhadra</b>, whereas those joining from the left are the Bhima, the</li> </ul>



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India Meteorological Department (IMD)	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nineteen districts in Telangana recorded maximum temperatures above 40°C, and the IMD has issued a thunderstorm alert for April 8.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IMD was established in <b>1875</b>.</li> <li>It is the <b>National Meteorological Service</b> of the country and the <b>principal government agency</b> in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects.</li> <li>The <b>Director General of Meteorology is the Head</b> of the India Meteorological Department.</li> <li>There are 6 Regional Meteorological Centres, each under a Deputy Director General with headquarters at <b>Mumbai, Chennai, New Delhi, Calcutta, Nagpur and Guwahati</b>.</li> <li>Its headquarter is in <b>New Delhi</b>.</li> <li>At present, IMD is under the <b>Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)</b>.</li> <li>The IMD uses 4 color codes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Green (All is well):</b> No advisory is issued.</li> <li><b>Yellow (Be Aware):</b> Yellow indicates severely bad weather spanning across several days. It also suggests that the weather could change for the worse, causing disruption in day-to-day activities.</li> <li><b>Orange/Amber (Be prepared):</b> The orange alert is issued as a warning of extremely bad weather with the potential of disruption in commute with road and rail closures, and interruption of power supply.</li> <li><b>Red (Take Action):</b> When the extremely bad weather conditions are certainly going to disrupt travel and power and have significant risk to life, the red alert is issued.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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