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The Telangana High Court recently made history by delivering its first judgment in Telugu, the local language. The verdict, a 44page judgment on a property inheritance appeal, was issued by a bench headed by Senior Justice P Naveen Rao and Justice Nagesh Bhimapaka. This move reflects a growing recognition of the importance of regional languages in legal proceedings. Previously, all court proceedings in India were conducted in English, requiring translation of supporting documents and evidence. However, the Telangana High Court's decision to issue a judgment in Telugu follows a trend of promoting the use of mother tongues in the judicial system. The Kerala High Court had previously delivered a verdict in Malayalam. While judgments in Telugu are rare, this milestone marks a significant step forward. The Telangana High Court made it clear that the Telugu judgment was published for the convenience of the parties involved and the general public, providing an English version as well. The translation of Supreme Court judgments into Telugu was also done by the bench for this case. This development brings joy to language enthusiasts and sets the stage for more judgments in Telugu in the future.

Telangana stands at the top in providing safe drinking water



Telangana State has achieved another important milestone as one of the five states in the country to provide 100% safe drinking water. This achievement was recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) through the Jal Jeevan Mission. The WHO recently released a report highlighting India's progress in implementing the Jaljeevan Mission, with Telangana, Goa, Haryana, Gujarat and Punjab emerging as states with safe drinking water for every household.

According to the report, Telangana has a total of 53.98 lakh households, all of which have access to safe drinking water. Moreover, Telangana surpasses other states in terms of water purity, having a drinking water purity rate of 98.7 percent. A World Health Organization report says that only 62 percent of households in Europe have access to clean drinking water. Meanwhile, so far in the country, an average of 62.84 percent people has access to drinking water.

AP and Telangana RTCs are at 3rd and 4th position respectively in terms of revenue



According to a report from the Union Roads and Transport Department for the year 2018-19, the State Road Transport Corporations (RTCs) of Andhra Pradesh (APSRTC) and Telangana (TSRTC) have secured the third and fourth positions respectively in terms of revenue generation among all RTCs in the country. Maharashtra RTC topped the list with an income of Rs. 8,120 crores, followed by Andhra Pradesh with Rs. 6,125.84 crores, and Telangana RTC at the third position with Rs. 4,919.12 crores.

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In terms of the number of buses, APSRTC ranks third among the states, operating 11,837 buses with a staff of 53,263, while TSRTC ranks fourth with 10,481 buses and a staff of 50,656. In terms of expenditure, Andhra Pradesh stands at the third position with Rs. 7,087.04 crore, and Telangana at the fourth position with Rs. 5,847.78 crore.

However, both RTCs have experienced losses. APSRTC reported a loss of Rs. 929 crores, ranking sixth in terms of losses, while TSRTC paid Rs. 43.42 crores. In terms of road accidents, APSRTC recorded the highest number of accidents in the country, with 442 deaths reported in 2018-19. Telangana RTC ranked fourth with 294 deaths due to RTC accidents.

Singareni Company has created a new record with net profit



In the financial year 2022-23, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) will post an unprecedented Rs. 2,222 crore in net profit, a growth of 81 per cent over the previous financial year. The turnover of the company has also seen a significant growth which is Rs. 33,065 crore, while the previous year's turnover was Rs. 26,585 crore, which has now increased by 24 percent.



In the annual financial report of the financial year 2022-23 released by Singareni Chairman and Managing Director N. Sridhar, it has been disclosed that Rs.28,650 crore has been earned through the sale of coal and Rs.4,415 crore through the sale of electricity. Singareni in 2013-14 Rs. 419 crore net profit, last financial year saw a high of Rs. 2,222 crores with a net profit of 430 per cent, a surprising growth in profits.

Sridhar expressed confidence that if the company achieves the set targets, the net profit will reach Rs.4,000 crore in the current financial year. These substantial profits enable Singareni to undertake new projects and implement programs for the welfare of its workers. Since the formation of Telangana, the company has achieved remarkable growth with 33 percent growth in coal production, 430 percent growth in net profits, 39 percent growth in transportation and 177 percent growth in sales.

