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Telangana State Regional News

Market Borrowings	 Why in news? The Telangana Government seems to have opted for a cautious approach in increasing open market borrowings, the amount of which has been rising steadily each year. For the fourth quarter, the Government plans to raise ₹30,000 crore in market borrowings through weekly auctions of Government Securities conducted by the Reserve Bank of India.
	 Key Points: Market borrowings are a primary source of funding for the government's fiscal deficit and the gap between state government expenditures and revenues. The government borrows through the issue of government securities, such as G-secs and Treasury Bills. The government can also borrow from other sources, including: Small savings funds, State provident funds, External assistance, and Short-term borrowings.
Telangana Tourism Policy	 Why in news? The state government has announced sops for investments in the tourism sector under the Tourism Policy 2025–2030. It will reimburse SGST to investors to attract more investments. As the state government has proposed to develop 27 tourist spots into Special Tourism Areas (STA), special incentives will be offered on a case-to-case basis, such as lower lease rent for land, longer SGST reimbursements and viability gap funds for the management of basic amenities.
	 Key Points: It aims to position the State in the top five States in domestic and international tourist arrivals, attract ₹15,000 crores of new investments to the tourism sector in next five years, create additional employment opportunities for three lakh people and enhance tourism contribution to 10% or higher of the State GDP. The Tourism policy, a first for the State, plans to achieve this by promoting spiritual, heritage, culture, adventure, medical & wellness, eco-tourism with community empowerment 'through cutting-edge infrastructure and world class services' to attract the tourists and investments. According to the policy, for the development and operation of tourism projects, different Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models will be adopted through a transparent bidding process. Proposed







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	models include Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), License Fee, Joint Venture (JV), Equity and other models aligning with emerging global trends.
Delimitation	Why in news? Recently, the political parties in Telangana have reached a consensus to oppose delimitation based on population. Key Points: Delimitation is a constitutional mandate carried out after each Census to readjust the number of seats in Parliament and state
	 Assemblies and redefine constituency boundaries. Article 82 of the Constitution mandates that after each Census, the allocation of Lok Sabha seats must be adjusted based on population changes. Article 81 limits the total number of Lok Sabha members to 550, with 530 from states and 20 from Union Territories. It also requires that the ratio of seats to the population in each state be as uniform as possible, ensuring that constituencies across the country have roughly equal populations.
	 History of Delimitation in India: Pre-1976: After the Censuses of 1951, 1961, and 1971, seats in Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and state Assemblies were redistributed. 42nd Amendment (1976): During the Emergency, Parliament froze the total number of seats until the 2001 Census to prevent states with higher population growth from losing representation while implementing family planning measures. 2001 Delimitation: While constituency boundaries were redrawn, the number of seats remained unchanged due to opposition from southern states.
India Meteorological Department (IMD)	 Why in news? The IMD has issued an orange alert for heatwave conditions in the districts of Adilabad, Kumurambheem Asifabad, Mancherial, and Jagtial for the next two days, as temperatures continue to increase.
	 Key Points: 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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Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Why in news?

 While the Union government has collected Rs 2,34,469.77 crore in direct taxes and Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) from 2019-20 to 2023-24 from Telangana, it has released Rs 90,809.94 crore to the state during the same period.

Key Points:

- The Goods and Services Tax is a form of Indirect Tax levied on most of the goods and services sold in India for domestic consumption.
- It is based on the principle of Value Added Tax (VAT) and is applicable throughout India.
- It is paid by consumers, but it is remitted to the government by the businesses selling the goods and services.
- It has subsumed and replaced various indirect taxes that were previously levied by the central and state governments.
- Components of GST:
 - Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) It is levied on the intra-state (within the same state) as well as intra-UT (within the same UT) supply of goods and services.
 - State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) It is levied on the intra-state (within the same state) supply of goods and services.
 - Union Territories Goods and Services Tax (UTGST)
 - It is equivalent to SGST for UTs that don't have their own legislature. Thus, it is levied on the intra-UT (within the same UT) supply of goods and services.
 - Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) It is levied on the inter-state (between two different states) supply of goods and services.







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