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### Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 16,565 eligible landless laborers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been identified in the gram sabhas as part of the government's flagship Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa scheme in the Karimnagar district.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under this scheme, the Telangana state government will provide financial assistance to the farmers of Telangana state who do not have their own land.</li> <li>All the citizens who are tenant farmers and are engaged in agriculture work are eligible to avail the benefits of this scheme. The financial assistance of INR 12000 in lump-sum will be given to the selected farmers under the scheme.</li> <li>This scheme will make sure to provide necessary support to all the financially unstable farmers of Telangana state.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rythu Bharosa scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has emphasized that his government is dedicated to depositing the promised amounts to all eligible farmers under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, along with the first instalment of ₹6,000 as sustenance allowance for landless farm laborers under the Indiramma Atmeeya Bharosa scheme, by March 31.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rythu Bharosa scheme is a <b>financial assistance program for farmers in Telangana that aims to help them meet their investment needs during the crop season.</b></li> <li>The scheme provides farmers with an <b>annual financial assistance of ₹13,500.</b></li> <li>Of this, <b>₹7,500 is provided by the state government and ₹6,000 by the central government.</b></li> <li>The amount is directly deposited into the beneficiary's bank account.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kavach System</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Central Railway (SCR) has issued tenders for advanced infrastructure works in a high-density network. The works aim to implement two key technologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kavach</b> – An indigenous automatic train protection system.</li> <li><b>LTE (Long-Term Evolution)</b> – A communication</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>These systems will be installed in sections such as:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Balharshah – Vijayawada</li> <li>○ Vijayawada – Duvvada</li> <li>○ Vijayawada – Gudur</li> <li>○ Wadi – Guntakal – Renigunta</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The goal is to enhance section capacity and improve mobility on these routes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is an <b>indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system.</b></li> <li>• Kavach was developed by the <b>Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO)</b> under Indian Railway (IR) in collaboration with Medha Servo Drives Pvt Ltd, HBL Power Systems Ltd and Kernex Microsystems.</li> <li>• It is a <b>set of electronic devices and Radio Frequency Identification devices installed in locomotives, in the signaling system as well the tracks</b>, that talk to each other using ultra-high radio frequencies to control the brakes of trains and also alert drivers, all based on the logic programmed into them.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Species in news:</b> <b>black-bellied tern</b></p> 
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<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During a routine avian survey in the Jannaram division, an endangered bird, the black-bellied tern, was spotted flying in the Kawal Tiger Reserve.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The black-bellied tern (<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>) is a small bird yet a striking member of the tern family, primarily distributed across the Indian subcontinent.</li> <li>• Though its population has witnessed a significant decline in recent decades, the bird's range extends from Pakistan, Nepal and India to Myanmar.</li> <li>• It thrives in freshwater habitats, including large rivers, lakes and wetlands, which are increasingly under threat due to human-induced disturbances and climate change.</li> <li>• The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified the species as endangered on the Red List.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Kawal Tiger Reserve:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is located in the north-eastern part of Telangana (Old Adilabad district), with the Godavari River on one side and the Maharashtra border on the other.</li> <li>• It forms part of the Deccan peninsula-central highlands.</li> <li>• Rivers: The reserve is the catchment for the rivers Godavari and Kadam, which flow towards the south of the sanctuary.</li> <li>• The government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.</li> </ul>
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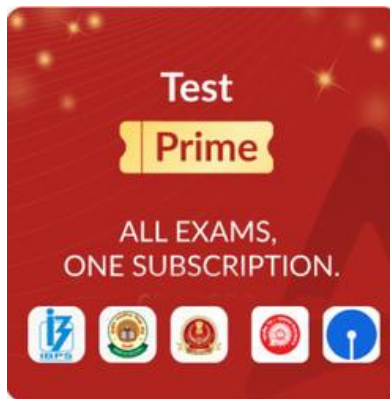
**UGC Draft Regulations  
2025**

### Why in news?

- Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to halt the proposed amendments to the University Grants Commission regulations on the selection and appointment of vice-chancellors, calling the move an assault on the Constitution.

### Key Points:

- **Key features of the guidelines:**
  - The Chancellor or Visitor of the university will have the authority to form a three-member Search-cum-Selection Committee responsible for appointing the Vice-Chancellor (VC).
- **Composition of the Search-cum-Selection Committee:**
  - **Chairperson:** A nominee of the Visitor/Chancellor.
  - **Nominee from UGC:** A nominee from the Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).
  - **Nominee from University's Apex Body:** A nominee from the university's apex body (e.g., Syndicate, Senate, Executive Council, Board of Management, or equivalent).
- **Eligibility Criteria for Vice-Chancellor:**
  - **Professional Background:** Minimum of 10 years of senior-level experience in academia, industry, public administration, public policy, or public sector undertakings, with a proven track record of significant academic or scholarly contributions.
  - **Inclusivity:** Encourages candidates from economically weaker sections (EWS), SC, ST, OBC, and persons with disabilities.
  - **Academic Background:** Candidates no longer need to be professors but must show leadership in academic or research fields.





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