President appoints two new judges in Supreme Court



Telangana Chief Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Kerala Chief Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti have been appointed as judges of the Supreme Court by the President.

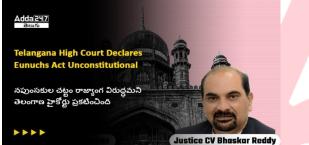
Telangana Chief Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Kerala Chief Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti have been appointed as judges of the Supreme Court by the President. These appointments were made shortly after the Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, recommended their names to the government.



Overview of the news

• The two new appointments increase the judicial strength of the apex court to 33, leaving only one vacancy. Justice Bhuyan, appointed as a judge of the Gauhati High Court on October 17, 2011, had been serving as the Chief Justice of Telangana since June 28 last year.

TelanganaHighCourtDeclaresTelanganaEunuchsActUnconstitutional:AVictoryforTransgender RightsVictoryAct



The Telangana High Court recently made a landmark judgment, declaring the Telangana Eunuchs Act as unconstitutional. The Act, which had been in place since 1919, was deemed discriminatory and a violation of the human rights of the transgender community. The court's decision has significant implications for the recognition and protection of transgender rights in Telangana.

Why in the News:

The Telangana Eunuchs Act came under scrutiny after a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Vyjayanthi Vasanta Mogli, who argued that the Act was discriminatory and lacked legal support. The High Court bench, consisting of Chief Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice CV Bhaskar Reddy, concurred with the petitioner's claims and struck down the Act on July 6, 2023.

Judgment on the Issue:

In its judgment, the High Court bench declared the Telangana Eunuchs Act unconstitutional, highlighting its offensive and arbitrary nature. The court noted that the Act criminalized the entire transgender community and violated their fundamental rights. It specifically mentioned the Right to Privacy and Right to Dignity, protected under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, which guarantees every person's right to life and personal liberty.

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About the Issue:

The Telangana Eunuchs Act, originally known as the Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Areas) Eunuchs Act, 1919, required transgender individuals to register with authorities under suspicion of child kidnapping. The Act's provisions allowed for arbitrary arrests, punishable by imprisonment and fines, for engaging in public entertainment, wearing female attire or ornaments in public places, or associating with boys below the age of 16. The Act's definition of "eunuch" encompassed individuals who admitted to

Justice Naveen Rao has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court



Justice Naveen Rao will assume the role of Acting Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court on July 14, following the elevation of Justice Ujjal Bhuyan to the Supreme Court. However, Justice Rao's tenure will be for only one day as he is scheduled to retire on the same day. Justice Abhinand Kumar Shavili, a senior judge, will then take charge as the Acting Chief Justice from the next day, as per the orders of the Union Law Ministry. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan will be sworn in as a Supreme Court judge on July 14.

Additionally, President Draupadi Murmu approved the transfer of Justice Lalita Kanneganti from the Telangana High Court and Justice D. Ramesh from the Andhra Pradesh High Court. The Supreme Court collegium, led Chief Justice of India Justice bv DY Chandrachud, had recommended the transfers. Justice D. Ramesh has been transferred to the





Allahabad High Court, while Justice Lalita Kanneganti has been transferred to the Karnataka High Court. The recommendation for these transfers was made on November 24, 2022. The Union Law Ministry confirmed the approval through a tweet, and a notification was issued by the ministry regarding the transfers.

Four districts of Telangana received National Cleanliness Awards



Telangana state has made its ma<mark>rk in the</mark> National Rural Hygiene Survey Awards, the Hydropower organized by Union Department. Out of the 12 awards given for the month of June, four districts from Telangana secured a significant share. have This impressive achievement showcases the state's commitment to rural hygiene and cleanliness.

