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Ancient idols discovered in Telangana's Nagunur



Context:

- In **Telangana's Nagunur**, ancient idols were discovered on a hillock.
- These idols, dating back to the **Kakatiya era**, were found carved into the rocks but were in a state of disrepair.

Key points:

- Among the idols found were one resembling Lord Shiva holding a **'Damarukam' and a trident**, noted by a devotee named Venkatesham, and another depicting a **'Naga Devata'** in a snake posture.

About:

- Nagunur, once known as the **village of 400 temples**, has seen a decline in its historical and cultural heritage, partly due to neglect by the Telangana government.
- The **'Trikuta Alayam' temple in Nagunur**, under the Archaeology department's jurisdiction, is in a dilapidated state with no preservation efforts made.
- Historian **S Nagendra Sharma mentioned inscriptions dating back to 1171 CE** from the Kakatiya dynasty that highlight Nagunur's significance as the village of 400 temples.
- One notable site, the **Erra Gudi temple**, constructed from red stone, attracts visitors with its three sanctum sanctorums housing **three Shiva lingas**.

Telangana BC Panel Prepares Ground for Caste Survey

Context:

- **The BC Commission in Telangana has initiated the groundwork for a caste census by holding discussions with various stakeholders.**

Key points:

- To streamline the process, the commission recently convened a meeting with experts, sociologists, caste leaders, peoples' organizations, and NGOs.
- The focus was on finalizing the methodology, modalities, and questionnaire for the Census.
- Commission chairman Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao highlighted that the expert team suggested **incorporating socio-economic, educational, employability, political, and scientific aspects into the Census modalities.**
- This comprehensive approach aims to ensure the accuracy and authenticity of the data collected.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They reviewed recent caste surveys conducted in various states, such as Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, and Karnataka, to draw insights into survey methodologies.
<p>Telangana allocates 200 acres for firms working on AI</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Minister D Sridhar Babu of Telangana recently announced that the state government has dedicated 200 acres of land for companies specializing in Artificial Intelligence (AI). <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This move, disclosed at the American Telugu Association (ATA) seminar in Atlanta, is aimed at boosting the growth of AI on a global scale. • Minister Babu expressed the goal of establishing Hyderabad as the world's AI capital. • Additionally, Minister Babu highlighted plans to develop a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for semiconductors and medical devices. • The government aims to attract semiconductor firms to establish facilities for microprocessing chips. • Telangana is also in the process of formulating a new industrial policy, focusing on the growth of semi-urban and rural areas around Hyderabad. • In a previous announcement, he mentioned the government's plan to establish a Skill University, the first of its kind in India, which would be akin to the Indian School of Business (ISB).
<p>Telangana irrigation advisor : Aditya Nath</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aditya Nath Das, the former chief secretary and irrigation special chief secretary of Andhra Pradesh, has been appointed as an advisor to the irrigation department of the Telangana government. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This appointment comes after his retirement in 2021 and his previous role as advisor to the Andhra Pradesh government. • In the undivided Andhra Pradesh, Das held a prominent position as one of the two secretaries of the irrigation department, overseeing projects in the Telangana region.



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