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Telangana State Regional News

Search and Rescue Aid Tool (SARAT)	Why in news? The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has developed a newer version of its own Search and Rescue Aid Tool (SARAT) for 'better accuracy and utility' to aid the Indian Search and Rescue (SAR) agencies such as the Indian Coast Guard in their operations at sea. Key Points: It was established as an autonomous body in 1999 under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and is a unit of the Earth System Science Organization (ESSO). Mandate: 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. Activities: Provides round-the-clock monitoring and warning services for the coastal population on tsunamis, storm surges, high waves, etc. through the in-houseIndian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC). SARAT application can simulate the probable search area of a range of objects lost at sea, including humans, when provided with the last known time and location of the lost object.
Archaeological Survey of India	 Why in news? The Team of Research on Culture and Heritage (TORCH) has expressed concerns over the neglect of Telangana's historical and cultural sites by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Key Points: The ASI is the premier organization for the archaeological research and protection of the cultural heritage of the country. The prime objection of ASI is to maintain the archaeological sites, ancient monuments, and remains of national importance. Headquarters: New Delhi. Established: 1861 by Alexander Cunningham. It regulates all archaeological activities as per the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. It functions under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Culture. It also regulates the Antiquities and Art Treasure Act, 1972.
Awards & Honors:	Why in news?





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National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA)	 South Central Railway (SCR) was bestowed six national energy conservation awards for 2024 held by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the aegis of the Ministry of Power.
	 Key Points: The Ministry of Power had launched a scheme in 1991, to give national recognition through awards to industries and establishments that have taken special efforts to reduce energy consumption while maintaining their production. The awards were given away for the first time on 14th December, 1991, which was declared as the National Energy Conservation Day. It recognizes the energy efficiency achievements in 56 sub-sectors across industry, establishments and institutions.
Bureau of Energy Efficiency	 The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, has urged a nationwide initiative to tackle climate change and safeguard the environment. This call emphasizes collective action from governments, industries, and individuals to address the growing concerns of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, deforestation, and pollution. Key Points: It was established in 2002 under the provisions of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001. Objective: The primary objective of BEE is to reduce energy intensity in the Indian economy. Regulatory functions
Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)	1 ,



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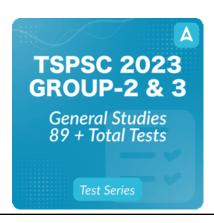


Key Points:

- It is a multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in Kaleshwaram, Bhupalpally, Telangana.
- It is designed to provide water for irrigation and drinking purposes to about 45 lakh acres in 20 of the 31 districts in Telangana, apart from Hyderabad and Secunderabad.
- Currently the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project, its farthest upstream influence is at the confluence of the Pranhita and Godavari rivers.
- About National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA):
 - Water is under the state list, but the Union government has made Dam safety law under Article 246 of the Constitution. Article 246 empowers Parliament to legislate on matters listed in the state list under certain conditions.
 - The Dam Safety Act, passed by Parliament, provides an institutional mechanism for ensuring dam safety in India.
 - The Act established a National Dam Safety Authority to maintain standards related to dam safety, prevent dam-related disasters and address inter-State concerns related to dams.









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