Hanumakonda and Kumuram Bheem Asifabad districts have claimed the second and third positions in the achievers category, with a commendable score of 300 marks. It is noteworthy that these districts have achieved the same score as the first-place winner, Gyalshing district from Sikkim. Taking into account the population factor, Hanumakonda and Kumuram Bheem districts have emerged as frontrunners, surpassing Gyalshing in terms of their remarkable efforts.

Janagama and Kamareddy districts have also made their mark in the high achievers category, securing the second and third positions with a perfect score of 300 marks. The first position in this category was claimed by Alirajpura district from Madhya Pradesh. This recognition is a testament to the tireless efforts of the districts in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene standards.

BYD and MEIL to invest USD 1 billion for EV plant in Telangana



Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL), an infrastructure construction company, is partnering with Chinese company BYD to establish an electric car and battery center in Telangana. The joint venture is set to involve an investment of approximately Rs. 8,200 crore (\$1 billion). The companies have submitted proposals to the central government outlining for approval, their plans to manufacture a range of electric vehicles, establish a research and development center, a skill training center, and charging stations. MEIL, which already operates in various sectors with a total investment of Rs. 41,000 crore (\$5 billion), is currently awaiting a response to the collaboration proposal from BYD. Once approved by the central government, the project will commence.

MEIL's subsidiary, Olekshah Greendyk, has also initiated plans to set up an electric bus manufacturing plant near Hyderabad. The state government has allocated 150 acres of land for this purpose, and tenders have been issued for the construction of the plant. Olectra Green aims to establish a fully mechanized plant with the capacity to produce 10,000 electric buses per year, with robotics playing a significant role in the manufacturing process. The company has already introduced electric tippers and trucks. Upon receiving the necessary permissions from the central government, MEIL and BYD will jointly approach the Telangana state government to request land allocation for the car manufacturing plant. BYD is a technology partner for Olectra Green.

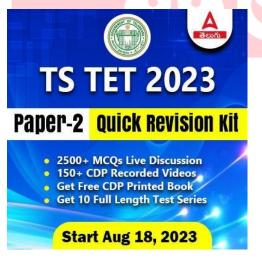


Telangana ranks 6th and Andhra Pradesh 8th in Export Readiness Index-2022



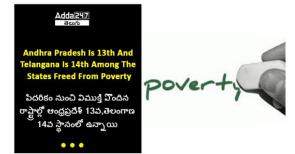
Telangana has secured the 6th position and Andhra Pradesh the 8th position in the Export Readiness Index-2022 released by NITI Aayog. Andhra Pradesh improved by one position compared to the previous year, while Telangana made significant progress, moving up from 10th to 6th place. The top five positions in the index are held by Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Haryana. Telangana scored 61.38% and Andhra Pradesh scored 59.27% in the overall assessment.

The assessment by NITI Aayog takes into account the policies of state governments, business environment, favorable conditions for exports, and export performance. Andhra Pradesh recorded exports worth \$19 billion in the financial year 2021-22, with major export commodities including rice, drug formulations, vehicles, granite, spices, and agrochemicals. Telangana's exports reached \$10.9 billion, driven by its evolving business environment and the presence of APIs.



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Andhra Pradesh is 13th and Telangana is 14th among the states freed from poverty



In the last five years, NITI Aayog announced a significant milestone stating that 13.5 crore people in the country have been lifted out of multidimensional poverty. Suman Beri, currently Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog along with members VKPal, Arvind Veeramani and CEO BVR Subrahmanyam revealed these details in the report 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index-A Progressive Review-2023' which was launched on July 17.

