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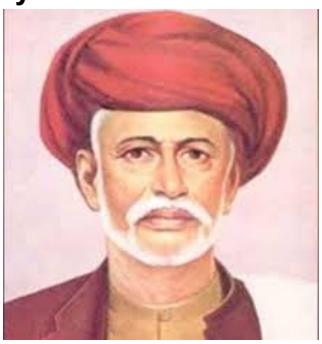
Telangana State Regional News

Deforestation	**Why in news?** ● Telangana has recorded the third highest deforestation in the country and highest among the Southern States in the decade between 2014 and 2024, in the name of development. ● The State has lost 11,422.47 hectares of forest land for various public utility projects during the period. **Key Points:** ● Deforestation is the process of clearing forests or other barren places of trees in order to meet human needs. ● Natural forests are being cut down to make way for farming, the construction of dwellings and factories, the clearing of regions for cattle grazing, mining, the construction of dams, and other human activities. ● Deforestation has also been fueled by the construction of human infrastructure and development projects.
Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights) Act	**Why in news?** ● The government's move to abolish the Dharani portal and introduce the Bhu Bharati Act for smoother and more accessible land transactions is still sparking intense debate in the Assembly. **Key Points:** ● The new Act has provision for **creation of Bhudhar, record for all land parcels across the State and issuance of Bhudhaar cards for protecting the ownership rights as well as ensuring access to the land details with a click of mouse**. ● This bill aims to amend the existing Record of Rights (RoR act) Act, replacing the outdated Dharani portal with the innovative **Bhumata portal as an online platform to improve land registration process.** ● Bhudhaar" means the land parcel unique identification number assigned to any parcel of land, as contained in the Record of Rights, in such manner as may be prescribed which includes – ○ **"Temporary Bhudhaar"** - a Bhudhaar assigned to indicate that the Geo-referencing of the parcel of land or lands appurtenant to the property has not been completed. ○ **"Permanent Bhudhaar**" - a Bhudhaar assigned to indicate that the Geo-referencing of the parcel of

	land or lands appurtenant to the property has been completed. • **Bhudhaar Card" means a document prepared or generated and maintained in an electronic form in such format as may be prescribed describing a parcel or parcels of land as contained in the Record of Rights**, and specifying the Bhudhaar Number or Numbers assigned to such parcel or parcels.
Person in news: Jyotirao Phule 	**Why in news?** • Telangana Jagruthi, United Phule Front, and BRS legislators urged Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar to install a statue of Mahatma Jyothirao Phule in the Assembly premises by April 11, in honor of his birth anniversary. **Key Points:** • Jyotirao Phule was an Indian social activist, thinker, anti-caste social reformer and writer from Maharashtra. He is also known as Jyotiba Phule. • His Ideology was based on: Liberty; Egalitarianism; Socialism. • Major Publications: Tritiya Ratna (1855); Powada: Chatrapati Shivajiraje Bhosle Yancha (1869); Gulamgiri (1873), Shetkarayacha Aasud (1881). • Related Association: Phule along with his followers formed Satyashodhak Samaj in 1873 which meant 'Seekers of Truth' in order to attain equal social and economic benefits for the lower castes in Maharashtra.
Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)	**Why in news?** • The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) raided an Amazon warehouse and seized 2,783 uncertified products valued at ₹50 lakh. **Key Points:** • BIS is the National Standards Body of India established under the **BIS Act 2016.** • **Objective:** Harmonious development of the activities of standardization, and quality assurance of goods and articles. • It works under the **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.** • BIS represents India in **International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).**
Self Help Group (SHG)	**Why in news?** • Minister Seethakka lauded SHG members for transforming Stree Nidhi into a model for the entire country.

	Key Points: ● A Self Help Group is a **self-governed, peer-controlled information group of people with similar socio-economic backgrounds** and a desire to collectively perform a common purpose. ● An SHG normally **consists of not less than five persons (with a maximum of twenty)** of similar economic outlook and social status. ● **Government Initiatives and Policies Supporting SHGs:** ○ Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) ○ SHG-Bank Linkage Programme (SBLP) ○ Mission for Financial Inclusion (MFI)

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