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### Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) issued swell surge and ocean current alerts for over a dozen locations on both the east and west coasts, predicting wave heights of up to 2.6 meters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was established as an <b>autonomous body in 1999 under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and is a unit of the Earth System Science Organization (ESSO).</b></li> <li><b>Mandate:</b> To provide the best possible ocean information and advisory services to society, industry, government agencies, and the scientific community through sustained ocean observations and constant improvements through systematic and focussed research.</li> <li>Provides <b>round-the-clock monitoring and warning services for the coastal population on tsunamis, storm surges, high waves, etc. through the in-house Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC).</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>SC, ST sub-plan Act</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has directed the officials concerned to take a serious note of implementation of the SC, ST sub-plan Act.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plans (SCSP and TSP) are plans that channel <b>resources from the general sectors of the central government to the development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.</b></li> <li><b>The plans aim to achieve equality and development for these groups through:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Economic development:</b> Creating productive assets</li> <li><b>Education and health:</b> Providing access to education and health services</li> <li><b>Security:</b> Providing physical and financial security</li> <li><b>Social dignity:</b> Promoting social dignity and equity</li> </ul> </li> <li>The plans are based on the population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in a state, and are allocated as a proportion of the state's total plan outlay.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana's EV policy</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana's newly unveiled electric vehicle (EV) policy has turned out to be a boon for vehicle buyers as it provides tax exemptions ranging between 1.4 lakh and 45 lakh on new</li> </ul>



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	<p>electric vehicles, with premium cars receiving the maximum benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It aims to promote the use of electric vehicles in Telangana in a bid to control air pollution, especially in and around Hyderabad.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Key features of Telangana's EV policy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government has announced with immediate effect a <b>100 per cent exemption from road tax and registration fee on EVs for two years, till December 31, 2016.</b></li> <li>A previous limit on tax exemptions for the first 5000 EVs has been lifted and, as per the new policy, there is no limit to the number of EVs that can be registered with the tax exemptions.</li> <li>The tax exemptions will apply to <b>two-wheelers, four-wheelers, commercial passenger vehicles like taxis and tourist cabs, three-seater auto-rickshaws, electric tractors, and electric buses.</b></li> <li>With these exemptions, <b>two-wheelers can save up to Rs 15,000 and four-wheelers can save up to Rs 3 lakh</b> in taxes and fees.</li> <li><b>Electric buses operated by companies or firms to ferry their employees are also exempt from the taxes.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Core Cold Wave Zones	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana is one of the 17 states and UTs included in the 'Core Cold Wave Zone'.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Core Cold Wave Zone in India is a region that experiences <b>frequent and severe cold waves during the winter season.</b></li> <li><b>The states and union territories in the Core Cold Wave Zone are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The India Meteorological Department (IMD) defines <b>cold wave conditions as temperatures that fall below average for an extended period of time.</b></li> <li>In <b>plains</b>, the minimum temperature must be <b>less than or equal to 10°C</b>, and in <b>hilly regions</b> it must be <b>less than or equal to 0°C.</b></li> </ul>
National Green Tribunal (NGT)	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Union Ministry of Environment and Forests informed the National Green Tribunal that the state irrigation department and Telangana Tourism Development Corporation have encroached</li> </ul>



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on the Manair riverbed during the riverfront project construction in Karimnagar.

### Key Points:

- It is a specialized body set up under the **National Green Tribunal Act (2010)** for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to **environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources**.
- With the establishment of the NGT, India became the third country in the world to set up a specialized environmental tribunal, only after Australia and New Zealand, and the first developing country to do so.
- NGT is mandated to make disposal of applications or appeals finally **within 6 months of filing the same**.
- The NGT has five places of sittings, **New Delhi is the Principal place of sitting and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai are the other four**.

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