



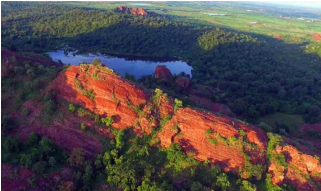
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Reports & Indices: NIRF Rankings	Why in news? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) 2024 has been released. Warangal's SR University has secured rank 98. Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Institutional Ranking Framework(NIRF) is a methodology adopted by the Ministry of Education, to rank institutions of higher education in India. The university has been placed in the rank band of 101 – 150 in the university category and was positioned in the rank band of 151 – 200 in the overall category.
Compressed BioGas technology	Why in news? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry partners using CSIR-IICT's AGR biogas technology are now interested in adopting its Compressed BioGas (CBG) technology. Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compressed Biogas (CBG) means the mixture of hydrocarbon gasses and vapors consisting mainly of Methane in gaseous form, which has been produced by the decomposition of animal and plant waste, purified and compressed for use as an automotive fuel and industrial application. Biogas can be compressed after removal of carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide, the same way as natural gas is compressed to CNG, and used to power motor vehicles. The Compressed BioGas technology helps in achieving objectives of the Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme. Discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the SATAT Scheme?
Awards & Honors: National Geoscience Award 2023	Why in news? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President of India conferred the prestigious National Geoscience Awards (NGA) to CSIR-NGRI chief scientist Bantu Prasanta Kumar. Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Geoscience Awards (NGA) are among the most prestigious recognitions in the field of geosciences in India.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instituted by the Ministry of Mines in 1966, these awards aim to acknowledge and honor outstanding contributions and achievements in various geoscientific fields. Eligibility: Any citizen of India with significant contribution in any field of geosciences is eligible for the award.
<p>Illegal Sand Mining</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around 137 illegal sand mining cases filed in Mulugu district, Telangana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sand mining is defined as the removal of primary natural sand and sand resources (mineral sands and aggregates) from the natural environment. Sand is classified as a “minor mineral”, under The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act). Section 3(e) of the MMDR Act aims to prevent illegal mining, with the government implementing laws to curb illicit practices. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2023 was recently passed by the Parliament to amend the MMDR Act, 1957. <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2023.
<p>Places in news: Gandhari Khilla, Shivvaram crocodile sanctuary</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans to develop Gandhari Khilla, Shivvaram crocodile sanctuary remain on paper. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gandhari Khilla <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gandhari Khilla (Gandhari Kota) is a hill fort located near Bokkalagutta, in Mandamarri Mandal in Mancherial district in the south Indian state of Telangana. Gandhari Maisamma temple is located at the fort. It is located on the sand rock hills. Shivvaram Wildlife Sanctuary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a wildlife preserve located nearly 10 km from Manthani and 50 km from Mancherial town in Telangana. The Shivvaram wildlife sanctuary attracts a lot of tourists with its wide collection of fauna which includes Sloth bear, Nilgai, Panther, Langur,



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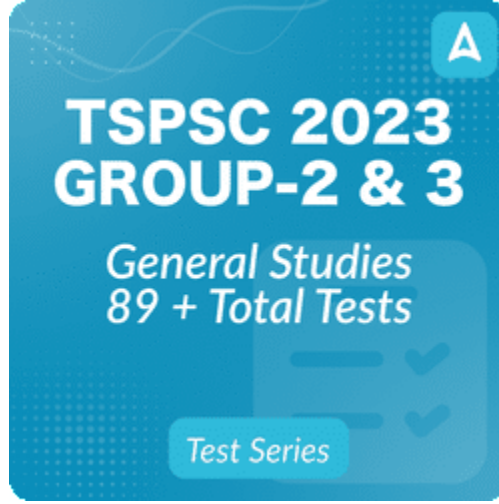
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Rhesus Monkey, Cheetal, etc.

- The **marsh crocodiles** are the **freshwater crocodiles** which are also known as **Mugger Crocodiles**.
- These crocodiles are **equally mobile on land** as well as in water, and this quality stands as the **hot tourist attraction**.



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