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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Telangana Govt Released Input subsidy to Farmers</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Telangana government has taken a proactive step to support farmers affected by crop damage caused by <b>heavy rains and hailstorms between March 16 and 21, 2024.</b></li> <li>An amount of Rs.15.81 crore has been released from the State Disaster Response Fund to provide one-time relief to farmers in 10 districts where agriculture and horticulture crops suffered significant losses.</li> </ul> <p><b>Input Subsidy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under this scheme, <b>farmers in the 10 affected districts</b>, including Kamareddy, Nizamabad, Rajanna Sircilla, Siddipet, Medak, Adilabad, Nirmal, Mancherial, Karimnagar, and Sangareddy, will receive a relief of <b>Rs.10,000 per acre for crop losses.</b></li> <li>With the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in effect due to the Lok Sabha elections, necessary permission has been obtained from the Election Commission of India (ECI) for the disbursement of funds.</li> <li><b>A total of 10,328 acres, covering 9,107 farmers,</b> have been impacted in Kamareddy alone, highlighting the widespread nature of the crop damage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Also Check Crop seasons in Telangana</b></p>
<p><b>Telangana government release Rythu Bandhu</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state government disbursed Rythu Bandhu amounts totaling <b>Rs. 2,200 crore to farmers who own five or more acres of land.</b></li> <li>This move comes after receiving approval from the Election Commission, enabling the timely distribution of financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rythu bandhu:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the Rythu Bandhu scheme, a total of <b>Rs. 5.5K crore has already been disbursed to 64.75 lakh farmers by March 28.</b> This initiative aims to provide financial support to farmers ahead of the <b>Rabi crop season.</b></li> <li>The government has prioritized the disbursement of funds to farmers owning five or less acres of land, constituting 92% of eligible beneficiaries. With the recent release of <b>Rs. 2,200 crore, the remaining 8%, or approximately 4.5 lakh farmers,</b> have now received the benefits under</li> </ul>



the Rythu Bandhu scheme for Rabi crops.

- This scheme aims to enhance the input subsidy amount from **Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000 per acre for two crops**, further supporting the agricultural sector in the state.
- The **Rythu Bandhu scheme (Agriculture Investment Support Scheme)**, initiated by the **Telangana government in 2018**, provides financial support to farmers through direct transfers of **Rs 5,000 per acre per season, covering both kharif and rabi harvests**. Under the scheme, funds are directly deposited into farmers' accounts, with an initial allocation of Rs 12,000 crore from the state budget.

#### Farmers Suicides

In 2019, **Telangana reported the fourth-highest number of farmer suicides** in India, according to the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)**. The report reveals that 491 farmers in the state took their own lives that year. Among them, 373 were cultivating their own lands, while 118 were farming leased lands.

- 908 cases reported in 2018
- 851 Cases in 2017
- 645 Cases in 2016.

**Also Read New schemes and Initiatives for farmers and NCRB Data on Farmers Suicides**

**IIIT's IC develops a wireless detector to diagnose respiratory diseases and pneumonia**

#### Context:

Hyderabad continues to solidify its position as an innovation capital with the recent launch of a **wireless detector for diagnosing respiratory diseases and pneumonia in children** by **IIIT's IC-Vibes research laboratory**.

#### Technological Innovation:

- The wireless detector, developed by Professor Abhishek Srivastava and his team at IC-Vibes Laboratory, leverages semiconductor technology and integrated circuits to diagnose respiratory ailments without physical contact with patients.
- According to recent data, the city has witnessed a **20% rise in the number of patents filed in the last five years, reflecting its growing prominence in the global innovation landscape**.

#### S&T in Telangana:

- The Telangana State Council of Science & Technology (TSCOST) executed the Mapping of S&T Needs of the State (MSTN) project.
- Sectors covered by MSTN include Environment, Energy, Rural Development, Agriculture, Education, and Health
- TSCOST acts as the focal point for formulating, planning, coordinating, and promoting S&T activities in Telangana.
- TSCOST responsibilities include preparing state S&T



plans, facilitating technological interventions, disseminating S&T information, and promoting scientific temper

**Also Read about initiatives like T-Hub, T-PRIDE, T-IDEA, startup incubators and their contribution in Science and Technology**

### Rapido Drives Voter Turnout: Offering Free Rides for General Elections 2024

#### Context:

- As the General Elections 2024 approach, ride-hailing platform Rapido is demonstrating its commitment to promoting voter participation by offering **free rides to polling stations in Hyderabad, as well as in Karimnagar, Khammam, and Warangal in Telangana.**

#### New Initiative:

- Rapido has partnered with the office of the Chief Electoral Officer** to facilitate voter turnout on polling day, May 13. Through this initiative, voters can avail free bike taxi, auto-rickshaw, and cab rides by using the code **'VOTENOW'** on the Rapido app.

**Also Read about General Elections 2024, Percentage of voters in Lok sabha Elections in Telangana**

### Knight Frank report on city for high street retail, Hyderabad stood 3rd

#### Context:

- Hyderabad emerges as a prominent city for high street retail, closely trailing behind the National Capital Region (NCR) and Bengaluru, according to **Knight Frank India's latest 'Think India Think Retail 2024' report.**
- The report sheds light on Hyderabad's growing presence in the retail sector, with a notable share of stores among the top eight cities in India.

#### Report Highlights:

- The report identifies five key high streets in Hyderabad, situated in areas like **Ameerpet, Banjara Hills, Gachibowli, Jubilee Hills, and Somajiguda.**
- These high streets contribute significantly to the city's retail landscape, offering diverse shopping experiences to both locals and tourists.
- Knight Frank India's primary retail store survey reveals that Hyderabad possesses a substantial shopping center stock, totaling 0.6 million square meters (6.7 million square feet) as of 2023.

#### Top 3 places:

- NCR**
- Bangalore**
- Hyderabad**



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