To assess the situation in different states, NITI Aayog used two key metrics, education and healthcare. These estimates have been made based on the statistics of 36 states/UTs and 707 districts across the country. According to these metrics, the poverty rate declined from 24.85% to 14.96% between 2015-16 and 2019-21, with record declines seen in UP, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

According to the report, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are at the 13th and 14th positions among the states where most people have been freed from poverty. Proportionally, Telangana is 14th and Andhra Pradesh is 17th

According to the National Family Health Survey data, in 2015-16, 11.77% of the population in AP was in poverty. However, by 2019-21, this ratio has come down significantly to 6.06%, resulting in 30.02 lakh people being lifted out of poverty in the state. Similarly, 20.76 lakh people have been freed from poverty in Telangana as poverty has reduced from 13.18% to 5.88%. Accordina to this. Kumurambim Asifabad district of Telangana has the highest number of poor while Warangal has the least poverty.





Telangana ranked 7th and Andhra Pradesh14th in terms of attracting FDI



In the last three years, Andhra Pradesh received only 0.36% of the total foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into the country, resulting in the state ranking 14th in terms of FDI attractiveness. On the other hand, Telangana stood at the 7th position with a share of 2.47 percent.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that the number of workers dependent on agriculture and its allied sectors has decreased by 18% in the last 27 years. In 1993-94, about 64.8% of workers were engaged in these sectors, but by 2020-21 this figure has come down to 46.5%.

The Centre has approved 11 food processing industries in Andhra Pradesh.



The government of Andhra Pradesh is promoting the establishment of food processing industries on a large scale like never before with the aim of providing an affordable price to the crops grown by the farmers by adding value to them.

Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched 11 food sanitation projects with a budget of Rs 1,719 crore in a virtual inauguration ceremony on July 25 (Tuesday). Six units were inaugurated and foundation stones for five additional units were laid. Mandalij Chocolate Company's Rs.1,600-crore unit in Sricity will employ 500 people and benefit 18,000 farmers with an annual cocoa processing capacity of 2.20 lakh tonnes.

A groundnut processing unit is being set up at Chigicherla village of Dharmavaram mandal of Sathyasai district on 11 acres at a cost of Rs.75 crores. Here groundnut oil, peanut butter, chickpeas, roasted salted peanuts are prepared. The unit will provide employment to 200 people with the capacity to process 55,620 tonnes of groundnut annually. 15 thousand farmers will benefit.

As part of the Operation Greens scheme, tomato primary processing units in Kalyanadurgam, Kundurchi and Sathyasai District, Anantapuram each at Rs. 5.5 crore will provide employment to 45 people and benefit 3,588 farmers.

Rare 'Blue Pink Gill' mushroom found in Telangana



Rare mushrooms discovered for the first time in Telangana. Komaram Bheem discovered the All-Blue mushroom species in Khagajnagar forest division under Kawal Tiger Reserve in Asifabad district. Its scientific name is Entoloma hochstetteri. These are known as 'Blue Pink Gill' or 'Sky-Blue Mushroom'. Mushrooms of this species have pink and purple colors. On July 20, forest officials patrolling the Adilabad forest area spotted these mushrooms.

This unique mushroom species is not unique to Telangana; It is also found in New Zealand. In fact, the image of this mushroom is printed on New Zealand's \$50 note, recognizing the mushroom as the country's national fungus. Forest department official Venugopal revealed that this mushroom is very rare and it is important to protect it.



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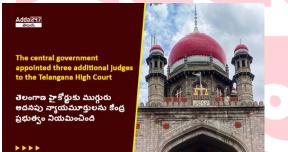
Justice Shyam Koshy was sworn in as a judge of the Telangana High Court



Justice P Shyam Koshy, who was transferred from the Chhattisgarh High Court at 10.30 am on July 27, was sworn in as a judge of the Telangana High Court. Chief Justice Alok Aradhe administered the oath of office to Justice Shyam Koshy in the first court hall of the High Court.

Earlier in the day, Registrar General P Sujana read out the president's order transferring Justice Shyam Koshy from the Chhattisgarh High Court while inaugurating the swearing-in ceremony with the permission of the Chief Justice. He then read out an order issued by the Governor entrusting chief justice Alok Aradhe with the responsibility of administering the oath of office to chief justice Alok Aradhe.

