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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>CCMB study finds genetic link between Sri Lankan tribe and ethnic Indians</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new study by CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad has found a genetic link between the Vedda tribe of Sri Lanka and ethnic groups in India.</li> <li>This is interesting because the Vedda language is unique and not closely related to any Indian languages.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The researchers believe that the Vedda people share a common ancestry with Indians, but that their populations diverged a long time ago, before the development of the different languages spoken in India today.</li> <li>The Vedda people also appear to have had a relatively small population size at some point in their history, which has led to some unique genetic variations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Heatwave continues in Telangana, IMD forecasts thunderstorms over next seven days</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana continues to bake under a heatwave, with temperatures reaching highs of 44.8°C in some areas such as Khammam, Jagtiyal, Mancherial, Mulugu, Nalgonda, Wanaparthy and Warangal districts.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The India Meteorological Department (IMD) offers a glimmer of hope, forecasting thunderstorms over the next seven days in several areas.</li> <li>This is likely due to a cyclonic circulation and a trough in the region.</li> <li>The highest maximum temperature was recorded in Nalgonda and Bhadradi Kothagudem at 44.80C, followed by Moosapet in Hyderabad at 43.0 C.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hyderabad consumed 4,053 MW on April 18</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hyderabad witnessed a significant spike in power consumption on April 18, 2024, reaching a peak of 4,053 MW.</li> <li>This marks the highest power demand ever recorded in the city, surpassing the previous record of 3,756 MW set in May 2023.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The surge in power consumption is <b>attributed to the prevailing heatwave conditions in Telangana</b>, which have led to <b>increased use of air conditioners and other appliances</b>.</li> <li><b>Despite the rise in demand, power officials assured that they were able to meet the demand and avoid disruptions in power supply.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>T &amp; AP in fresh row over Sagar tail pond water</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A <b>fresh row broke out between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh</b> over drawal of <b>water from Nagarjuna Sagar tail pond</b>.</li> <li><b>Telangana alleged that AP had surreptitiously drawn over 4 tmcft of water from Sagar</b> in the last one week <b>without informing the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB)</b> as well as the neighbouring state.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Nagarjuna Sagar Tail Pond is a <b>versatile reservoir situated 21 kilometers downstream from the Nagarjuna Sagar Dam</b>, spanning the <b>Krishna River near Satrasala in India's Nalgonda district</b>.</li> <li>With a gross water storage capacity of 6 Tmcft, the reservoir's water expanse extends up to the Nagarjuna Sagar dam's toe.</li> <li>The project was finalized and operational by <b>July 2014</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gutti Koyas 'The Others' in Telangana, denied caste certificate &amp; a better life</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Gutti Koyas, an Adivasi (indigenous) tribe</b> in Telangana, <b>face a significant challenge: denial of caste certificates</b>.</li> <li>This exclusion relegates them to the <b>category of "The Others,"</b> depriving them of the benefits associated with affirmative action programs meant to uplift disadvantaged castes.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gutti Koya tribe is a <b>significant indigenous community predominantly found in the Indian states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha</b>.</li> <li>Known for their diverse linguistic and racial background, the Gutti Koya people have a rich cultural heritage that sets them apart.</li> </ul> <p><b>Language and Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gutti Koya tribe communicates using the <b>Koya language</b>, which belongs to the Dravidian language</li> </ul>



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family.

- In addition to Koya, many members of the community also speak **Gondi or Telugu**, reflecting their multicultural identity.

### Cultural Festivals and Celebrations:

- The Gutti Koya people celebrate various cultural festivals, with the **Sammakka Saralamma Jatra being their most important event**.
- Held once every two years on the full moon day of the Magha Masam (January or February) in Medaram village, Warangal district, this fair showcases the vibrant traditions of the tribe.

### Livelihood and Economic Activities

- Traditionally, the Gutti Koya community has **practiced the Podu form of shifting cultivation**, a method utilized by several tribal groups in forest areas.
- Over time, they have adapted to new economic activities, such as animal husbandry and collecting minor forest produce, to ensure their survival and maintain environmental sustainability.

### Legal Status and Recognition:

- Although the Gutti Koya tribe holds Scheduled Tribe (ST) status in Chhattisgarh, their classification as a Scheduled Tribe in migrated states like Telangana has yet to be granted.
- This has resulted in ongoing discussions and debates regarding the recognition of their rights and status within the region.





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