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Telangana State Regional News

T-Hub turns 8, rolls out two initiatives to boost startups

In News:

 Telangana government led incubator T-Hub rolled out two flagship initiatives — T-Bridge and T-Scale — to commemorate its eighth foundation day.



Key Points:

- T-Bridge will facilitate global market access for Indian startups
- **T-Scale** will prepare startups for Series-A readiness.
- As part of T-Scale, which it has rolled out in collaboration with Factoryal, T-Hub has introduced a pioneering growth maturity model which will guide 25 qualifying startups through a 12-month journey and prepare them for Series-A funding.

Railway stations in Telangana implement 'One Station, One Project' scheme

Context:

- In a major boost to the livelihoods and welfare of local artisans of Telangana, 33 railway stations in the state are covered with 41 stalls of the 'One Station One Product' (OSOP) scheme.
- Some of the products include traditional Narayanpet, Gadwal and Pochampalli sarees, millet-based food products, Telangana State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (TSCO) handlooms, Bhadrachalam bamboo crafts, temple deity idols, forest collections, handicrafts, toys from the Nirmal district and local delicacies among others.
- Through this scheme, Indian Railways is providing uniquely designed retail outlets with a characteristic look, feel and logo at stations as per the design developed by the National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad for showcasing and selling indigenous products.



'Genetic material from ICRISAT being sequenced in China': ICAR



Context:

- Plant Protection and Biosafety, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), has disclosed that the genetic resources in the soil samples from the International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) were being sequenced at China, presenting a potential concern for biosecurity.
- CBI and RAW presented the data and source of funding of such research, which was happening under the aegis of a defence academy in China.

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	 Key facts: Insight into Genetic Modifications: The research involves sequencing genetic resources, and the information obtained could provide China with insights into modifying and suppressing specific organisms within the sequenced genetic resources. Lack of Biosecurity Measures in Indian Labs: Dr. Dubey highlighted the absence of bio-security and bio-risk management measures in Indian labs, emphasizing the need for regular updates to the lab inventory.
Postal Ballot and its advantages	Context:
	The Central Election Commission has given an opportunity to 28,057 people to use postal ballot in the assembly elections
	About Postal Ballot:
	 Postal ballot, also known as absentee voting or mail-in voting, is a method of voting that allows voters to cast their ballots by mail instead of in person at a polling station. This method is typically used when voters are unable to vote in person due to reasons such as illness, disability, distance from a polling place, or absence from their home country.
	Advantages of Postal Ballot:
	 Increased accessibility: Postal ballot allows voters who are unable to vote in person to participate in the electoral process. Convenience: Voters can cast their ballots from the comfort of their own homes, at their own convenience. Reduced waiting times: Postal ballot eliminates the need to wait in long lines at polling stations. Accuracy: Studies have shown that postal ballot voting is just as accurate as in-person voting.
Mission Kakatiya	Context:
	 Mission Kakatiya is a flagship program of the Government of Telangana aimed at restoring and rejuvenating the state's minor irrigation tanks. These tanks, which are traditionally built by bunding rivers and streams, have played a crucial role in agriculture and water supply for centuries. The program is being implemented in a phased manner, with the target of restoring all 46,531 minor irrigation tanks in the state in five years. The program is being implemented by the Irrigation and Command Area Development (I&CAD) Department of the Government of Telangana.

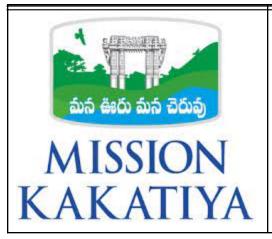
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Objectives of Mission Kakatiya:

- 1. Restore the water storage capacity of minor irrigation tanks
- 2. Improve irrigation efficiency
- 3. Enhance groundwater recharge
- 4. Boost agriculture and rural livelihoods
- 5. Promote environmental sustainability.



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