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## Telangana State Regional News

**IIT-H Nodal Centre for Telangana for Yuva Sangam Phase-III**

**In News:**

- **Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH), with Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Varanasi** as its paired institute, has announced its participation as a Nodal Centre for Telangana in the esteemed Yuva Sangam (Phase – III) initiative.

**Key Points:**

- This initiative is a brainchild of the Government of India under the **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program**
- It aims to strengthen the bonds between **youth from diverse states**, fostering unity and understanding among our nation's vibrant young minds

**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program:**



**About Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program:**

- **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB)** is a national program launched by the Government of India in 2015
- Its aim is to promote cultural integration and understanding between the people of different states and union territories.
- Under the EBSB program, each state/UT is paired with another state/UT for a period of one year.

**Yuva Sangam:**



**About Yuva Sangam:**

- **Yuva Sangam** is an initiative by the Government of India to strengthen people-to-people connections between youth belonging to different States/UTs of India.
- The program involves organizing exposure tours for young people, mainly students, NSS/NYKS volunteers, employed/self-employed persons, etc., from one state to another.
- Yuva Sangam Phase-III was launched in 2023 and envisages participation from 22 States and UTs from across India.
- The **core objective of Yuva Sangam** is to offer our youth a multi-dimensional exposure under **five broad areas:**



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paryatan (Tourism)</li> <li>2. Parampara (Traditions)</li> <li>3. Pragati (Development)</li> <li>4. Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect)</li> <li>5. Prodyogiki (Technology).</li> </ol>
<p><b>ICRISAT boosts food security in Niger, Chad during Ukraine-Russian conflict</b></p>  <p>INTERNATIONAL CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE SEMI-ARID TROPICS</p>	<p><b>In News:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amid the ongoing Ukraine-Russian conflict, the Hyderabad-headquartered International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is extending vital assistance to <b>farmers in Niger and Chad</b> who are grappling with acute food crises.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The conflict's ripple effect on global food and fertilizer prices has hit these Sahelian countries particularly hard, making food scarcer and unaffordable, especially for women and their children.</li> <li>• ICRISAT's <b>Niamey genebank team, under the leadership of ICRISAT's Niger Country Representative Dr Falalou Hamidou</b>, has launched an initiative to tackle the issue.</li> </ul> <p><b>About ICRISAT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is an international organization that <b>conducts agricultural research for rural development in the drylands of Asia and Africa.</b></li> <li>• It is <b>headquartered in Patancheru, India</b>, with several regional centers and research stations around the world.</li> <li>• ICRISAT's mandate is to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in the drylands by developing and promoting improved crop varieties, farming practices, and management systems.</li> <li>• The institute focuses on six mandate crops: sorghum, pearl millet, finger millet, chickpea, pigeonpea, and groundnut.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indigenous private rocket Vikram-1</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first private rocket launch company in the country, Hyderabad-based <b>'Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited'</b> has achieved a rare honor.</li> </ul>



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- Launched Vikram-1, a fully indigenously designed seven-story tall, multi-stage low-Earth orbit rocket.

Key Points:

- This rocket can carry **payloads** weighing up to 300 kg into space.
- The company's new central office '**Max-Q**' was built on an area of 60 thousand square feet.

CSIR-NBRI transfer herbal Curcumin technology to Hyderabad firm



In News:

- The **CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI)** in Lucknow has transferred the **technology for Croma-3, edible capsules of Curcumin, to a Hyderabad-based firm.**

Key Points:

- **Herbal Curcumin** is the main active component of turmeric.
- B N Singh, principal scientist, CSIR-NBRI, said that the technology was developed in **2022** and had already been transferred to a company.
- He also said that we are now licensing this technology to another Hyderabad-based company named **M/s Xavier Med Pvt Ltd** for better availability in the market.

Kavitha to speak at Oxford University



Context:

- Telangana MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has been invited by Oxford University, UK, to deliver a keynote lecture on various schemes being implemented in Telangana, on October 30, as part of Development Economics.
- The progress achieved in the fields of healthcare and education, facilitated by the state government, will be highlighted by Kavitha during her address at the University on 30th October.

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