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<p>Launch of Mineral Foundation Portal</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Minister for Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy launched the national DMF portal. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim:to enhance transparency and accessibility. • The portal consolidates information on 645 district mineral foundations across India. • It provides access to DMF data, tracks developments and utilization, and offers a repository of best practices for effective implementation. • He also inaugurated the ‘Mineral Exploration Hackathon’ in Hyderabad. • The hackathon aims to promote emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) for geophysical data collection to identify new mineral targets. <p>Publications Released</p> <p>Two publications were released:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Glimpse of Geology and Mineral Resources, Telangana” • “Minerals in Telangana - Spotlights” • These publications highlight the geological setup and mineral potential of Telangana.
<p>Impact of Recent Demographic Changes on the Cultural Heritage of Ancient Tribal Populations : Study</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientists from the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB-Hyderabad) and DST-Birbal Sahni Institute of Paleosciences (Lucknow) have conducted a study revealing that recent demographic changes are influencing the language of Austroasiatic-speaking tribal groups in India. • This research highlights the impact of modern sociocultural dynamics on ancient languages and cultural heritage. <p>Austroasiatic Languages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: About 5% of the Indian population. • Regions: Primarily spoken by tribal populations in Odisha, Chattisgarh, and Jharkhand. • Historical Retention: Maintained for over 4,000 years. <p>Genetic Study Findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Populations Studied: Bathudi, Bhumij, Ho, and Mahali



	<p>tribes from Odisha.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison: Genetic affinities compared with nearby Indo-European speakers. • Results: No genetic mixing between the two groups, indicating linguistic changes are due to cultural contact rather than genetic integration. <p>Influencing Factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrialization: Movement of Indo-European speakers into tribal areas. • Modernization: Cultural exchanges through marriages, trade, and education. • Adoption: Some Austroasiatic speakers adopting Indo-European languages; no reverse adoption observed. <p>Cultural Heritage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation: Despite modern changes, most tribal groups maintain their cultural heritage. <p>Significance of the Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity: Highlights India's diverse population and the origins of Austroasiatic speakers. • Demographic Changes: Sheds light on both historical and ongoing demographic shifts.
<p>Inclusion of New Procedures in Rajiv Aarogyasri Scheme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Telangana government has undertaken significant revisions to the Rajiv Aarogyasri scheme, a health initiative aimed at providing financial assistance to families for medical treatments. <p>Enhanced Health Assurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Scheme (RAHS) in Telangana has been updated to include 163 new medical procedures. • These procedures will be covered under the enhanced health assurance amount, which ranges from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh per family per annum.



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