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Telangana State Regional News

<p>Chief Minister's Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Minorities</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister Dansari Anasuya, also known as Seethakka, informed the Assembly that the government has received 3,480 applications for overseas scholarships for the 2024-25 period. Out of these, 1,310 students will be selected for the scholarships. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme “Chief Minister's Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Minorities” was launched by the Minorities Welfare Department, Government of Telangana in the year 2015-16 for students belonging to the Minority community to pursue Higher Studies in Post Graduate Courses in Foreign Universities. Financial Assistance under this Scheme for studies abroad will be sanctioned to 500 minority students/graduates per year to pursue Postgraduate/Doctoral studies abroad. The assistance amount will be sanctioned to the individual towards fees and living expenses by way of a grant subject to his / her joining the course, which shall be issued to the candidates selected by the Selection Committee. The sanction proceedings can be made use of by the candidates for obtaining a Visa from the respective Embassy. The awardees are permitted to supplement their prescribed allowances by undertaking a Research/Teaching Assistantship. One-way ticket fare shall be paid to the selected candidates.
<p>Species in news: Bar-headed geese</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar-headed geese arrive in large numbers, although later than usual, in Nizamabad. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are large pale grey birds which are considered one of the world's highest flying birds. They are known for their migration spanning distances of over 1,600 km in a day. They are known for reaching extreme altitudes of 29,500 feet during their twice-yearly migrations across the Himalayas. Distribution: Native to central Asia, where the species breeds, they are found in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Japan and other nearby regions. Habitat: They breed around lakes and marshes on highland plateaus; winters in lowland wetlands and fields.
<p>Udyan Utsav</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rashtrapati Nilayam, Bolarum, Secunderabad will host a 15-day



	<p>Flower and Horticulture Festival ‘Udyan Utsav’ from December 29, 2024.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Udyan Utsav, organised in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) Hyderabad and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, aims to celebrate nature, promote environmental conservation and sustainability through people’s participation. • People could make themselves aware about the innovation and technological development in agriculture and horticulture by visiting thematic stalls and participating in the workshops.
<p>HYDRAA</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hyderabad Disaster Response & Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) is aiming to use remote sensing technology to arrive at the date of encroachments in the city’s lakes and water bodies, in order to avoid disputes. • Technologies like LIDAR survey, drone mapping, and remote sensing will be used to identify encroachments. • An agreement with the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) is in the draft stage, and these technologies will be implemented soon. Remote sensing images will enable a review every 15 days of new structures in water bodies. <p>Key Points:</p> <p>About HYDRAA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HYDRAA was introduced by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on July 12, 2024. • The organisation formed under the National Disaster Management Act, was set up to manage natural disasters and to protect government properties, curb encroachment of ponds and lakes and to get rid of illegal constructions and structures. • What is LiDAR survey? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A LiDAR survey, or Light Detection and Ranging survey, is a remote sensing technique that uses laser pulses to measure and map the physical features of an environment. • What is Drone mapping? Drone mapping is the process of using drones to survey an area and collect data to create accurate maps and models of the terrain. It’s also known as drone surveying.



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