



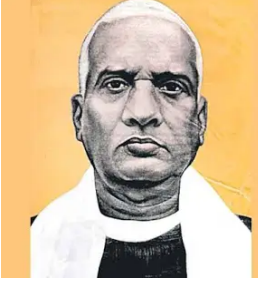
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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Telangana Assembly passes landmark bills</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state Legislative Assembly unanimously passed two Bills — the <b>Telangana Backward Classes (Reservation of Seats in Rural and Urban Local Bodies) Bill, 2025</b>, and the <b>Telangana Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services Under the State) Bill, 2025</b> — to enhance reservations for backward classes (BCs) to 42%.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Telangana Backward Classes (Reservation of Seats in Rural and Urban Local Bodies) Bill, 2025:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This legislation extends the BC reservation from the existing 29% to 42% in rural and urban local bodies.</li> <li>Previously, BC reservation in local bodies varied between 18% and 23%, depending on the population of each municipality or panchayat.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Telangana Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services Under the State) Bill, 2025:</b></li> <li>This bill proposes the following reservation percentages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>42% for BCs</li> <li>18% for Scheduled Castes (SCs)</li> <li>10% for Scheduled Tribes (STs)</li> </ul> </li> <li>These allocations mark an increase from the previous reservations of 29% for BCs, 15% for SCs, and 6% for STs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>T-SAFE app</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The T-SAFE app marks its one-year anniversary, having monitored over 35,000 rides and expanded its reach by partnering with travel aggregators.</li> <li>Telangana police is now expanding T-SAFE by integrating it with major travel aggregators such as Ola, Uber, Rapido, Manayatri, Safegaadi AbhiBus etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T-SAFE is the first-of-its-kind service in India, revolutionising travel safety by providing proactive security measures for women and all travellers.</li> <li>T-SAFE enables any citizen to initiate journey monitoring by the police from anywhere within the state. Once activated, the service tracks the journey in real-time,</li> </ul>



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	<p>detecting deviations such as non-responsiveness to alerts, prolonged stoppages, or route changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If any anomalies are detected, an emergency response ticket is automatically generated and sent to Dial 100, ensuring swift police intervention even if the user is unable to seek help.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person in news:</b> <b>Suravaram Pratapa Reddy</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Telangana State Legislative Assembly passed the Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University (Amendment) Bill, 2025, renaming the varsity after Suravaram Pratapa Reddy, a prominent freedom fighter from the Telangana region during the Nizam's rule in the princely state of Hyderabad.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suravaram Pratapa Reddy was a <b>social historian &amp; Freedom Fighter from Hyderabad</b>.</li> <li>• He is popularly known as "<b>Telangana Vythalikudu (Torch Bearer)</b>".</li> <li>• He authored more than 40 books. Prominent among them being Andhrula Sanghika Charitra (which one him the first-ever Kendra Sahitya Academy Award for Telugu), Ramayana Viseshalu, Hinduvala Pandugalu, Haindava Dharmaveerulu, etc.,</li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana education department introduces AI tool</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students in government primary schools now have access to an AI-based tool aimed at improving their language and mathematical skills.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The School Education department has launched the AI-based Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) programme in 383 government primary schools across 27 districts for students of classes 3, 4, and 5.</li> <li>• The initiative is intended to enhance learning abilities through adaptive and personalised digital assistance.</li> <li>• The programme was initially introduced as a pilot project on February 24 in six districts — Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Narayanpet, Vikarabad, Medchal and Medak — covering 41 schools.</li> <li>• The FLN-AI (AXL) programme is an initiative of the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) in collaboration with the Bengaluru-based EkStep Foundation.</li> <li>• The online tool offers an adaptive and personalised web-based learning experience, allowing students to practise at their own pace to improve foundational literacy and numeracy skills.</li> </ul>

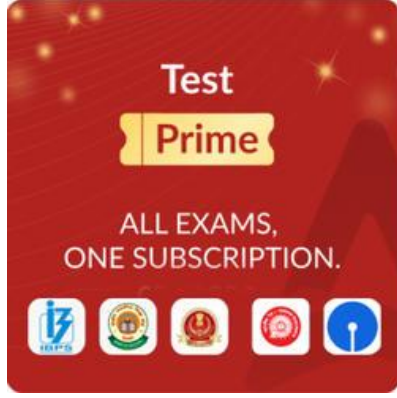


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