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Telangana State Regional News

<p>Delimitation</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is hosting the first Joint Action Committee (JAC) meeting on delimitation in Chennai, with Chief Ministers of Kerala, Telangana, and Punjab: Pinarayi Vijayan, Revanth Reddy, Bhagwant Singh Mann set to take part. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Concerns of Southern States Over Delimitation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern states fear that delimitation based on the latest population data will reduce their representation in Parliament, weakening their political influence. Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin announced an all-party meeting on March 5 to discuss delimitation, calling it a looming threat to southern states. He warned that Tamil Nadu could lose parliamentary seats due to its success in family planning.
<p>NABARD</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has requested the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) authorities to sanction loans with lesser interest rates to works under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NABARD is a development bank focussing primarily on the rural sector of the country. It is the apex banking institution to provide finance for Agriculture and rural development. Its headquarter is located in Mumbai. It is responsible for the development of the small industries, cottage industries, and any other such village or rural projects. It is a statutory body established in 1982 under the Parliamentary act-National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981.
<p>Species in news:</p>	<p>Why in news?</p>

**Indian star tortoise**

- A public interest litigation filed in the Telangana High Court highlights the presence of Indian Star Tortoises on land proposed for auction at Kancha Gachibowli, challenging the move by the State government and Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIIC).

Key Points:

- Its name comes from the **star-like patterns that feature on its high-domed shell.**
- It has very distinctive patterns and its highly rounded shell makes it popular in the world's trade in exotic pets.
- **Habitat**
 - They occupy a wide variety of habitats, including **semi-arid lowland forests, thorn scrub forests, semi-desert and arid grasslands.**
 - This species has a **high tolerance for habitats that are seasonally wet or dry, with many populations inhabiting areas with a monsoon or rainy season** followed by a long hot and dry period.
- **Distribution:** It is **endemic to the subcontinent and resides in arid pockets of northwest India (bordering Pakistan), South India, and Sri Lanka.**
- **Conservation status**
 - **IUCN:** Vulnerable
 - **CITES:** Appendix I
 - **Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972:** Schedule I
- **Threats:** The highly fragmented habitat of the species is greatly influenced by an **increased level of urbanisation and agricultural practices throughout its range.**

India Meteorological Department (IMD)**Why in news?**

- The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Hyderabad issued orange and yellow alerts for several districts in Telangana, warning of thunderstorms with gusty winds until next week.

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).**
- **The IMD uses 4 color codes are:**
 - **Green (All is well):** No advisory is issued.
 - **Yellow (Be Aware):** Yellow indicates severely bad weather spanning

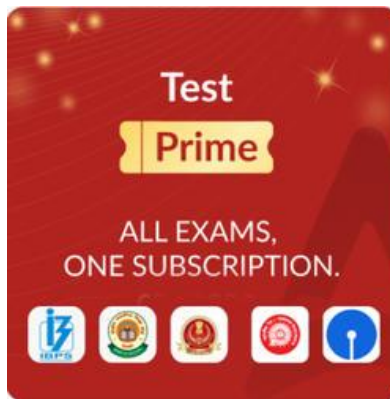


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ across several days. It also suggests that the weather could change for the worse, causing disruption in day-to-day activities. ○ Orange/Amber (Be prepared): The orange alert is issued as a warning of extremely bad weather with the potential of disruption in commute with road and rail closures, and interruption of power supply. ○ Red (Take Action): When the extremely bad weather conditions are certainly going to disrupt travel and power and have significant risk to life, the red alert is issued.
<p>Aadhaar-based attendance system (ABAS)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Director of Public Health on Friday issued an order for the implementation of the Aadhaar-based attendance system (ABAS) in all the district government health facilities in the state. ● The ABAS will be implemented for the staff working in all the PHCs, sub-centres, UPHCs, Ayushman Arogya Mandir (basti dawakhana) and any other health facilities under the office of the DM&HO. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Aadhaar-based attendance system (ABAS), also known as the Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS), is a real-time, biometric attendance management system used by the Indian government to track and verify the attendance of its employees, utilizing Aadhaar numbers for authentication. ● It aims to enhance productivity and ensure accurate attendance records within government organizations by leveraging the Aadhaar system.





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