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Telangana State Regional News

RGIA hosts Royal Air Force jets



In News: Hyderabad's RGIA hosts Royal Air Force jets for the second time.

- In a sign of growing collaboration and goodwill between the **United Kingdom and India**, the Royal Air Force (RAF) made a remarkable return to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad.
- The RAF aircraft landed in India for refueling, marking the second visit to Hyderabad this year.
- RGIA is the **largest airport in India by area**, covering 5,500 acres (2,200 ha).
- It is the **fourth busiest airport** in India by passenger traffic

Forest Cover of Telangana



Key Points:

- Telangana has a **total forest cover of 26,969.54 sq km**
- It is about **24.05% of its total geographical area**.
- The state has a **variety of forest types**, including:
 1. Southern tropical dry deciduous forests
 2. Southern tropical thorn forests
 3. Southern tropical moist deciduous forests.
- The districts with the highest forest area in Telangana are:

District	Forest cover (%)
Khammam	48.9
Adilabad	44.9
Warangal	28.88
Bhadradi Kothagudem	26.18
Jayashankar Bhupalpally	24.49

Telangana Textiles and Apparel Policy 2017 – 22

Context:

- The Telangana Textiles and Apparel Policy 2017-22 (T-TAP) is a strategic initiative by the Telangana state government **to boost the textile and apparel industry within the region**.
- Since the launch of the T-TAP policy, the textile and apparel sector in Telangana has witnessed significant growth.



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Objectives

- The primary goal of T-TAP is to create an **enabling environment that encourages investments in downstream processing activities related to textiles and apparel.**
- It aims to promote **spinning, weaving, knitting, processing, and garment manufacturing, including made-ups, within the state.**

Scope and Coverage:

- T-TAP covers various aspects of the textile and apparel value chain, from raw materials to finished products.
- It targets both new and existing units in the industry.

Key Incentives:

- **Capital subsidy of 25%** for conventional textile units and 35% for technical textile units.
- **Rental subsidy of 25%** for the first 5 years of operations for MSMEs in textile and apparel parks.
- Transport subsidy for 5 years for deemed exports.
- Design, product development, and diversification assistance of 20% of the annual expenditure spent on these activities, limited to Rs 2 lakhs per year.
- Training subsidy of Rs 5000/- per person for new projects employing more than 1000 persons.
- Assistance towards training infrastructure in apparel design and development

Startup Networking event to be held in Hyderabad



Context:

- The **Global Startups Club** announced a Start-up Networking Meeting event to be held in Madhapur.

Key Points:

- Over the past three years, **Hyderabad** has emerged as a significant startup destination with more than **240 funded startups, supported by 550+ domestic and international investors**, resulting in a total funding of \$2.6 Bn between January 2014 and August 2023.
- The blend of **advanced amenities and cost-effectiveness** has positioned Hyderabad as a prime destination for founders and investors, driven by its **superior infrastructure (at times, even better than Bengaluru)**, affordable real estate and competitive cost of living
- The city is increasingly becoming a popular location for **B2B SaaS, manufacturing, fintech and IT sectors, partially due to the presence of T-Hub and availability of affordable yet skilled workforce from top institutions like IIT-Hyderabad**



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IASSI annual meet



Context:

- The 22nd annual conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI) was held at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) in Hyderabad
- The conference continued to unveil critical insights and engage in thought-provoking discussions on issues pertinent to the social sciences.

About Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI):

- Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI) is an apex body of social science institutions in India.
- It was established in 1960
- IASSI has over 300 member institutions, including universities, research institutes, and government agencies.
- IASSI's mission is to **promote the development of social sciences in India and to facilitate collaboration among social scientists.**
- IASSI Telangana is a regional chapter of IASSI, which represents social science institutions in the state of Telangana.
- The chapter is based at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), a leading research institute in Hyderabad.



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