The central government has appointed three additional judges to the Telangana High Court



The central government issued an order on July 28 appointing three additional judges to the Telangana High Court. According to the order issued by the Union Ministry of Justice, Lakshminarayana Alishetty, Anilkumar Jukanti and Sujana Kalasikam have been appointed as additional judges from the quota of advocates. The decision was taken after a collegium headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud approved the recommendations made by the Union Ministry of Justice on July 12.

With these appointments, the current number of vacancies in the Telangana High Court has reduced to 12. There are a total of 42 sanctioned judges in the High Court, of which 32 are permanent judges and 10 are additional judges. At present 25 permanent and two additional judges are serving. There are 15 vacancies including 7 permanent judges and 8 judges, but now with additional the appointment of these three, the number of vacancies has reduced to 12. The newly appointed judges are likely to take oath on July 30 or 31.

Justice Alok Aradhe has been appointed as the Judge of Telangana High Court



Justice Alok Aaradhe has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, currently serving as a Judge of Karnataka High Court. Justice Shyam Kashi has been transferred as a Judge of Telangana High Court from Chhattisgarh High Court. The appointments were approved by the President after the Supreme Court collegium recommended the transfers of several judges. Along with these appointments, new Chief Justices were also appointed to other High Courts: Justice Shubhasis Talapatra for Odisha High Court, Justice Sunita Agarwal for Gujarat High Court, and Ashish Jitendra Desai for Kerala High Court. The President approved their appointments in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Dassault Systems ties up with T-Works to establish Startup Center of Excellence in Telangana







French software solutions company Dassault Systems has partnered with T-Works, Government of Telangana, to establish a startup center of excellence in Hyderabad. The agreement was signed on July 19, aiming to provide optimal solutions for startup founders facing challenges in creating prototypes for their products. The center will offer 3D designs needed by startups in various industries. Dassault Systems' 3D software has been widely adopted in the aviation and automotive sectors, with leading companies like Boeing and Mercedes-Benz using it for product design processes. The upcoming 3D Experience Center is expected to be invaluable for next-generation startups, helping them adapt products to meet market needs and tackle innovation challenges effectively.

About Dassault

Founded in 1981, Dassault Systèmes, also known as 3Ds, specializes in offering a wide range of products including 3D designing software, digital mockup and product life cycle management. In particular, their 3D software played an important role in the aviation industry in the 90s. Four out of every ten aircraft use Dassault system software. The company's software has been widely adopted in the aviation and automotive sectors, with leading companies such as Honda, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Boeing using it for their product design processes.



Justice Alok Aaradhe took oath as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court



On July 23, Justice Alok Aaradhe took over as the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court in a ceremony held at Hyderabad Raj Bhavan. The oath was administered by Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan. He succeeded Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, who has been promoted as a judge of the Supreme Court.

The ceremony witnessed the presence of Justice K. Keshavrao, Nama Nageswara Rao, and several cabinet colleagues. TPCC President Revanth Reddy, public representatives, and high officials also attended the event. With his new appointment as Chief Justice, Justice Alok Aaradhe will serve as the head of the Telangana High Court until 2026.

Telangana Agriculture University to inaugurate agriculture polytechnic in Narayanpet



The Telangana Agricultural University Education Council has approved an agriculture polytechnic for the academic year 2023-24 at Narayanpet district headquarters. It will offer 40 seats from the academic year 2023-24. The meeting was chaired by the in-charge vicechancellor Raghunandan Rao on July 25 at the universitv auditorium. Registrar Venkataramana and other officials were also present at the meeting which discussed various issues related to diploma, degree and PG courses.





Vanam Avinash, assistant director of the central government's seed development agency, has come forward to donate Rs 4 lakh to him for a gold medal in his name. This has been approved by the academic council. The interest from this amount will be used to award a medal to a student who has scored the highest grade point in the B.Sc (Hons) course at Warangal Agriculture College. This prestigious gold medal is presented annually on the foundation day of the university.

