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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Ramadasu's Contributions to Telangana</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramadas, recognized as the leader of the first generation Telangana movement, breathed his last at his residence in Boinapally, Hyderabad.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kolishetti Ramadasu was born as the fourth child of Kolishetti Veeraya and Lakshminarsamma.</li> <li>Their hometown is Getukarepalli near Illendu in Bhadradi-Kottagudem district.</li> <li>After completing his studies, he worked as a co-worker in Singareni.</li> <li><b>Between 1954-56 he played a key role in the anti-Vishalandhra movement.</b></li> <li>When Andhra Pradesh came into existence, they were unhappy and restless that their movement was not successful.</li> <li>Since then he worked for a <b>separate Telangana.</b></li> <li>He gave direction to the <b>separate Telangana movement and established the Telangana Regional Party.</b></li> <li><b>He was famous for rendering the slogan 'Non-Mulki Goback'.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana's Forest Encroachment</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Telangana government has reported to the NGT that around <b>7.65 lakh acres of forest land, approximately 11.48% of the state's total forest area, have been encroached illegally.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>state's total geographical area is 2.77 crore acres, with 66.54 lakh acres covered by forests.</b></li> <li>The government assured the NGT of measures to curb encroachments, including regular patrolling, inspections, and the establishment of base camps and checkposts.</li> <li>Specialized squads, including flying squads and vigilance parties, have been set up for forest protection.</li> <li>A crime control cell and a toll-free number have been established for reporting forest-related offences and complaints.</li> <li>Despite these efforts, activists express concerns about the government's ability to protect forest land effectively.</li> <li>The government has pledged to the NGT to develop a detailed system for identifying and reporting encroachments, to be discussed in District Forest</li> </ul>



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	Protection Committee meetings for appropriate action.
<b>Telangana-bPASS</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana-bPASS, a system introduced by the state government, is now responsible for processing all building permits, layout approvals, and other related permissions within the gram panchayats limits under the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) jurisdiction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana State Building Permission Approval and Self-Certification System (TS-bPASS) is exclusively processing building permits, occupancy certificates (OCs), layout permissions, and group housing permissions.</li> <li>New applications, except for change of land use, will not be accepted in the Development Permission Management System (DPMS).</li> </ul>
<b>World Salt Awareness Week</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During World Salt Awareness Week, doctors emphasized the importance of reducing salt intake to less than 5 grams per day for a healthy life, citing its role in controlling blood pressure and hypertension.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Salt Intake:</b> Doctors recommend consuming less than 5 grams of salt per day.</li> <li><b>Health Effects:</b> Excess sodium intake is linked to hypertension, blood pressure issues, and heart and kidney ailments.</li> <li><b>WHO Guidelines:</b> The World Health Organization recommends limiting salt intake to protect cardiovascular health.</li> <li><b>Sources of Salt:</b> Ultra-processed and processed foods are major sources of hidden salt in diets.</li> <li><b>Visibility of Salt:</b> While visible salt in cooking can be controlled, invisible salt in processed foods poses a challenge.</li> <li><b>Concerns:</b> Doctors are concerned about the rise of hypertension and obesity in children due to excess salt consumption from processed foods.</li> <li><b>Prevention:</b> They stress the importance of regular blood pressure check-ups and a diet low in sodium and high in potassium to prevent hypertension and related diseases.</li> </ul>
<b>Sitarama Irrigation Project</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao announced the completion of major works at the Sitarama Project.</li> </ul>



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- Efforts are underway to operationalize the project promptly.

### About:

- The Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project intends to redirect water from the Godavari River to irrigate approximately 2.72 lakh hectares of land across Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, and Mahabubabad districts in Telangana.
- **Project Location:** Telangana, India
- **Target Area:** Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, and Mahabubabad districts
- **Source of Water:** Godavari River
- **Purpose:** Irrigation of 2.72 lakh hectares of land
- **Method:** Diversion of water through a head regulator constructed at Dummugudem Anicut on the Godavari River
- **Canal Length:** Approximately 372 km
- **Additional Benefits:** Water supply to tanks, villages, towns, and support to existing/proposed irrigation schemes.



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