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<p>Nehru Zoological Park</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abhimanyu, a male white Bengal Tiger, passed away at Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad due to chronic renal failure. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad was inaugurated on 6th October 1963 after relocation of the erstwhile Zoo enclosures from the Public Gardens, Hyderabad. The Hyderabad Zoo has become the first zoo in the country to receive ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Standards Certificate. <p>White Bengal Tiger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Tiger is a rare form of Bengal Tiger with a unique (recessive) gene which gives it a white color. A white tiger is not a sub-specie of tiger. White tigers are born only when two bengal tigers that possess a recessive gene (gene that affectthe coat color) are bred together. <p>Do you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embracing Chennai, the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, also called Vandalur Zoo, stands as India's largest zoo in 2024.
<p>Yadadri Thermal Plant Achieves Milestone</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Yadadri Thermal Power Plant in Damarcherla began testing its boilers in Unit I and Unit II. The plant, owned by TS Power Generation Corporation Limited (TSGenco), received final environmental clearances for the project. <p>Capacity and Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plant will have five power stations, each capable of generating 800 MW of thermal power. Testing is ongoing to ensure all sections of the two 800 MW units are working synchronously. It will take about five to six months to complete all testing before Unit I and Unit II are ready for commercial production. <p>Environmental Allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is estimated to cost around Rs 34,542 crores, with Rs 5,680 crores allocated for environmental



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	protection measures as mandated by the Union ministry of environment.
Telangana State Pollution Control Board	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) has issued closure orders to a quarry mine located in Jinnaram mandal, Sangareddy district. <p>Key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mine failed to adhere to the regulations outlined in the Water and Air Acts, consequently causing pollution in the surrounding area. <p>Violations Found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During a joint inspection by the Mines and Geology, Revenue departments, and PCB officials, it was discovered that the mine had operated previously without obtaining environmental clearance. Lack of Compliance: The mine did not obtain the necessary environmental clearance as per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification of 2006 and its subsequent amendments. Furthermore, it lacked a valid Consent for Operation (CFO) from the Board. <p>EIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Impact Assessment or EIA can be defined as the study to predict the effect of a proposed activity/project on the environment. A decision making tool, EIA compares various alternatives for a project and seeks to identify the one which represents the best combination of economic and environmental costs and benefits. On 27 January 1994, the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests (MEF), Government of India, under the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, promulgated an EIA notification making Environmental Clearance (EC) mandatory for expansion or modernisation of any activity or for setting up new projects. The MoEF recently notified new EIA legislation in September 2006. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notification makes it mandatory for various projects such as mining, thermal power plants, river valley, infrastructure (road, highway, ports, harbours and airports) and industries including very small electroplating or foundry units to get environment clearance.
Telangana records 66.30% voter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telangana witnessed a notable increase in voter turnout,



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with 66.30% recorded in the recent elections, up from 62.77% in 2019.

- The highest turnout was in Bhongir at 76.78%, while Hyderabad had the lowest at 48.48%.
- 2,20,24,806 out of 3,32,16,348 electors participated, with 2,18,14,035 voters at polling stations and 2,10,771 at facilitation centers and home voting.



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