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### Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Places in news:</b> Kawal Tiger Reserve</p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A team led by prominent mineral and rock scientist Manjusha Mahajan from Bengaluru visited various scenic spots and percolation tanks within the reserve.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is located in the <b>north-eastern part of Telangana State along the banks of the river Godavari</b>, forming part of the Deccan Peninsula-central highlands.</li> <li>Spanning over 2015 sq. km, the reserve is nestled in the <b>Sahyadri Mountain Ranges</b>.</li> <li>The government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in <b>2012</b>.</li> <li>It has a diverse habitat comprising <b>dense forests, grasslands, open areas, rivers, streams, and water bodies</b>.</li> <li><b>Vegetation:</b> Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CCI</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cotton farmers in the state, already struggling, faced another setback as the Telangana Cotton and Ginning Mills Association decided to stop buying their produce in protest against the CCI and state government's stance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working as the chief national competition regulator in India, the CCI is a <b>statutory body</b> (established on 14 October 2003 but became fully functional in May 2009) within the <b>Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India</b>.</li> <li>It is responsible for enforcing the <b>Competition Act 2002 to promote competition and prevent activities</b> that have an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India.</li> <li>The CCI looks into cases and investigates them if the same has a negative impact on competition.</li> <li>CCI also <b>approves combinations so that two merging entities do not overtake the market</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gutti Koya Tribe</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has asked the Union Home Ministry and Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha to submit a detailed report on the status of the Gotti Koya tribals, who were displaced from Chhattisgarh due to Maoist violence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Koya population is concentrated in <b>Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha</b>.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They speak <b>Koya</b>, which is a <b>Dravidian language</b>.</li> <li>• The most important fair celebrated by Koyas is the <b>Sammakka Saralamma Jatra once in two years on full moon day</b> of the Magha Masam (January or February) at Medaram village in Mulug taluk of Warangal district.</li> <li>• They practice <b>Podu form of shifting cultivation</b>, as practiced by various tribal groups in forest areas has for long been an economic survival versus environmental sustenance issue.</li> <li>• They held <b>ST status in Chattisgarh but they were not granted ST status in their migrated states such as Telangana</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NPDS) Act, 1985</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrests under the <b>NDPS Act in Telangana</b> have risen by 900% over the past 10 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NDPS Act <b>prohibits any individual from engaging in any activity consisting of the production, cultivation, sale, purchase, transport, storage, and/or consumption of any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance.</b></li> <li>• <b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To take measures for <b>preventing, combating, and regulating operations</b> relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.</li> <li>○ To provide for the <b>forfeiture of property derived from or used in, illicit traffic</b> in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.</li> <li>○ To implement the <b>provisions of the international conventions on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances</b> and for all relevant matters.</li> <li>○ To <b>add or omit the list</b> of psychotropic substances.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Applicability:</b> The NDPS Act prohibits a person from <b>manufacture / production / cultivation/ possession/ sale / purchase / transport / store / consume any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance</b> without due permission from the appropriate authorities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Minimum Support Price (MSP)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers in Telangana are protesting after millers refused to pay the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minimum Support Price (MSP) is the price at which the <b>government purchases crops for the farmers</b>, to insure farmers against any sharp fall in farm prices.</li> <li>• It is announced by the Government on the basis of the <b>recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)</b>, at the beginning of the sowing season.</li> <li>• The idea of MSP was <b>first proposed in 1966</b> and it was inspired by the <b>Green Revolution</b>.</li> </ul>



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