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## Telangana State Regional News

**Medaram Jatara****Why in news?**

- The mini Medaram Jatara has commenced in the village of Medaram, situated in Tadvai mandal of Mulugu district.

**Key Points:**

- Sammakka Saralamma Jatara or Medaram Jatara is a tribal festival of honouring the goddesses celebrated in the state of Telangana.
- It commemorates the fight of a mother and daughter, Sammakka and Saralamma, with the reigning rulers against an unjust law.
- The rituals began on Magha Suddha Pournami, a significant full-moon day in the Hindu calendar.
- As part of the festivals, the temples of tribal deities Sammakka, Saralamma, Pagididdaraju, and Govindaraju were cleansed and decorated, marking the start of celebrations.
- It is believed that after Kumbh Mela, the Medaram jatara attracts the largest number of devotees in the country.

**Microsoft to set up AI centre in Telangana****Why in news?**

- Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that Microsoft will establish an AI center in collaboration with the Telangana government to create cloud-based infrastructure, including an AI knowledge hub.
- The expansion of Microsoft will create more job opportunities for the youth in Hyderabad, and added the investment will strengthen the startup ecosystem and provide mentorship, AI tools and access to a global network.

**Key Points:**

- Microsoft also announced another landmark initiative in partnership with the state government to impart AI training to over 1.2 lakh persons in the state. Under this,
  - **ADVANTA(I)GE TELANGANA Program:**
    - Microsoft is launching an AI Foundations Academy to introduce AI education in 500 government schools.
    - The initiative will benefit 50,000 students.
  - **AI-Industry Pro Programme:**
    - Aimed at upskilling 20,000 industry professionals across Telangana.
  - **AI-Govern Initiative:**
    - A program to train 50,000 government officials.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus areas include digital productivity, generative AI, and cybersecurity.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kadam Irrigation Project</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After 60 years, the government has given approval and successfully completed the tender process for the removal of silt in the Kadam Irrigation Project.</li> <li>● The irrigation department aims to complete the desiltation works by summer to ensure that the reservoir can store water efficiently, preventing floods and other related issues during the rainy season.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Kadam Irrigation Project, also called the Kadem Adi Narayan Reddy Project, is a reservoir built on the Kadem River, a tributary of the Godavari River.</li> <li>● Its primary purpose is to provide irrigation to a large area of land in the Adilabad district by utilizing water from the Kadem River, which meets the Godavari at the dam site.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Godavari River:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is India's second-longest river after the Ganga and the third-largest in India, drains about 10% of India's total geographical area.</li> <li>● It is also called 'Dakshina Ganga', which translates into South Ganges River.</li> <li>● The origin of the Godavari River is in Brahmagiri Mountain at Trimbakeshwar in the Nashik district of Maharashtra.</li> <li>● It runs for a length of about 1,465 kilometers.</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>Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act (2014)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that Telangana, which was a revenue surplus state during the AP reorganisation, has now become burdened with debt.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under this, Telangana was carved out of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh with Hyderabad as its capital in 2014.</li> <li>● After independence, Andhra Pradesh State was the first state to be formed based on language (in 1953 following the death of Potti Sriramulu).</li> <li>● The move for a separate Telangana state was motivated by perceived regional inequality in the development.</li> <li>● Article 3 has provisions for the Formation of new States and the alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing States.</li> </ul>

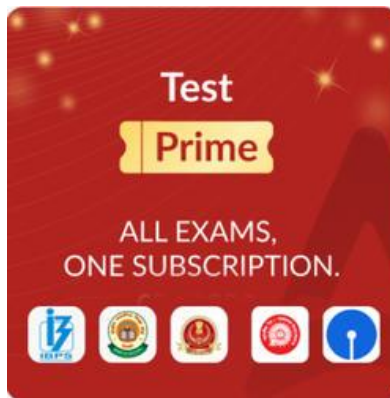


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<p><b>APAAR ID</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. BR Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) was praised for generating the highest percentage of Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) IDs for its students, in alignment with the National Education Policy – 2020 introduced by the Central government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APAAR, an acronym for Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, is a specialised identification system designed for all students in India, beginning from an early age.</li> <li>• It is introduced in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020 and the National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCrF).</li> <li>• It aims to streamline and enhance the academic experience for students throughout India by assigning a unique and permanent 12-digit ID to each student, consolidating their academic records into a single accessible platform.</li> </ul>
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