

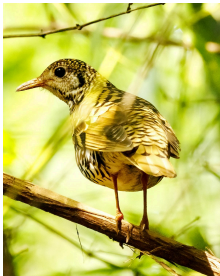


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### Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>PM-Poshan Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Central government revised material cost for the mid-day meals under the PM Poshan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In September 2021, the Union Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman or PM-POSHAN for providing one hot cooked meal in Government and Government-aided schools with the financial outlay of Rs 1.31 trillion.</li> <li>The scheme replaced the national programme for mid-day meal in schools or Mid-day Meal Scheme.</li> <li>It has been launched for an initial period of five years (2021-22 to 2025-26).</li> <li>Coverage:</li> <li>Primary (1-5) and upper primary (6-8) schoolchildren are currently entitled to 100 grams and 150 grams of food grains per working day each, to ensure a minimum of 700 calories.</li> <li>It also covers students of balvatikas (children in the 3-5 year age group) from pre-primary classes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Godavari River</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Godavari river is intensifying the dead zone or oxygen-depleted zones (ODZ) near its river mouth in the Bay of Bengal (BoB). The dead zone refers to low oxygen levels in the water, affecting marine life.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is <b>India's second-longest river after the Ganga and the third-largest in India, drains about 10% of India's total geographical area.</b></li> <li>It is also called '<b>Dakshina Ganga</b>', which translates into South Ganges River.</li> <li>The origin of the Godavari River is in <b>Brahmagiri Mountain at Trimbakeshwar in the Nashik district of Maharashtra.</b></li> <li><b>Tributaries:</b> The principal tributaries of the river are the Pravara, the Purna, the Manjra, the Penganga, the Wardha, the Wainganga, the Pranhita (combined flow of Wainganga, Penganga, Wardha), the Indravati, the Maner, and the Sabri.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ethanol 20 policy</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, the government has changed the approval</li> </ul>



	<p>process for ethanol plants, bypassing public opinion and offering various incentives.</p> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ethanol 20 policy, introduced by the Centre in 2021, aims to blend 20% ethanol into petrol nationwide by 2025-26, advancing the previous 2030 target set under the 2018 biofuel policy.</li> <li>• This move seeks to reduce dependency on imported fossil fuels and promote cleaner energy alternatives.</li> <li>• The policy's objectives include: <b>Reducing import dependence, Saving foreign exchange, Boosting the domestic agriculture sector, and Providing environmental benefits.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) could not submit its final report on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme due to the state government's failure to provide the necessary information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water is under the state list, but the Union government has made Dam safety law under <b>Article 246 of the Constitution.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Article 246 empowers Parliament to legislate on matters listed in the state list under certain conditions.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The <b>Dam Safety Act</b>, passed by Parliament, provides an institutional mechanism for ensuring dam safety in India.</li> <li>• The Act established a <b>National Dam Safety Authority to maintain standards related to dam safety, prevent dam-related disasters and address inter-State concerns related to dams.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Species in news: Scaly Thrush (Zoothera dauma)</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Scaly Thrush (Zoothera Dauma), a winter migrant from the Himalayas and northeastern States, was sighted for the first time in Telangana at the Bheemuni Paadam waterfall in the Guduru forest range of Mahabubabad district.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scaly thrush (Zoothera dauma) is a member of the thrush family Turdidae.</li> <li>• <b>Habitat:</b> The Scaly Thrush breeds in hill and montane forests and winters at lower altitudes in forests and forest edge.</li> <li>• <b>Conservation status:</b> The Scaly Thrush is evaluated as Least Concern.</li> </ul>



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