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<p>390-year-old lamp post in Nalgonda unravels trade links of Telangana</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recently unearthed 390-year-old lamp post (Deepastambham) in Nalgonda, Telangana, inscribed with dedications to Kasi Viswanatha (Lord Shiva), has shed light on the region's historical trade links. • Researchers from the Public Research Institute for History, Archaeology & Heritage found the pillar near the Krishna River. • They deciphered an inscription in Telugu and Tamil, dating it to 1635 CE. <p>Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade Linkages: The inscription suggests the pillar served as a landmark for traders using the Krishna River route, possibly connecting Telangana to Tamil Nadu and other regions. • Cultural Connections: The blend of Telugu and Tamil on the pillar hints at cultural exchange and interaction between communities. • Historical Window: This discovery offers valuable insights into Telangana's medieval trade networks and cultural landscape.
<p>Tadoba-Kawal conservation reserve approved by SBWL</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Telangana State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) approved a proposal by the Forest Department for the creation of the Tadoba-Kawal Conservation Reserve during a meeting. • This reserve will encompass the crucial corridor connecting the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra and the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana, spanning an area of 1,492 square kilometers. • This move aims to enhance protection and conservation efforts for wildlife, particularly tigers, in the region.



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<p>Tree survey in Hyderabad by WWF-India on February 10</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Wide Fund for Nature-India's Hyderabad office is taking up a tree survey in Hyderabad for the first time on February 10. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called 'Hyderabad Annual Tree Survey', the survey by volunteers aims to explore the tapestry of trees and wildlife across different parts of the city. Results from the survey will add to the body of knowledge that will aid researchers and policy makers to make informed decisions The survey will involve a large number of civil society organizations, and is expected to be carried by 200-300 volunteers The city will be divided into six zones and a few streets and parks will be marked in each zone for covering avenue and non-avenue trees,
<p>New drone port likely to come up in Telangana</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a major fillip to drone technology in the state, the Telangana State Aviation Academy (TSAA) has tied up with the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) to provide advanced training for drone pilots. A drone port will also be established on the city outskirts near Pharma City and TS govt has agreed to allocate 20 acres <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NRSC is one of the primary centres of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and plays a key role in satellite, remote sensing and space technology
<p>Telangana spent 15% less than budget estimates in 9 years</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telangana has reportedly spent 15% less than its budgeted estimates over the nine financial years between 2015-16 and 2021-22. This places Telangana fourth among Indian states with the most significant difference between budgeted and actual expenditure. This gap indicates that original estimates are not



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realistic and the state needs to prune expenditure and improve the income according to the needs.



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