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## Telangana State Regional News

**Telangana's Focus on Eco-Tourism and Environmental Development****Context:**

- **Telangana has sanctioned Rs 1,064 crore for the Environment and Forests Department.**
- **Objective:** The primary goal is to promote eco-tourism while ensuring forest conservation and sustainable development.

**Formation of Committee:**

- **Leadership:** A committee led by State Forest Minister Konda Surekha has been constituted.
- **Purpose:** The committee will visit states like Odisha and Karnataka to study their best practices in eco-tourism.

**Eco-Tourism Policy:**

- **Development:** Based on the committee's findings, a comprehensive eco-tourism policy will be developed.
- **Benefits:** This policy aims to protect the environment and generate revenue for the state.

**Identified Eco-Tourism Sites:**

- **Locations: Seven forest areas have been identified as potential eco-tourism sites:**
  - Amrabad Tiger Reserve
  - Kawal Tiger Reserve
  - Vikarabad-Ananthagiri Circuit
  - Kanakagiri in Khammam
  - Kuntala Falls in Adilabad
  - Kinnerasani in Kothagudem
  - Pakala and Eturnagaram Circuit

**Budget Estimates and Initiatives:**

- 2023-24 Budget Estimate: Rs 1,471 crore
- 2024-25 Budget Estimate: Rs 1,064 crore

**Initiatives:**

- **Eco-Tourism Policy:** To be formulated and implemented.
- **Tree Plantation:** 20.02 crore trees to be planted under the 'Vajrotsava Vanamahotsavam' programme in 2024.
- **Compensation:** Increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh for families of people who lost their lives in human-animal conflicts.



## SCCL

## Context:

- Union Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy confirmed that there are no plans to privatise Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).

## Key points:

- Telangana government owns 51% of SCCL, and its administration is entirely under state jurisdiction.

## About:

- The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is a Government coal mining company jointly owned by the Government of Telangana and Government of India on a 51:49 equity basis.
- It was formed in 1950 as a public sector company and jointly owned by the Government of Telangana and the Government of India.
- SCCL is the only coal mining company in the southern region of India and operates 13 open cast and 30 underground mines in the four districts of Telangana state: Adilabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, and Warangal.

## Qutb Shahi Heritage Park



## Context:

- The Qutb Shahi Heritage Park in Hyderabad has seen significant changes over the past ten years due to dedicated conservation and restoration efforts by artisans.
- The conservation project led by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture aims to secure the Qutb Shahi Tombs Complex's place on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

## About:

- The Qutb Shahi Heritage Park spans 106 acres and contains over 70 structures, including tombs, mosques, Baolis (stepwells), Hamams (bathhouses), and archaeological remains.
- Key monuments conserved include the tombs of several Qutb Shahi rulers and other significant structures like the Great Mosque, the Hamam, and the Badi Baoli.
- The Qutb Shahi Tombs Heritage Park was nominated to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2016.
- Plans are underway to develop the site as an urban Archaeological Park, connecting it to the Golconda Fort and enhancing heritage tourism in



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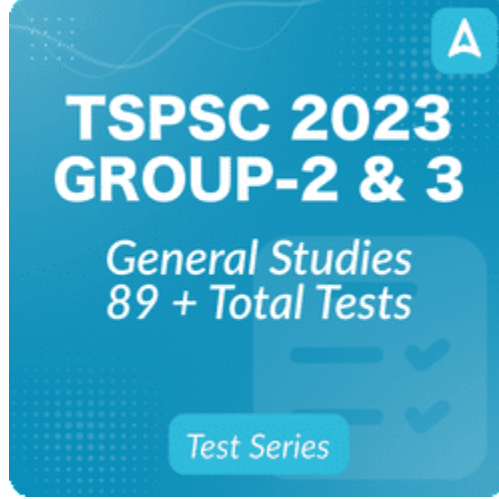
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