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<p>Srisaillam Dam</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent report by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) highlights significant concerns regarding the stability of the Srisaillam Dam, which is shared by both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. <p>Key Concerns and Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural Threats: The NDSA report identifies a major scour in the plunge pool area of the dam, which poses a risk to its stability. This erosion could lead to retrogression towards the dam structure if not addressed promptly. Immediate Repairs: The NDSA has directed Andhra Pradesh to complete repairs to the plunge pool area by May 31, 2025. This includes filling a 143-foot-deep void with concrete tetrapods and conducting dam safety and geological studies. Ownership and Responsibility: The NDSA has clarified that Andhra Pradesh is responsible for the maintenance and safety of the Srisaillam Dam, as it currently operates the project. This decision was made despite ongoing disputes over ownership, with a case pending in the Supreme Court. Potential Risks: The dam's safety is critical, especially with forecasts of abnormally heavy rains in 2025, which could exacerbate existing structural issues. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Srisaillam Dam is a significant hydroelectric project built across the Krishna River. It is located in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, near the town of Srisaillam. It's situated amidst the scenic Nallamala Hills <p>NDSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) is a relatively new agency in India, established in 2021 under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Its creation stemmed from the Dam Safety Act of the same year.
<p>'Police Akka' initiative</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'Police Akka' initiative in Telangana is a significant effort to enhance the safety of women and girls in public places. This program involves deploying female police constables, known as "Police Akka" or "Police Sister," to address women's issues and provide a friendly interface for reporting



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	<p>crimes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implementation: ● A female police constable is designated as 'Police Akka' in each police station. ● They visit schools, colleges, and public places to educate people about laws related to women's safety, such as the POSCO Act and sexual harassment ● Contact Points: ● Contact numbers of 'Police Akka,' She Team, and Dial 100 are displayed in schools and colleges for easy access in case of emergencies.
<p>India's first allergen forensics laboratory</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India's first allergen forensics laboratory is set to be established in Hyderabad's Nanakramguda. ● This facility will mark a significant advancement in forensic science, particularly in the investigation of crimes involving allergens. ● The laboratory is expected to open new avenues in crime detection by analyzing allergens, which can be crucial evidence in various types of cases.
<p>Telangana Cabinet approves separate bills related to BC and SC's</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Telangana Cabinet has approved separate bills related to Backward Classes (BC) reservations and Scheduled Caste (SC) sub-classification. ● This decision is seen as a significant victory for Telangana Jagruthi, led by MLC Kavitha, who have been advocating for enhanced reservations for BCs. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BC Reservations: The cabinet has approved a draft bill increasing reservations for BCs to 42% in education, employment, and local bodies. ● This move aims to fulfill long-standing demands for a quota proportional to the BC population. ● SC Sub-Classification: The cabinet also approved a bill for the sub-classification of Scheduled Castes, which will help in implementing reservations more effectively. ● Challenges Ahead: Despite this approval, the proposal faces challenges due to the 50% cap on reservations established by the Supreme Court. ● The Telangana government plans to seek Constitutional protection for these reservations by urging the Centre to include them under the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.



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