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<p>Three new archaeological sites discovered</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A team of archaeologists claimed to have discovered a unique Iron Age megalithic site at Ooragutta near Bandala village in SS Tadvai mandal of Mulugu district, Telangana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site consists of dolmenoid cists, structures with capstones supported by side slabs. These cists are unusual because the side slabs conform to the shape of the capstone, creating unique shapes for each structure. The archaeologists believe these monuments date to around 1000 BCE and may represent an early form of the more standardized megalithic structures found in Europe.
<p>142 Families Find New Homes Outside Telangana's Kawal Tiger Reserve</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 142 families in the Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) in Telangana have relocated to new homes in Dharmajipeta, Nirmal district. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in the northeastern part of Telangana within the former Adilabad district, this area is bordered by the Godavari River on one side and Maharashtra on the other. It's situated within the Deccan Peninsula's central highlands. The reserve serves as the catchment for both the Godavari and Kadam rivers, which flow southward through the sanctuary. Connected to the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra to the north and the Indravati Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh to the northeast, the sanctuary forms a vital corridor. Its habitat is characterized by diverse landscapes, including dense forests, grasslands, open areas, rivers, streams, and water bodies. The vegetation primarily consists of Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest, dominated by teak and bamboo. Over 673 plant species have been documented, among which Anogeissus latifolia, Mitragyna parviflora, Terminalia crenulata, Terminalia arjuna, and Boswellia



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	<p>serrata are notable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fauna is representative of the Deccan Plateau, with a variety of species inhabiting the area, including nilgai, chousinga, chinkara, blackbuck, sambar, spotted deer, wild dog, wolf, jackal, fox, tiger, leopard, and jungle cat.
<p>World Heritage Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, is celebrated on April 18th every year. It aims to raise awareness about the cultural and natural heritage sites around the world. The day promotes the preservation of these irreplaceable treasures and encourages people to appreciate the diversity of our planet's heritage. It also highlights the vulnerability of these sites and the need for ongoing conservation efforts. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The day was first celebrated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1983. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme for World Heritage Day 2024 is "Disasters & Conflicts Through the Lens of the Venice Charter." This theme marks the 60th anniversary of the Venice Charter, a document outlining principles for conservation. It emphasizes how we can use these principles to address the challenges of safeguarding cultural heritage sites in the face of disasters and conflicts.
<p>Incubator for startups in life science kicks off in Hyderabad</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) has initiated a new business incubator to propel innovation and support entrepreneurial ventures in the life sciences sector. This incubator aims to nurture startups by providing them with the resources they need to thrive. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a positive development for Hyderabad's life sciences industry, which is already well-established with organizations like the Biotechnology Incubation Centre [BTIC]. These incubators play a crucial role in fostering the growth of new ideas and technologies that have the potential to revolutionize the field.



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Anaemia claims lives of pregnant women in Agency areas in Telangana

Context:

- **Malnutrition, particularly anemia, is causing deaths among pregnant women in Telangana's Agency areas (tribal regions)**

Anemia:

- **Anaemia is a condition identified by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a deficiency in red blood cells or haemoglobin levels, crucial for oxygen transport in the body.**
- **Insufficient red blood cells or haemoglobin can reduce the blood's ability to carry oxygen, leading to symptoms like fatigue, weakness, dizziness, and shortness of breath.**
- **The primary nutritional cause of anaemia is iron deficiency, although deficiencies in folate, vitamins B12, and A can also contribute.**
- **Chronic diseases like kidney disease, liver disease, cancer, or autoimmune disorders can disrupt red blood cell production, while inherited conditions like sickle cell anemia or thalassemia can alter red blood cell structure or function, leading to chronic anaemia.**

Indian Scenario:

- **In India, anaemia poses a significant health challenge, as highlighted by the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) from 2019 to 2021.**
- **The survey revealed that 57% of women aged 15-49 and 67% of children between six months and 59 months suffer from anaemia, showing an increase from the previous NFHS-4 (2015-16) figures of 53% and 58.6% respectively.**
- **The Health Ministry has recognized anaemia as a critical public health issue.**





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