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Telangana State Regional News

<p>Indira Mahila Shakti Policy</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state government plans to launch several schemes and programs for women on International Women's Day, March 8. During the celebrations, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will introduce the Indira Mahila Shakti - 2025 policy. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana government has introduced the "Indira Mahila Shakti" policy to empower Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the state through various livelihood activities. The policy recognizes Telangana's extensive network of women SHGs, with over 63 lakh members across both rural and urban areas, as a significant strength for the state. The government aims to shift the focus of the SHG movement from traditional thrift and bank linkage to becoming a center for economic empowerment, primarily through livelihood initiatives and wealth creation. Under the Mahila Shakti activities, the policy plans to empower SHG women by promoting Micro Enterprises Development over the next five years. The policy's focus will include leveraging a one lakh crore bank loan linkage to SHGs and allocating Rs. 25,000 crore exclusively for small businesses, enterprises, and SHG skill development support.
<p>IMD</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IMD predicts heat wave days in March as temperatures rise across Telangana. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMD was established in 1875. It is the National Meteorological Service of the country and the principal government agency in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects. The Director General of Meteorology is the Head of the India Meteorological Department. There are 6 Regional Meteorological Centres, each under a Deputy Director General with headquarters at Mumbai, Chennai, New Delhi, Calcutta, Nagpur and Guwahati. Its headquarter is in New Delhi. At present IMD is under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).




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	<p>About Heat waves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heat waves are prolonged periods of excessively hot weather that can cause adverse impacts on human health, the environment, and the economy. In India IMD defines heatwave based on the following criteria. Physiography of regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain– The maximum temperature recorded at a station is 40 degrees Celsius or more. Coast- The maximum temperature recorded at a station is 37 degrees Celsius or more. Hills- The maximum temperature recorded at a station is 30 degrees Celsius or more.
<p>Species in news: Hipposideros srilankaensis</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, a global research team from Osmania University have identified and described a new species of bat. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a new species of leaf-nosed bat species. It is endemic to Sri Lanka. Morphology – A broad noseleaf, distinct ear shape, and cranial characteristics distinct from the Indian Hipposideros brachyotus. Uniqueness - Genetic analysis further confirmed its distinctiveness from other closely related species in the region.

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