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| <p><b>Jal Shakti Abhiyan</b></p>   | <p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Union Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Rajiv Gauba, stressed the importance of states completing the inventory and geo-tagging of water bodies, along with formulating a scientific plan for their management.</li> <li>This directive was made during a video conference with Chief Secretaries, state administrators, and <b>Central ministry Secretaries regarding the Jal Shakti Abhiyan.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighting the theme of this year's Jal Shakti Abhiyan, "<b>Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti,</b>" Dr. Gauba instructed states to train women's Self-Help Groups in water management and maintenance, thereby empowering them in water conservation efforts.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Jal Shakti Abhiyan</b></p>   | <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It Was Launched In 2019, A Time-Bound Campaign With A Mission Mode Approach Intended To Improve Water Availability Including Groundwater Conditions In The Water-Stressed Blocks Of 256 Districts In India.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>CM Revanth Reddy Requests National Highway Status for Regional Ring Road</b></p> | <p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urged Union Road Transport and National Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari to declare the southern part of the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR) as a National Highway.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b><br/>The Regional Ring Road (RRR) is a significant infrastructure project proposed for Hyderabad, Telangana. It aims to improve connectivity and support the region's economic growth by linking key urban and industrial areas around the city.</p> <p><b>Importance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Connectivity:</b> The RRR will connect major highways and important towns around Hyderabad, facilitating smoother and faster travel.</li> <li><b>Economic Impact:</b> By improving logistics and transportation efficiency, the RRR is expected to boost trade and industrial activities in the region.</li> <li><b>Safety:</b> The road infrastructure will incorporate advanced safety features to reduce the risk of accidents and enhance road safety.</li> </ul> |

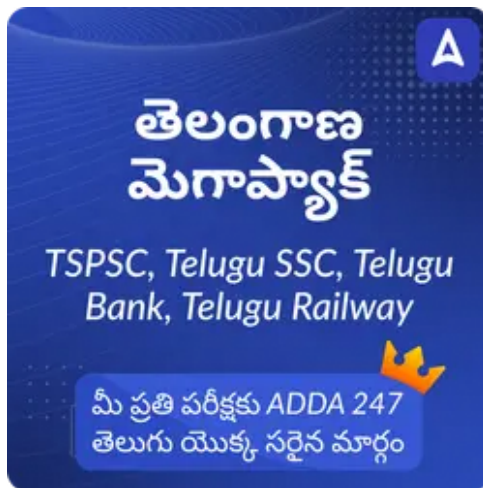


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|   | <p><b>Future Prospects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion: Once completed, the RRR could potentially be expanded to accommodate future growth and increased traffic volumes.</li> <li>• Integration: The RRR will integrate with other major infrastructure projects in the region, such as the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and various expressways, to create a comprehensive transportation network.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Discovery of 4th-Century Varahamurthy Sculpture</b></p> | <p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 4th-century Varahamurthy sculpture has been discovered in Kotla Narsimhulapalle, Karimnagar district, by the Kotha Telangana Charitra Brundam research team.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team unearthed the 3-inch high Ishtadaivashilpam of Varahamurthy, made of limestone, at Kolluri Sai Birappagudi.</li> <li>• The sculpture, known for its distinct north-facing figure and raised feet.</li> <li>• Team confirmed that the sculpture dates back to the 4th century.</li> <li>• In addition to this significant find, other artifacts, such as potsherds from the Satavahana period, a fragment of a Neolithic stone axe, and Mesolithic stone implements, were also found at Kotla Narsimhulapalle.</li> <li>• Team remarked that the discovery of the Chinnavarahaswamy Archamurthy sculpture in the Birappa temple is historically noteworthy, drawing parallels to the Narasimhaswamy plaque found in Kondamotu.</li> </ul> |



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