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<p>Rs 5,336 cr budget allocated for Railway projects in Telangana</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that a record budget of Rs 5,336 crore was allocated for the railway projects in Telangana in the union budget 2024 – 25. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaishnaw mentioned the annual average budget outlay for combined Andhra Pradesh state during the years 2009-14 was only Rs. 886 crore. The total cost of ongoing railway projects (new tracks) in Telangana was estimated to be worth Rs. 32,946 crore. The railway network in Telangana was now 100 percent electrified. To facilitate safety, 437 RoBs and RuBs have been constructed and 40 railway stations in Telangana were being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat station scheme, he added.
<p>Telangana turns cyber hotspot</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telangana, India's burgeoning IT hub and home to a significant population of high net worth individuals (HNIs), has unfortunately become a prime target for cybercriminals. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state's rapid economic growth and digital adoption have made it an attractive landscape for cyberattacks. From sophisticated malware attacks to more common phishing scams, Telangana is facing a surge in cybercrime incidents. The combination of a thriving IT industry and a wealthy population creates a perfect storm for cybercriminals. This has led to substantial financial losses and reputational damage for individuals and businesses alike. According to the latest India Cyber Threat Report, 15% of all such malware attacks reported from across the country in 2023 were from the state, closely followed by Tamil Nadu at 14%.



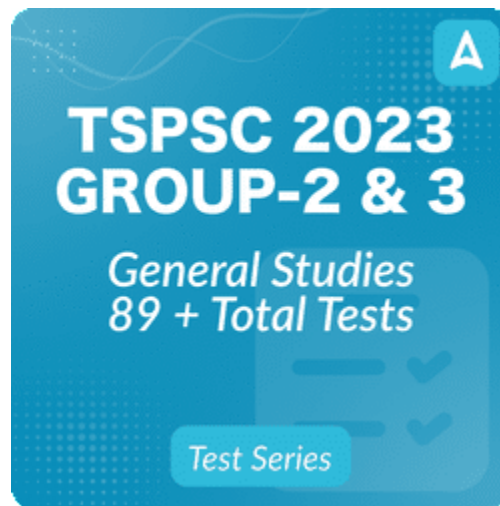
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among cities, Hyderabad stood at third place — behind Surat and Bengaluru.
<p>Mahalakshmi Scheme: Women are extremely happy about this, says Telangana Finance Minister</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu said that the government's public transport measures, including the Mahalakshmi scheme has set the transport organization on the road to becoming a billion dollar corporation. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahalakshmi Scheme is a flagship program launched by the Telangana government to empower women. • It aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of women-headed households in the state. <p>Key features of the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance: Eligible women receive a monthly stipend of ₹2,500. • Gas subsidy: Beneficiaries get a subsidy of ₹500 on gas cylinders. • Free bus travel: Women can travel free of cost on Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) buses. • The scheme targets women from below poverty line (BPL) families and aims to provide them with a financial safety net and enhance their mobility. It is part of the Telangana government's broader efforts to uplift women and improve their overall well-being.
<p>Telangana Government presents State Budget with total outlay of ₹2.91 lakh crore</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TG government presented a budget of ₹2.91 lakh crore for the financial year 2024-25. • The budget focuses on agriculture, welfare, and development. <p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total outlay: ₹2.91 lakh crore • Revenue: ₹2.21 lakh crore • Capital expenditure: ₹33,487 crore • Fiscal deficit: ₹49,255 crore • Revenue surplus: ₹297 crore • Public debt: ₹4.5 lakh crore (projected) <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ₹10,000 crore allocated for the development of Hyderabad



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on agriculture with increased spending on irrigation and farmer welfare schemes • Significant allocation for social welfare programs • Investment in education and healthcare infrastructure • Emphasis on industrial development and job creation
<p>Telangana's education Budget up by 11.5% compared to previous fiscal year</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telangana has significantly increased its education budget for the fiscal year 2024-25. • The allocation has seen a substantial 11.5% hike compared to the previous year. • This amounts to a total of ₹21,292 crore dedicated to the education sector. • This upward trend in educational spending signifies the state government's commitment to improving education infrastructure, teacher training, and overall quality of education. <p>Key highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgradation of schools and colleges • Enhancement of teacher salaries and training • Scholarships and financial aid for students • Digital initiatives in education



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