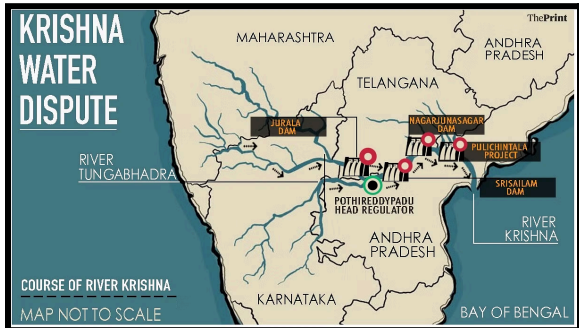




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Extension Granted to Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal Until July 31, 2025



Context:

- The Central Government extended the Tribunal's deadline to submit its report on water-sharing issues among the four states until July 31 2025.
- It was formed to resolve conflicts and allocate river water among Maharashtra, Karnataka, and erstwhile Andhra Pradesh.
- Apart from the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal and the Ravi & Beas Tribunal, the three other active Tribunals are the Vansadhara Water Disputes Tribunal, Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal, and Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal, addressing water disputes among various states.
- Two disputes remain unresolved, concerning Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and the UT of Puducherry, for which no Tribunal has been formed under the existing Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956.

Note on Krishna Water Dispute:

- The Krishna Water Dispute involves the fair allocation of Krishna River waters among Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh.
- Disputes stem from varying water requirements, historical conflicts, and shifts in political and administrative dynamics within these states.
- The Krishna River's passage through these regions exacerbates disagreements over water sharing and management.
- The Srisailem reservoir, located in Andhra Pradesh along the Krishna River, serves as a significant source of contention.
- Andhra Pradesh objected to Telangana's utilization of Srisailem reservoir water for power generation, leading to a dispute between the two states.

SSEL Targets Operationalizing New Rs 300 Crore Plant in July-September Quarter: CMD Reddy

SSEL's New Rs 300 Crore Plant in Andhra Pradesh:

- Shirdi Sai Electricals Ltd (SSEL) plans to commence operations at its new Rs 300 crore unit in Andhra Pradesh.




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The facility, located in the YSR District, will manufacture conductors and spans across 8 acres with an annual capacity of 300 tonnes.</li> <li>• <b>The plant's operational timeline targets the July-September period of the 2024-25 fiscal year.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established in 1994 as a transformer repairing company, SSEL Group has <b>over the years grown to become India's largest transformer manufacturing company.</b></li> <li>• It is also into setting up transmission projects on an EPC basis.</li> <li>• <b>SSEL Group employs around 5,000 people and had a revenue of Rs 2,680 crore in FY 2022-23.</b></li> <li>• The group is <b>targeting a revenue of around Rs 5,000 crore in the current fiscal year.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Political Parties Encouraged to Utilize Suvidha Portal for Obtaining Permissions</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District Collector V Prasanna Venkatesh visited the Media Certification and Monitoring Cell established at the Collectorate.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <p><b>Encouragement to Use Suvidha Portal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The collector urged contesting candidates and political parties to utilise the Suvidha portal for obtaining prior permissions for election-related activities such as meetings, rallies, processions, door-to-door campaigns, and pamphlet distribution.</b></li> <li>• <b>Permission requests should be submitted through the Suvidha app to the concerned Returning Officer at least 48 hours in advance. Permissions are typically granted within 24 hours of application.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Procedures for Political Advertisements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Registered political parties must apply at least three days in advance for broadcasting political advertisements in electronic media.</b></li> <li>• <b>The Media Certification-Monitoring Committee (MCMC) will review applications and grant approval within two day.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Enforcement Actions and Violations:</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities have seized Rs 9.72 lakh through Flying Squads and Rs 4.92 lakh in cash through police teams.</li> <li>• FIRs have been filed in 117 cases related to election code of conduct violations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Empowering Farmers: Solar Dryers Transform Lives</b></p> 	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar dryers have revolutionized farming in Vempalli, empowering farmers by providing a reliable solution to market challenges and enhancing the value of their produce.</li> <li>• Previously unsellable lemons and tomatoes found new purpose as <b>dehydrated products</b>.</li> <li>• A 20 kg batch of tomatoes, once sold for 160 INR, now fetches 320 INR as 1 kg of dried tomatoes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> A solar dryer is a device that uses solar energy to dry substances, especially food, such as <b>fruits, vegetables, and crops</b>. <b>Solar dryers can be classified as direct, indirect, or combined.</b> The basic principles of a solar dryer are:</p> <p><b>Converting light to heat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black surfaces inside the dryer improve the effectiveness of turning light into heat.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trapping heat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using a clear solid, like a plastic bag or a glass cover, will allow light to enter, but trap the heat inside.</li> </ul> <p><b>Heating air to a constant temperature</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This removes moisture from crops in a drying chamber.</li> </ul> <p><b>Using fans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fans installed in the dryer create an induced draft of air to force moisture laden air outside the dryer. This dryer achieves sufficiently high chamber <b>temperature and dries product in accelerated manner</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>World Theatre Day</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Theatre Day raises the importance of theatre arts, how they play an important role in the field of entertainment and the changes that theatre brings to life</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b> International Theatre Institute (ITI) was initiated in 1961 to celebrate World Theatre Day across the world and the value and importance of theatre. The</p>



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goals of World Theatre Day, as with International Dance Day are:

- To highlight the **importance of art forms around the world.**
- **To make people aware of the importance of the value of art form.**
- To enable the dance and theatre communities to promote their work on a broad scale. To make opinion leaders aware of the value of these forms and support them.
- **To enjoy the art form for its own sake.**

**Theme:**

- The theme for World Theatre Day 2024 is **'Theatre and a Culture of Peace'**.



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